

"I am He who testifies about myself..." - John 8:18

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

- John 11:25-26

Serving Today

**Please let Garrett know if you are unable to serve*

Greeters: Garrett and Lindsey Jackson

(Next Week: Gary & Marilyn)

Announcements and Opening Prayer:

Ed Leibner

Song Leader: Ben Leibner

Lead Communion: Rod Jackson

Assist: Garrett Jackson

Chris Smith

Ryan Young

Scripture Reading: Evan Romo

Speaker: Aaron Baker

Closing Prayer: Jerry Johnson

(Sunday pm: Brandon Jackson)

Serving Wednesday

Announcements & Prayer: Ed Leibner

Song Leader: Ben Leibner

Devotional: Randy Jackson

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday AM: 46

Sunday PM: 31

Giving: \$2067

Wednesday: 34

Our Meeting Times

SUNDAY

Bible Study - 9:00am

Morning Worship - 10:00am

Afternoon Worship - 1:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00-8:00pm

Happy Anniversary

in December to...



Evan and Christina Romo - 30th

Happy Birthday

in December to...



Penny Leibner - 1st

Cindi Thompson - 4th

Richard Carroz - 5th

Sandie Owens - 12th

Jaye Cunningham - 18th

Christina Romo - 27th

For updates or additions to the announcements or prayer list, contact Cindy Baker ---

Welcome TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Loving the Lord with all our strength... (Mark 12:30)



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In Spirit, the Attitude [of Worship]

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." - John 4:24

By Wayne Jackson

In the context under consideration, the Lord further declared that true worship must be in spirit. The meaning seems to be "that the entire heart enters into the act" (Hendriksen 1976, 167). Or, as Lenski notes, the whole soul is thrown into the worship" (1943, 323). The phrase obviously suggests that a sincere disposition must characterize the worshiper's mind.

There is an Old Testament passage that is remarkably similar to John 4:24—"Now, therefore, fear Jehovah and serve him in sincerity and in truth" (Joshua 24:14).

Note the concurrence between these verses:

- Serve Jehovah in sincerity and truth (Joshua 24:14)
- Worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:24)

There are a number of passages which underscore the type of devotional attitude that must accompany the specific acts of worship in which the Christian is engaged. For example, Paul stresses that it is very important, when observing the Lord's supper, that we "discern" the significance of the bread and fruit of the vine, i.e., how they relate to the Savior's body and blood. Carelessness in disposition can result in condemnation (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Too, singing must be done "with the spirit," etc. (1 Corinthians 14:15).

There are several dispositions highlighted in the New Testament which are antagonistic to the

God is calling you, but not on your cell phone.

Be sure to silence your phone during worship!

nature of true worship. God will not accept arrogant worship. Jesus told of a Pharisee who went up to the temple to worship (Luke 18:9ff). In his prayer, which was little more than a self-eulogy, he extolled his lack of flagrant sin and cataloged his acts of religious piety. He even made God a party to his arrogance by thanking him that he was so unlike other men, and especially the publican who was praying nearby.

By way of contrast, the tax-collector humbly petitioned Jehovah, "Be merciful to me the sinner." The publican was justified; the Pharisee was not. The lesson simply is this: worship saturated with egotism is unacceptable.

Hypocritical worship is void. The Lord once addressed certain Jewish leaders with these sentiments:

You hypocrites, Isaiah spoke of your kind when he declared that though you honor God with your lips, your hearts are far from him. Your worship is thus vain (cf. Mark 7:6, 7).

Christ went on to describe how these Pharisees and scribes skirted parental responsibility by slick, contrived traditions. We must learn this lesson: when we knowingly and persistently live in direct violation of Heaven's will, and then feign worship, we are literally wasting our time (see Isaiah 1:11-17). Hypocritical worship is meaningless.

- An excerpt from "The Divine Pattern of Acceptable Worship – Part 1"

"Be devoted to prayer..." (Romans 12:12)

- * Continue to pray for **Janet Colvett** (Sherra's step-mom) while she is still in the cancer hospital in Memphis. Her platelet count is up, however her white and red blood cell counts are down and she has been fighting a fever, along with the nausea. Janet and Jimmy can receive cards at:
- * Continue to pray for **Tracy Ehlmann**. She saw a Chrono's specialist this past week and has been scheduled to have intestinal surgery on January 14th. Please pray that this surgery is a help to her and the pain that she deals with from her Chrono's disease.
- * **Carl Wright** is back in Barnes hospital with his health problems. He will be having a colonoscopy and endoscopy soon. The doctor said that he will likely battle this the rest of his life. Please continue to pray for his health and well-being as he deals with these problems.
- * **Kim Vogelsang** learned last week that she has a disc in her neck that is pushing on her spinal cord and this is what it causing the numbness in her limbs. She will be having surgery to repair that in January. Pray for her doctors as they seek to help her with this problem and her other health problems that she faces daily. Cards can be sent to Kim at:

On Our Daily Prayer List:

- *Tracy Ehlmann (health),
- *Kay Shepard (health),
- *Harold Fitzjerrell (Alzheimers),
- *Carl Wright (Willadean's brother... health),
- *Kim Vogelsang (health),
- *Caleb Sams (cancer),
- *Sandie Owens (personal problems),
- *Israel Fox...(military),
- *Sue Schmitz....(Marysville, cancer),
- *Marsha Clark...(Sherra's college suitemate, cancer),
- *Virginia Johnson...(lung cancer),

*"You who are named the house of Jacob:
'Is the Spirit of the Lord restricted?
Are these His doings?
Do not My words do good
To him who walks uprightly?"*
- Micah 2:7



Many thanks
to all those who helped work on the
Visual Aid books for Vanuatu.
They will be a great asset to the
church there!

Take Note!

- * **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** is every Friday at 6:30am at Bob Evan's in Wentzville.
- * **Monday Night WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is here at the building from 7-8pm.
- * **The 65+ GROUP** is invited to a **HOLIDAY LUNCH!** It will be held in the fellowship room after morning services next Sunday, December 22nd. Plan to attend!
- * **Men, be sure to sign-up for one of the committees for next year.** The sign up sheets are on the table in the back.
- * **We have several THANK YOU NOTES** posted on the back bulletin board. If you haven't done so yet, take a moment to read them. There are notes from the Hedge family, Whitney Smith, The Romos, and Kayla Crowell.
- * **Non-perishable food donations** for the Warrenton and Wright City school kids can be put on the back table in the fellowship room. Marilyn will collect them at the end of the month.
- * **Ladies, the SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR LADIES DAY** are on the back bulletin board. There is plenty to do so let's all work together to make our 1st Ladies Day our best Ladies Day! See Kim Johnson if you have questions.