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Sunday - June 30, 2024

Worship Is Submission, Not Entertainment

by Troy Spradlin

In today's world, where some form of entertainment is available 24/7, 365 days a year, it's understandable why so many people's minds are set on constantly being amused. Bored at home? There's YouTube, Netflix, or ESPN. Got some time to kill? Play a game on your phone, or watch a downloaded movie. Don't forget to make plans to see the latest Blockbuster at the theater, or catch a concert downtown this weekend at the festival. Even at your job, turn on the radio, or a podcast to keep you entertained while you're working. It's an endless smorgasbord of spectacle.

But, what about worship services at church? To be honest, it looks a lot like a theater or concert hall. There is a stage, speakers, people on the stage with a "program," and people sitting in the audience. Perfect! Entertain me!



Sadly, this attitude is exactly that which can be found among many people who attend services on Sundays, all across the religious community! You can often hear people say things like, "I got nothing out of worship today. It just wasn't very moving." Or, "That singer was way too loud," and "They all talk too fast (too slow, too much, etc, etc)." The complaining sounds a lot like a movie critic, or a music reviewer where a long string of words like "too much, too little, not this, not that, yay, or nay" are attached to how they perceived or were affected by the event. Yet, there is one big problem with such a mindset - it is all completely upside down!

The focus is upside down when worship becomes entertainment. Worship has nothing to do with our being amused, pleased, or gratified. Entertainment has an inward direction. It is something we receive for our own personal enjoyment. When we observe someone, or something performing, its direction is from them toward us and we take it inward. Worship, on the other hand, is an outward action that we do for rendering praise, appreciation, and reverence toward an individual (or an object). Christian worship should flow out from us and upward toward God in heaven (Psalm 68:4; Heb 2:12, 13:15). Worship is about God; He is the "audience" and we are the "performers," if you will. That is the proper, Biblical direction. Worship is NOT about being entertained!

Worship is an act of submission. Worship is also about humbling one's self and focusing all attention on the one who is receiving praise. In the Old Testament, we see an example of this kind of action in the assembly of God's people, "*When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD*" (2 Chronicles 7:3). This happened during a worship event at a place of worship. They are an example of humbling oneself and submitting to God (James 4:10).

Perhaps it would help to think of worship in the same way as entering into the presence of a powerful king. Imagine yourself going before an authoritative figure who has provided everything for you and has the power to bless your life even more, or kill you if he so desires. Would you so flippantly enter his throne room to be entertained or stand before him expecting him to amuse you? Or, would you do what is seen in passages like 1 Kings 1:23, "... *And when he came in before the king, he bowed down before the king with his face to the ground*"? In ancient cultures, if someone entered the king's chambers without the proper respect, they were executed (cf. Esther 4:11). Our Father in heaven is our Creator. He has given us everything. He is far more powerful than any earthly king! Therefore, **shouldn't we enter before God's throne in worship with an attitude of submission and humility?**

Many churches today, and far too many worship goers have the wrong mindset about what true, Biblical worship should be. It is about God, not us. While our lives will certainly be blessed by being in worship, let us remember the Who, why, and how we should worship. "... *those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.*" (Revelation 22:9)

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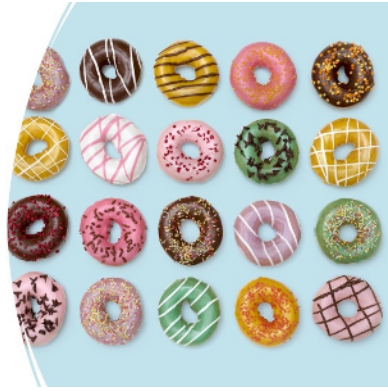


MSYG EVENTS & INFO

YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. July 3rd

4:30 pm in the FH



SIGN-UP & PAY \$40 BY JUNE 16



THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

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



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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Cassie Buchanant* - recovery, PT outside
- Caitlyn Crider* - back surgery, recovery
- Katie Delmer family - loss and tragedy (D.Hill)
- Tara Henry* and family - birth of the twins!
- Mabel Henry* - teen girl, tests/hospital
- Dawn Holloway - health, hospice
- Ann Lester - fell, prayers (P.Lester's* mom)
- Philip Lester* - 3rd ankle surgery, recovery
- Bob Locklin* - shoulder replacement, recovery
- Jack Locklin - surgery, recovery (Avalon)
- Jim Loftin Jr. - hospital tests, prayers
- Gloria Martin* - PT pain, vision issues
- John Pace* - surgery, knee replacement
- Sharon Parker* - upcoming heart surgery
- Amy Prince - surgery, recovery (Burnham*)
- Patsy Prince - fractured hip and shoulder
- Kenny Schenck - heart procedure (Fuller*)
- Edith Sullins - @ home, recovery (Hatcher*)
- Edwina Sumrall - broken tailbone, prayers
- Debbie Rivers - surgery soon (Jak G.* sister)
- Lexi Wildes* - surgery, recovery

Grieving a Loss

- Bostwick* family - loss of mom, Kandi
- Winston & Lola Burnham - loss of Brooks Ann
- Judy Jennings & family* - loss of Terry
- Lanya Lester* & family - loss of mom, Renee
- Paul Lipford & family - loss of mother
- Laura Lewis* & family - loss of father, Larry
- Linda Loftin* & family - loss of Jim*
- Ruth Phillips* family - passing of Ruth
- Ted Russel* - loss of sister
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy*

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Ron Bartanen* - Victorian Manor
- Sherryn Canniff* - homebound
- Sherry Davis* - Memory Care (Davis/Napier*)
- Donna Dudley - Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia* - Fort Walton Beach
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Peggy Masoner - Santa Rosa Health Care
- Larry McDaniel* - Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller* - Coral Bay of Pensacola
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (J.English mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Louie Bond - knee surgery, recovery
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Robbie Bullard - aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Janice Carter* - mobility, prayers
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Wilfred Derrick - kidney failure (Renee Ray*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton* - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Scott Graham* - back pain
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Jackie Hamilton - severe health issue (McGriff*)
- Chris Hollins - health, test (McGriff*)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Patrick Johnson - upcoming surg. (McGriff*)
- Joe Lewis - lupus
- Josie Locklin* - fractured vertebrae, health
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Donald McGriff* - health, prayers
- Mary McGriff* - upcoming test, prayers
- Ron Miller - esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher*)
- Donnie Turner - (Helms*)
- Willie Waitman Jr. - leg amputation (Pace)

Military

- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Jacksonville, FL
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Expectant Mothers

- Lauren Godwin - August 2024

Cancer

- Mike Anderson - (Warrington)
- Ron Bartanen* - lung
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Lilly Cain - bladder (R. Locklin* sister)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Jack Davis*
- Sheryl Downy - (Burnham*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Geodee Fred - (C.Bartanen*)
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jennings - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Evergena Larkin - final stages (McGriff*)
- Greg Lewis* - lung cancer
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Timothy Parker - (Brittany's* dad)
- Ariel Perry - throat (Hatcher)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Amy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- Troy Vonada - kidneys (Gloria)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Students in College

- Haley Bartell
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- LizAnn Webb
- Lily Weathersbee
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified

- Makenley Hitchcock* - Baptized 12/31/23
- Debbie Gill* - Baptized 1/23/24
- Savannah Smith* - Baptized 1/31/24
- Brad & Amy Turner* - Baptized 2/18/24
- Logan Ray* - Baptized 2/25/24
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Restored 12/31/23
- Deanna Wilson* - Restored 4/19/24
- April Estain* - Restored 6/9/24
- Joe and Gloria Martin* - Identified 2/4/24
- Billy & Heidi Hudgens* - Identified 4/21/24



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

MORNING

Opening Prayer Joe Martin
 Song Director Casey Bearden
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 ... "One Widow. Two Mites. Three Lessons."
 Scripture Reading Jeff Scott
 Luke 21:1-4
 Closing Prayer Rick Bird

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Rick Bartenan Seth Crider
 Joe Taylor Michael English
 Logan Ray (Balcony)
 Comments Jon Raley

EVENING

Opening Prayer N/A
 Singing N/A
 Scripture N/A
 N/A
 Comments N/A

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep ... Mike & Patsy Scott
 PowerPoint Connie Bartell
 Secure Building Blake Hatcher

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Brody Crider
 Opening Prayer Joe Bartell

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 138
 AM Worship 202
 PM Worship 103
 Wed. Night Bible Class 133
 Contribution \$7,878
Weekly Budget : \$11,558

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!
You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- **Reminder:** If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of you contribution.



FOOD PANTRY

- Food Pickup : 7/9/24 @ 9:30 AM
- Preparing Boxes:
 - 7/10/24 @ 5:30 PM
 - 7/11/24 @ 9:30 AM
- Distribution : 7/11/24 @ 2:30 PM

Please consider donating toiletry items or sunblock

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



OWLS BIBLE STUDY

1st Corinthians

Every Thurs. 10:30 AM

love is patient, love is kind
1 corinthians 13:4

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