

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

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One of our main goals in life is to help our children and other young people to become Christians who are faithful to God's Word and active in His kingdom, the church. We want to "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). We want them to know the joy of knowing, serving, and worshiping the Lord. Our children should be taught why we worship, how we worship, and how to make our worship most effective. Parents, grandparents, and friends will be the most important influences on our young people in their worship. Here are a few ideas that will help us train our children to be good worshipers.

1. **Set a good example.** Children need to see you worship and the joy it brings to your life. You need to come to the worship assemblies regularly with an attitude of joy and anticipation—not with a sense of drudgery or obligation. You need to sing, bow in prayer, listen intently to the sermon, give joyfully, and partake of the Lord's Supper meditatively. Children will follow your example, so set the right kind.
2. **Prepare the child.** Before Sunday, talk to your child about how to act in the worship assembly. Tell the child why we pray, sing, give, partake of the Lord's Supper weekly, and listen to a sermon from God's Word. As you would in preparing him for school, make sure the child gets enough rest the night before to be awake and alert Sunday.
3. **Involve the child.** When singing, help him locate the page of the song. With your finger on his book, point to the words as we sing. Encourage your child to sing even though he may not always sing the right words. When the sermon is delivered, help the child locate the Scriptures cited and/or encourage him to write them down. This impresses upon the child the importance of paying attention. It also stresses that worship is active and not passive.
4. **Avoid disturbances.** Make sure that your child has gone to the restroom and for a drink of water before the worship service begins. Traffic in and out of the auditorium during worship is both unnecessary (with but few exceptions) and disruptive to the worship of many.
5. **Sit up toward the front.** Don't follow the natural tendency to sit in the back so that the child does not disturb others. Think positively. Sit close to the front so that your child can see and hear what is happening. You'll be amazed at how much better he will behave when you sit toward the front, and how much more meaningful worship will be to you, too.
6. **Follow through.** Reinforce your child's learning by discussing various aspects of the worship period afterwards.
7. **Be patient.** Children will not act like adults, but with patience and love, they can be taught to love God and worship Him from the heart according to God's Word.

This process will take time, but it will be time well spent. The time to begin is now, regardless of how young your child is.

## Microwave Religion

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Undoubtedly today's world has many "conveniences:" cell phones, instant pudding, remote controls, drive through restaurants, and microwave ovens. There's nothing inherently evil about conveniences but living in such a world can lead us to develop unhealthy spiritual attitudes. Below are some examples that if practiced, lead to "microwave religion."

**Salvation without sacrifice.** Jesus said, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." (Luke 9:23) But about the only thing that differentiates most "Christians" from people of the world is that their name is on a church roll somewhere and they show up once in a while for a worship service (maybe!). You can't have salvation without sacrifice! Jesus asks for our sacrifice, not occasionally, but daily!

**Remission without repentance.** Repentance is perhaps God's hardest command. Repentance is more than saying you're sorry (2 Cor. 7:10). It requires us to change our mind and our behavior (Matt. 3:8). Repentance is an absolute requirement! "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3; cf. Acts 17:30). "God...now commands all men everywhere to repent," that's you, that's me, that's everyone! (Acts 17:30)

**Righteousness without obedience.** Many people excuse themselves from obeying God. "I'm just human!" they cry. But the Bible says, "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments." (1 John 2:3) Claiming to know God without keeping His commands makes us a liar! (1 John 2:4) Jesus is "the author of eternal salvation" to "all who obey Him" (Heb. 5:9) and His commands are not "burdensome"! (1 John 5:3)

**Morality without self-denial.** We live in a society without self-denial. But it is impossible to live a moral life without self-denial (Titus 2:11-12). Even Paul said he had to discipline his "body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Cor. 9:27) Are we greater than the humble apostle? Nay, we must practice the same!

**Growth without diligence.** Unfortunately, most Christians remain spiritual "babies" (Heb. 5:12-14). Peter said we must "give all diligence" to "add" certain things to our faith (see 2 Pet. 1:5-7). If we fail to do so, he said we are shortsighted, even to blindness, and anyone who has failed to be diligent has forgotten that "he was purged from his old sins." (2 Pet. 1:9) Are you growing or forgetting?

**Knowledge without study.** The amount of Bible knowledge possessed by most Christians is truly pitiful! Evidently, many don't realize God said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." (Hos. 4:6) We need to be diligent students of God's word (2 Tim. 2:15). Otherwise, we'll fall too! (Eph. 4:11-14) How are your Bible study habits?

**Truth without controversy.** By its very nature truth is controversial. But in our "politically correct" world few are willing to "earnestly contend for the faith" (Jude 3). Does the truth make you squeamish? Remember, "Good preaching sounds reveille, not taps." What about your religion? Is it true to God's book? Is it the religion taught by Jesus and the apostles? Is it sacrificial, obedient, and self-denying? Or, is it a religion of convenience, a "microwave religion"?

*Copied and adapted*

# NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)

## Remember in Prayer:

*Carolyn Tinsley* is recovering at home after having a seizure recently.

*Beverly Read*, sister-in-law of Reginald Read, is not doing well in Michigan.

*Bobby Pate*, brother-in-law of Terry Joe Kee, is scheduled to have heart surgery in Memphis Tuesday.

*Sympathy is extended to Robert Stephens*, whose brother *Ralph Stephens* passed away last week.

Pray for those directly and indirectly affected by Covid-19, and please keep us updated.

Please check the bulletin boards for updates on Prayer Request Lists.

## In Other News:

Remember our Bible Classes for all ages at 9:30 Sunday mornings.

**Parents and Children:** If you haven't done so already, please go to the hallway where Goliath stands. Stand beside him and get your picture made for our bulletin board. Yes, we remember his huge size, but most of all we want to remember that with God on our side, we can say along with David, “The Battle is the Lord’s.” (1 Samuel 17:47)

### Those Privileged To Serve

June 28, 2020

#### SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Ben Johns  
Opening Prayer: Noah Flanrey  
Closing Prayer: Stan Honeycutt  
Bible Reading: Kevin Roush  
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

#### LORD'S TABLE

Presiding:

Jeff Presley Steve Stoker  
Donnie Gilliland Jimmy Powell  
Jacob Eddleman Samuel Light

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Nichols

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Ben Johns  
Opening Prayer: Mark Wooten  
Closing Prayer: Scott Pratt  
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

July 1, 2020

Song Leader: *Singing Night*  
Opening Prayer: Stacy Eddleman  
Closing Prayer: Jimmy Powell

#### DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

July 1, 2020

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### NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK

Week Of

June 21, 2020

Sunday Bible Study	78
Sunday AM Worship	107
Sunday PM Worship	94
Wednesday Bible Study	81
Contribution	\$5304

*“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”*

*Hebrews 13:5*

# The Friend of Truth

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“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)

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## KeeNotes

It is a joy to come together and worship as the body of Christ. Many of our number are still not able to be with us. Some are troubled by poor health and concerns with meeting in crowded areas, so our numbers are still suffering. It has been good to have visitors with us from week to week. We are blessed to have those from our community who have come and visited with us. We have had some visitors from area churches who are not yet meeting regularly and getting to know those from area churches. We feel blessed to have everyone of them coming to be with us.

With those who have been coming to be with us we also have had several of our own who have needed to be out of town for one reason or another. Some have had graduations, vacations and family emergencies which have caused them to be out of town. We cannot forget who we are and why we are here. All of us need to be inviting others to come and be with us. Seek out those you can invite to come and be with us. Remember our need for *Each One Invite One* each week. If we keep inviting others to come and be with us, we should expect to have visitors. When we have those who visit with us we must do all we can to make them feel welcomed. If we would have friends we must show ourselves to be friendly, so look for and welcome visitors.

Living during a time when we cannot have the closeness and contact we have always had, it is difficult. So many things are having to be done in new ways. But with all the changes we can still talk, welcome, and show friendliness. Let others see Christ living in us.

The time is passing so quickly. This year, 2020, is almost half gone. For some of us, it cannot pass off quickly enough. Glad you are here.

#### SHEPHERDS

Dan Nichols  
Randy Oden  
Jody Pickens

#### DEACONS

Scottie Blanchard  
Jerry Dodson  
Mike Felts  
Jason Garland  
Marshall Lands  
Mark Wooten

#### EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee

#### MISSIONARIES

Michael Hughes  
Samrit Kammanee  
Arnold Kelley  
Guyana, South America  
Warren, PA

#### SERVICES

##### SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

##### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

#### What Must I Do To Be Saved?

*Hear* the Word of God  
*Romans 10:17*

*Believe* the Word of God  
*John 8:24*

*Repent* of your sins  
*Luke 13:3*

*Confess* your faith in Jesus  
as the Son of God  
*Romans 10:9,10*

*Be Baptized* for the  
remission of your sins  
*Acts 2:38*

*Live faithfully*  
*Revelation 2:10*

*“Where there is no vision,  
the people perish....”*  
*Proverbs 29:18*

*God Give Us 2020 Vision  
in 2020*