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Natural Talent vs. Walking By Faith

It is said that instrumental music is a natural talent like speaking and singing and, therefore, ought to be dedicated to God; that God gave some the ability to play an instrument, why not use that ability for God? Why not use it in the worship as we do the ability to speak and sing?

The fallacy in this attempted argument lies in the fact that the Bible specifies *speaking* and *singing* and did not specify the other. In Ephesians 5:19 we read: “*Speaking* to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, *singing* and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” If instrumental music, as a natural talent, stands on a par scripturally with speaking and singing, why did Paul specify speaking and singing, why did Paul specify speaking and singing and did not specify the instrument? In fact, if natural talent is the principle of divine worship, why did Paul specify anything? In that case we would need no legislation at all—just do what is “natural.” ...

If instrumental music in worship is right because it is natural, then everything that is natural is right in worship. That includes everything that appeals to the natural senses. What a religion! The Jew, the Pagan, and the Catholic could make the same argument for everything of an esthetic nature in their worship. On that principle Catholics burn incense in worship. The smelling of incense in the worship is based on smell. The Catholics have as much right to the incense on natural principles as others would have to instrumental music, unless one can prove his “hearer more important than the other fellow’s smeller.” I do not think it could be proved.

God has never given a religion to people which was based on natural principles. What natural principle suggests the Lord’s Supper? What natural principle suggests baptism? What natural principle suggests any part of that system of divine worship set forth in the New Testament? Christians follow Christ, not their natural bent. If natural talent is the rule of worship, then Paul needed only to have said, Be natural, follow your eyes, your ears, your nose and your feet. What a religion that would be! And that is the size of the argument.

The Bible tells us to walk by faith, not by sight. Faith does not belong to the realm of natural things. “The way of man is not in himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”

by Foy E. Wallace, Jr. (1896-1979)

SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages	9:30 am
Morning Worship Assembly	10:30 am
Evening Worship Assembly	5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Adult Class (Fall/Spring)	10:00 am
Bible Classes for All Ages	7:00 pm

ELDERS

Carl Burrus
Jesse Byers
Bobby Hill

EVANGELIST

Benjamin Williams

PRISON MINISTER

Bill Hamrick

DEACONS

Jeff Bullinger
Matt Caldwell
Chris Patterson
Bruce Rothell
Lonnie White

SECRETARY

Karen Brown

This year the **Fall Party** is scheduled for Saturday, October 27th at the church building. Sandwiches and fixins will be the menu. Activities will be the meal and games for the children all starting at 5 PM. If you wish to help purchase prizes and treats for the children, please give your money to Debbie Whitchurch or Donna White by Sunday, October 14th. Costumes are encouraged.

We also will be hosting **Trunk-of-Treats** for our kids and the community put on by the families of our congregation. The big night will be Oct 31st from 7:00-9:00 pm. We Need Lots Of Candy! Please bring your donated candy and place it in the box in the foyer. Sign up on the bulletin board to decorate your car or volunteer to help. See Erin Aycox or Meg Burris for any questions. There's lots of work to be done!

PLEASE HELP

In an effort to keep the prayer list as current and as relevant as possible, the listing below will be cleared and started afresh in two weeks. Please inform the office if you would like to continue to keep any of these names before the congregation. Thank you.

Our friends and family: Glenna Estep; Toni O'Neal's grandson Jace; Dan & Edna Jones; Billie English (cancer); Chris Anderson (heart); Sally Henderson (Nola's sister); Bill Hainey (Jennifer McCafferty's father); Eula Shope (Cancer); Mary Calvert (Susie O'Neal's mother); Suzanne Stamps (sis of Marcia Hill); Glenna Estep (cancer); Lexann Delay Johnson & baby; Shelia Byers (cancer); Jeff Keas (Bixby, esophageal cancer); David Tennison (tumor in eye, friend of Keith Riggs); Donna Winkler Smith (liver cancer); Robert Johnson (liver transplant); Matt Voss (working in an orphanage in Beirut); many others.

Service men and women: Brian and Amber Hunt; Cory Stead; Ronnie Wilson; Jason Caldwell; Cameron Hill; Shasta Hammons; Adam & Amanda White; Landon Hetherington

Sunday, Oct 14th

Elder's and Deacon's Meeting at 3:30

Saturday, Oct 27th

Fall Party at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Oct 30th

We will have our 5th Wednesday Singing on Tuesday Night

Wednesday, Oct 31st

Trunk-of-Treats here at the building

Saturday, Nov 3rd

Time changes (set your clocks back 1 hour)

Tuesday, Nov 20th

Due to the holiday our Wednesday night service will be moved to Tuesday night.

Thursday, Nov 22nd

Thanksgiving

Sunday, Dec 2nd

Christmas Party after evening services, Soup & Sandwiches

Monday, Dec 3rd

Ladies Meeting at 6:30

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Becky Byers' mother, LeAnn Isaacs, is in ICU at OSU Med Center. She had a possible heart attack along with other health problems. Update: she has been moved to a regular room after she gains some strength they will do a stress test on her heart; she does have some damage to her heart.
- Becky Byers' father, Larry Isaacs, has completed his cancer treatments and is doing well; he will be rechecked in about 3 months.
- Mary Calvert, Susie O'Neal's mother, fell and broke her leg, they are unable to do surgery; she is now developing blood clots in her lungs. They have placed her under hospice care.
- Our sympathy is extended to Paul & Dorothy Ennis; their son passed away a few days ago.
- Sherri Carr's son, Tommy, had a heart cath procedure this past Wednesday. Update: they received a good report, no blockage, but he is still having chest pain and will visit with his family doctor. Sherri is feeling much better too, hopefully her shingles are almost gone.
- Jace Paden, Toni O'Neal's grandson, will need spinal surgery.
- Ronnie Hinman is in Hillcrest hospital after a heart valve repair. He will be in ICU 3-4 days before moving to a regular room.
- Betty Jo Heltzel is suffering a lot of pain in her leg (possibly bursitis).

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

If you know of a family the church can help with a basket of food, please give their name and the number in the household to Johnny Riggs by Oct 28th. After we know how many families we will be collecting for a list will be posted for the needed items; those items will need to be at the church building by Nov 18th.

FALL LECTURESHIP

The Sperry congregation will host their Fall Lectureship beginning next Sunday thru Wed. Oct 14th-17th. Ben will be speaking on Monday evening; a list of other speakers is posted on the bulletin board.

MONTHLY MEETING

Next Sunday there will be an Elder's and Deacon's meeting at 3:30.

GOOD NEWS

We are happy to report that Mable McNeely was baptized a couple of weeks ago. She is the mother of Glenna Estep. Mable lives at the Hickory Crossing apts at the corner of Hickory and Teel in Sapulpa.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Oct 7 **The Sower** - Robert Hill
Oct 14 **Wicked Tenants** - Jerry Morgan
Oct 21 **Unjust Steward** - Jack Lierly
Oct 28 **Ten Virgins** - Randy Brown
Nov 4 **The Talents** - Jesse Byers
Nov 11 **Wheat and the Weeds** - Robert Hill
Nov 18 **Lost Sheep & Lost Coin** - Bruce Rothell
Nov 25 **Rich Man and Lazarus** - Larry Potter

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Marisa Wadkins, Oct 7	James Hamiton, Oct 12	Eddie Whitchurch, Oct 24
Nick & Stephanie White, Oct 7	Kaci & Mark Martinez, Oct 15	Darrell & Cathy Burcham, Oct 25
Lucas Williams, Oct 8	Marilyn Pulliam, Oct 19	Edna Jones, Oct 27
Kevin Marquez, Oct 8	Dillon Myrick, Oct 21	Keith & Nancy Riggs, Oct 27
Jennifer McCafferty, Oct 10	Chris Bennett, Oct 22	Steve Rucquoy, Oct 28

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Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes
Sunday AM Worship
Sunday PM Worship
Wednesday Bible Classes

152
225
132
73

Contribution

Sunday Contribution \$5,207.46
Budget \$3,559.00
Over Budget \$21,596.17
Building Fund \$104,715.12

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader Randy Brown
Opening Prayer Larry Growns
Closing Prayer Larry Potter
Scripture Reading -
Lord's Table Steve Aycox
Darrell Burcham
Jim Yeager
Bruce Rothell

Ushers

Lonnie White
Matt Caldwell

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Jerry Buller
Opening Prayer James Hamilton
Closing Prayer Sonny Pulliam
Scripture Reading Hayden Bullinger

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer Dean Scherman
Closing Prayer Steve Aycox
Song Leader Matt Caldwell
Invitation Jack Lierly

Lock Building

Bruce Rothell / Bob Simmons

Communion Preparation

10/7 Marilyn Pulliam
10/14 Stephanie Bullinger
10/21 Janice O'Shields
10/28 Shirley Hill
11/4 Donna White
11/11 Renee Whitchurch
11/18 Susan Yeager
11/25 Barbara Girod

Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Monday, Dec 3rd
6:30 PM



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OF THE LORD'S WAY**®

"These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily..." (Acts 17:11)

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

Search Programs:

Oct 7—Miraculous Gifts Today?
Oct 14—Speaking in Tongues
Oct 21—Christian Citizens
Oct 28—Morality

Sunday Morning Sermon

Can You See Hagar?
Genesis 16:1-3

Sunday Evening Sermon

Stars, Poets, & Prophets
Genesis 15:3-5