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A Return to Congregational Singing

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DEACONS

Matt Caldwell,

EDUCATION

Robert Hill,

WORSHIP

Keith Riggs,

OUTREACH

Bruce Rothell,

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SECRETARY

Karen Brown

Some prominent Protestant ministers and writers have been rethinking the way that they worship. John Piper, pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, wrote:

... we asked: What should be the defining sound of corporate worship at Bethlehem, besides the voice of biblical preaching? We meant: Should it be pipe organ, piano, guitar, drums, choir, worship team, orchestra, etc. The answer we gave was "The people of Bethlehem singing." Some thought: That's not much help in deciding which instruments should be used. Perhaps not. But it is massively helpful in clarifying the meaning of those moments. If Bethlehem is not "singing and making melody to the Lord with [our] heart," (Ephesians 5:19), it's all over. We close up shop. This is no small commitment.

James K.A. Smith from Calvin College wrote in his "Open Letter to Praise Bands":

If we, the congregation, can't hear ourselves, it's not worship. Christian worship is not a concert. ... Christian worship is a collective, communal, congregational practice—and the gathered sound and harmony of a congregation singing as one is integral to the practice of worship. It is a way of "performing" the reality that, in Christ, we are one body. ... When the amped sound of the praise band overwhelms congregational voices, we can't hear ourselves sing—so we lose that communal aspect of the congregation and are encouraged to effectively become "private," passive worshipers. ... If you, the praise band, are the center of attention, it's not worship. I know it's generally not your fault that we've put you at the front of the church. ... But because we've encouraged you to basically import forms of performance from the concert venue into the sanctuary, we might not realize that we've also unwittingly encouraged a sense that you are the center of attention. ...

Finally, David Koyzis at Redeemer University College recently wrote:

While the Bible speaks of praising God with musical instruments (e.g., Psalms 147, 149 and 150), there is an ancient tradition of unaccompanied singing in the church. The Orthodox Churches, Reformed Presbyterians and the Churches of Christ sing *a cappella* in their worship services. Such groupings out of principle exclude musical instruments from their liturgies. Although many of us would not go quite that far, there is nevertheless much to be said for the argument ...

While I don't expect a mass shift in worship practices, it is heartening to see that some are recognizing the spiritual shortcomings of the performance model of worship as opposed to the congregational model of singing still alive within the churches of Christ.

by Benjamin Williams

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

SUMMER QUARTER TEACHERS

Sundays

Nursery Jennifer McCafferty
2 and 3 yr olds Tonya Davidson
4 and 5 yr olds Autumn Caldwell & Melinda Jones
1st- 3rd grade Cathy Burcham & Mickey Hecht
Teacher Debbie Whitchurch

Wednesdays

Nursery Rita Risley
2 thru 5 yr olds Earline Lierly
1st - 3rd grade Karen Brown

upcoming
work dinners
events fellowship
retreats picnics games parties
meetings

Wednesday, June 12th

No classes, singing night

Sunday—Saturday, June 9th-15th

Frog Road camp session

Sunday, June 16th

Father's Day

Sunday, June 30th

5th Sunday Noon Fellowship Meal with early (1:00) “evening” services. Group Burrus

Saturday, July 6th

VBS Work day

Saturday, July 13th

VBS Work day

Sunday, July 14th

Elder's and Deacon's meeting 3:30

Wednesday - Friday, July 24th-26th

Vacation Bible School - “Daniel”

Saturday, August 3rd

Cookout ?

Sunday, August 4th

Teacher's meeting

Saturday, August 10th

Class room clean-up (re-do b-boards, check supplies, etc)

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Lainey Eichler had her scope and all went well. They are now waiting on the test results.
- Darrell Burcham is home from the hospital - he has been diagnosed with vertigo. He is better, but still feeling some dizziness.
- Josh Hallburn will be undergoing skin grafts and be in rehab for a couple of months. (He was electrocuted while restoring power after the tornados).
- Jennifer McCafferty's friend, Shelly Bollo, has a two year old daughter, Malyka, who was diagnosed with Leukemia.
- James Hamilton's grandfather, Homer Hefner, is out of the hospital and staying with James' parents. He is on medication and tires easily.
- **Our friends and family:** Dan & Edna Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); Suzanne Stamps; Leola Harmon (stroke); Jean Lovett (cancer); Sue Gilbert; Susan Watson (broken ankle); Eddie Morgan (cancer); Jennifer Dunn (thyroid cancer); Linda Patterson (stroke); many others.
- **Service men and women:** Brian and Amber Hunt; Ron Wilson; Jenna Sullivan.

PARK PLAZA

Park Plaza congregation has a full-sized Tabernacle set up in their parking lot. You can take a 55 minute tour which will explain each part of the Tabernacle. It also includes a replica of the Ark of the Covenant. It will be open today from noon until 9 pm and Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 9 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person. There is a newspaper article posted on the bulletin board with more information.

SINGING NIGHT

This Wednesday evening will be singing night.



CAMPERS

The time has finally come! We hope and pray that all will be safe while traveling to and from camp and while at camp. Have fun!

PRAYERS

Jenna Sullivan will be leaving for the Marines in the next few days/weeks. Our prayers go with her and we wish her a safe return.

Who Are They?

1. Abraham sent his servant,
A bride for Isaac to find;
He brought back his kinswoman,
Who to him had been so kind.
2. What animal did Nathan use,
To convict David of his sin?
He had taken one from a poor man,
Instead of one from his own pen.
3. Who lived in the garden of Eden,
Beside Adam and Eve?
Which of their children enjoyed,
The garden's life of ease?
4. Two cities of old were immoral,
Filled with sin so dire;
God destroyed them suddenly
With brimstone and fire!

1. Rebekah 2. lamb 3. none 4. Sodom & Gomorrah

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Steph Bullinger, June 10

Kelsey Riggs, June 12

Chris Mulkey, June 13

Steve Estep, June 14

Leasa Mulkey, June 15

Dennis Robinson, June 16

Chris & Tracy Patterson, June 19

Kenneth Collins, June 20

Josh & Megan Parker, June 20

Doyle Tuggle, June 20

Spencer Yeager, June 23

Deb Path, June 25

Ben & Selene Williams, June 28

Megan Parker, June 29

Eddie & Renee Whitchurch, July 1

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Attendance: Last Week

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

124
156
81
103

Contribution

Sunday Contribution \$4,681.08
Budget \$4,041.00
Budget \$144.97
Building Fund \$401,874.18

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader Randy Brown
Opening Prayer Jesse Byers
Closing Prayer Larry Potter
Scripture Reading Jack Lierly
Lord's Table Jeff Bullinger
Ryan McCafferty
Jim Yeager
Sonny Pulliam

Ushers

Bill Path
Bruce Rothell

Lock Building

Bruce Rothell and Bob Simmons

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Jerry Buller
Opening Prayer Matt Caldwell
Closing Prayer Johnny Riggs
Scripture Reading Chris Patterson
Lord's Table Jeff Bullinger
Ryan McCafferty

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer Doyle Tuggle
Closing Prayer Ryan McCafferty
Song Leader James Hamilton

Communion Preparation

6/2 Selene Williams
6/9 Lilia Rothell
6/16 Bayla Burrus
6/23 Becky Byers
6/30 Debbie Whitchurch
7/7 Rosalie O'Neal
7/14 Rothell Ladies
7/21 Karen Myrick
7/28 Sherri Carr

Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Sunday, Sept 8th
3:00 pm

EAT THIS BOOK READINGS

6/9 1Kg 8; Ps 128; Heb 4-6
6/10 1 Kg 9-10; Ps 129; Heb 7-8
6/11 1 Kg 11; Ps 130; Heb 9
6/12 1 Kg 12-13; Ps 131; Heb 10
6/13 1 Kg 14-15; Ps 132; Heb 11
6/14 1 Kg 16-17; Ps 133; Heb 12-13
6/15 1 Kg 18; Ps 134; Jas 1-2



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"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:

June 9 - The Cost of Discipleship
June 16 - The new Covenant
June 23 - Not Ashamed
June 30 - Conversion

Sunday Morning Sermon

"In This House"

1 Kings 8:27-30

Sunday Evening Sermon by Randy Brown

Lessons from Philemon

1 Corinthians 7:20-21