

NEWS & NOTES

THE SICK OR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS: A friend of Brandi Phillips, **Mandy Newton** has a tumor in her back and is in need of our prayers. ~ **Jack and Onzell Tucker** continue to be confined at home. ~ **G.W. Long**, Tanya Hammond's father is receiving cancer treatments. ~ Eric White's father, **Jim White**, continues his cancer treatments. ~ Judy Williams' mother **Flossie Kizzire**, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette ~ **Jerry Dickey** is continuing to receive cancer treatments. He has started radiation ~ **C.L Weathers** is out of intensive care and is room 264 at ECM after undergoing surgery last week. The doctors removed a tumor on his colon. ~ **Ronnie Phillips** is having treatments to help his back. Others on the sick list include: **Laura Clemmons, Cindy Pressnell, Shelia Goode**. There may be others that need to be brought to our attention. Please let us know.

Let Us Keep Our Expecting Mothers In Our Prayers: Amy Bassham, Andrea Butler, Laurie Chancellor, Katy Garner,

DON'T FORGET! Our Gospel Meeting begins in 1 week! There are flyers on the information table in the foyer. Please take them and invite others to come and hear God's word proclaimed. ~ Also, we had a good Young Adult Bible class last Sunday night at the McIntyre's house regarding temptation. Don't forget that our next study will be on April 19th on Calvinism. If you would like to host this study in your home, there is a sign up sheet in the young adult classroom. Thanks

COMMUNICATIONS GROUP: Tonight after our evening service will be the meeting time for "Group A". If you are in this group, be sure to attend this meeting.

GOSPEL MEETINGS IN THE AREA: ~ CAPSHAW will be having **Wes Webb** speaking this week beginning today. They will be meeting at 7:00 PM. Monday thru Friday.

FOR THE RECORD: (Week of March 15th)

Sunday:

Bible Classes	100
Morning Worship	120
Evening Worship	87

Wednesday:

Bible Classes	81
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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 AM
 Morning Worship 10:45 AM
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM
 3rd Sunday Worship (*Singing*)... 3:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Elders

Michael Clemmons...(256) 247-0836
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Deacons

Jimmy Glass.....(256) 247-0571
 Eddie J. Hammond...(256) 247-3038
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"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation..." Romans 1:16

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Men Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning Bible Classes
Song Leader – Ronnie Phillips
Bible Reading – Steve Parker
Joshua 8:24-29
Prayer – Scottie Goode

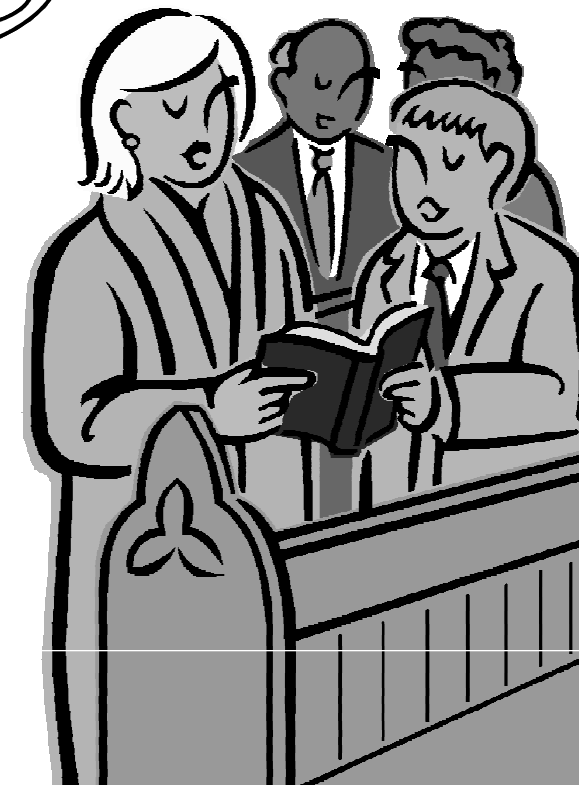
Sunday Morning Worship
Song Leader – Ronnie Phillips
Prayer – Jimmy Glass
Lord's Supper
Presiding – Eddie J. Hammond

Assisting – Brian Word
Serving – Michael Word, Mark McCrary, Aric Butler, Corey Goode
Closing Prayer – Mark McIntyre

Sunday Evening Worship
Song Leader – Cecil Cox
Bible Reading – Andrew Gatlin
Joshua 8:30-35
Prayer – Phil Pressnell
Lord's Supper – Eddie J. Hammond, Brian Word
Closing Prayer – James Adams

Wednesday Bible Classes
Song Leader – Eddie J. Hammond
Prayer – Aric Butler
Bible Reading – Rocky Rose
Joshua 9:1-10
Invitation – Andrew Gatlin
Closing Prayer – James Word

Join us for a GOSPEL SINGING



April 19th 2009
at 3:30 PM.

Putting The "Worth" In Worship

Dee Bowman

"Worship" is the English translation of the Greek word *proskuneo*, to make obeisance, do reverence. The word is comprised of *pros*, meaning toward; and *kuneo*, to kiss. Thus it means to lean toward God to pay homage. Our word is from Middle English *worshipe*, worthy of praise or honor. You can see the word *worthy* in our word *worship*.

One of the major reasons for the assembly on the Lord's Day is to worship God, to pay to Him honor and reverence. I have chosen just a few of the many things necessary to render to Him the kind of pious praise He deserves as our Maker, Creator, Sustainer.

A clear mind

Worship starts with a mind devoid of impediments. In fact, one of the greatest deterrents to worship is a cluttered mind. We leave so much stuff in our minds when we come to the house of worship that it's almost impossible for us to concentrate on Him and His goodness. Worldly stuff clogs up your mind; it becomes sluggish, unresponsive. Pressing problems crowd out our higher and more worshipful thoughts. It's easy for the mind to wander, to get off course, so to speak. David's prayer in the 63rd Psalm will help. O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee; my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dray and thirsty land, where no water is. To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live; I will lift

up my hands to thy name. See the kind of preparation David made for worship? A clear heart. One of the most devastating detriments to worship is our own sin. We don't care to be too near God when we are steeped in sin. There is no reason to enter into worship in a sinful state. "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous" (1 Jn. 2:1) and we should make use of that advocacy. We should call on him for forgiveness so that we don't block our worship with our sin. For we have no an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:15-16). There is great peace in the realization that I can approach Him with confidence and boldness and without the tarnish of sin upon my soul.

A feeling of unity.

Unity promotes peace and peace promotes good worship. Any kind of animosity toward others inhibits good worship. If it be possible, live at peace with all men (Romans 12:17). Ill feelings don't promote good worship; they get in the way of devotion and blunt feelings of joy and praise. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also (1 John 4:20-21). Let us love one another. To worship with those whom we love and appreciate is one of the true joys of life.

A desire to please Him.

It is not enough to extend worship to

God; it must be the kind of worship He approves. No where in the New Testament, for instance, does He approve the burning of incense in worship. No where in the New Testament does He approve of merely liturgical mantras as worship to Him. No where in the New Testament does He approve of instruments of music as acceptable worship to Him. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (John 4:23-24). How foolish to offer just any paltry thing to God and call it worship. It must please Him. After all, that's the object of worship.

Let us be careful of our worship. Let us render to Him the kind of honor, reverence, respect, and glory He deserves by worshiping Him today in spirit and in truth. —From <http://www.folsomchurch.com/articles.html>

If Brethren Can Practice it, Then Why Can't I Teach it?

David Smitherman

How to Treat Sinners? After a careful study of the subject, the following are my conclusions on the subject of how to treat sinners.

1. Talk to everyone but the sinner about what they've done---Forget what Jesus said in **Matt. 18:15**.
2. Don't attempt to restore the sinner---Paul didn't know what he was talking

about in **Gal. 6:1**.

3. As sinners attempt to cope with their sin and its consequences, make it as difficult for them as possible by turning your back on them in their hour of need---Paul's much learning had really made him mad when he wrote **Gal. 6:2**.

4. Self-righteously act like you've never sinned and would certainly never do what they've done---That's what Jesus was teaching in **Lk. 18:9-14**.

5. When sinners repent, (a) refuse to forgive them---Jesus' command in **Lk. 17:3-4** can be ignored as well as the command in Mk. 16:15-16 and (b) show them no mercy or comfort---Paul was going liberal when he wrote that mushy stuff in **2 Cor. 2:6-8**.

6. Pay no attention to the example of how Jesus treated and what he said to and about the sinful woman in **Luke 7:36-50**---**1 John 2:6** doesn't apply to us today.

7. Disregard Paul's commands in **Col. 3:12-14**---Any preacher who talks about "compassion", "kindness", "love", etc. can't be trusted.

8. And after you've treated a sinner in the above-described manner, try to forget what Jesus said in **Matt. 6:15** when you ask for mercy and pardon for your sins---Surely God wouldn't treat you the way you've treated others.

Now if, after doing these things, you have trouble sleeping at night---good! I hope you understand that my tongue was planted firmly in my cheek when I wrote this. But, if brethren can practice it (and I've seen them do it for years), why can't I teach it? *From the Charlottesville Beacon, Volume 1, Issue 27 March 26, 2006*