

Gospel Power



"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (Romans 1:16)

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Sunday, June 26th:

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Daniel Clemmons
Bible Reading (1 Peter 4:12-19)
..... Eddie L. Hammond
Prayer
..... Brad Hammond

Morning Worship

Song Leader
..... Daniel Clemmons
Prayer
..... Ray Tucker
Lord's Supper
Presiding Mark McIntyre
Assisting Andrew Gatlin
Serving Ethan Pressnell
..... Jim Phillips
..... Wesley Phillips
..... Rodney McCrary
Closing Prayer
..... James Word

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Phil Pressnell
Bible Reading (1 Peter 5:1-14)
..... Jimmy Glass
Prayer
..... Aric Butler
Lord's Supper
..... Mark McIntyre
..... Andrew Gatlin
Closing Prayer
..... Monroe Pressnell

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Putting The "Worth" In Worship

Dee Bowman

"Worship" is the English translation of the Greek word [proskuneo], to make obeisance, 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.

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 dry and thirsty land, where no water is. To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary... 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 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 John 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 do not have a 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 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 does He approve of habitual chanting. No where in the New Testament does He approve of instruments of music as acceptable worship to Him. But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him. God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and 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, He is 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

-via *Hueytown Church Bulletin*, Hueytown, Alabama.

Delighting In God

Gary Henry

*Delight yourself also in the Lord,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him,
And He shall bring it to pass.
(Psalm 37:4,5)*

Among the many good things we should be able to say about God, we should be able to say that He is delightful to us. He is the source of all that should stir us most deeply. "God is so vastly wonderful, so utterly and completely delightful that he can, without anything other than himself, meet and overflow the deepest demands of our total nature, mysterious and deep as that nature is" (A. W. Tozer).

If we are instructed to delight ourselves in God, this means that we can choose to do so. It is within our power to determine the objects of our delight (Philippians 4:8), and we can, if we will, make the choice to delight in God. That our will is involved in our delight should tell us that "delight," at least in regard to God, is something more than an emotional feeling. It is a settled conviction concerning the excellence of God. Sometimes this conviction will be accompanied by moods and feelings that are "delightful," but sometimes it will not. In any event, we must determine that our minds will appreciate God for all that He is, and give Him the priority that He deserves in our thinking and doing. The ultimate test of whether we delight in God is not how we feel, but whether we acknowledge Him as He should be acknowledged.

That said, let us not hesitate to say also that desiring God in an emotional way is good. Our values should be such that our minds come to the subject of God with enjoyment and eagerness, rather than with reluctance. Surely when Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37), He intended that we



Remember Our Bible Class Periods

Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

love God with more than our intellect and our will. Did He not also mean that our hearts should thrill at the thought of God?

This love can only be possible when we grow in our appreciation of the goodness of God's holy character. As long as our delight depends upon His conforming Himself to our wishes, that delight will be small. We must learn to love the truth about God.

-via *Word Points*, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**"Looking At
Some of Jesus' Parables"**

Vacation Bible School

July 11-15 – 10:00 a.m.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Adult Class Speaker</u>
Monday	Bobby Robinson The Parable of the Sower
Tuesday	Matt Oglesby The Parable of the Laborers In the Vineyard
Wednesday	Bobby Graham The Parable of the Talents
Thursday	Mark White The Parable of the Good Samaritan
Friday	Oscar Miles The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

There will be classes for ages:
Nursery through Adult.

Sunday, July 10

9:45 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Daniel Bailey, Speaking

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News and Notes

THE SICK: *Myrtie Williams* came home from the rehabilitation this past Thursday ... *Judy Williams' mother, Flossie Kazzaire*, is in ICU in the Fayette hospital ... *Cindy Mosley and Sonya Blackburn's mother, F.A. Haney*, came home from the hospital on Tuesday ... *Helen Stewart's daughter, Shannon Chapman*, had surgery this past Wednesday in Columbia... *Valerie Stewart* is better now after being sick last weekend ... *Tisha Thomas' mother, Shelia Johnson*, is continuing her chemo treatments ... *Wanda Tucker's father, Billy Letson*, continues at home ... *James McConnell's mother, Della Mae McConnell*, is at home ... *Monroe Pressnell's aunt, Mildred Pressnell*, is at home ... *Leota Springer's husband, Bob Springer*, continues to take kidney dialysis at home ... *Helen Stewart's grandson, Adam Stewart*, is awaiting a kidney transplant ... *Mattie Blanche Word* is at home... *Jerry Best's nephew, Shannon Johnson*, continues at home ... *Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski

BAPTISM: We rejoiced this past Monday afternoon when *Erin Cooper* expressed her desire to be baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. We rejoice with Erin and are thankful for her tender heart and courage to obey Christ. May we all encourage her in her new life as a Christian.

PREACHING TODAY: Due to my being away today, *Andrew Gatlin* will be preaching this morning. I appreciate Andrew and his willingness to fill in for me while I am away and I know that you will enjoying hearing him.

SONG SERVICE: Remember our song service for this month has been moved to tonight at 6:00. *Phil Pressnell* will be directing the service. Make your plans to be present and come prepared to sing songs of praise to God.

OUT OF TOWN: *Madia Haraway* is in Indiana this week visiting... *Andrea Phillips and Glenda Phillips* have been out of town this week in Florida ... *The Coxes: Kerry, Tyler, Hunter and I* are in Richmond, Virginia today.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Somerville church* in Somerville is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with *Alton Bailey* preaching. The services will begin Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m...The *Piney Grove church*, south of Tusculumbia, is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services Monday through Friday at 7:00 p.m. *Don Miller* will be the speaker...The *Wilson Dam church* in Muscle Shoals is beginning a meeting today with *Joseph Casmier* preaching. The meeting will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m.

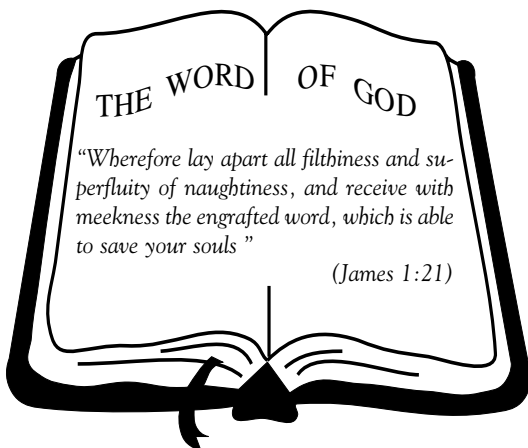
COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight will be the night for group 4 to meet following our service. If you are in group 4, plan to meet.

THE RECORD: *For the week of June 19th*
Sunday:

Bible Classes 96
 Morning Worship 109
 Evening Worship 74

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 81



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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