

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



No Church Assembly Fatigue Here! By Mike Riley

Reuters staff writer, Ian Simpson, wrote the following preface to his article entitled, “No Facebook Fatigue For Longtime Users”:

“A survey released on Friday shows that people who have used the social networking site over a long period — since its founding in 2004, say — show no sign that they are tired of posting pictures, updating weekend plans or just relaying random thoughts.”

Wouldn't it be great if members of the Lord's church could show the same kind of zeal and persistence in coming to worship that folks have in posting various information and media on Facebook?

Just think — members of the Lord's church being so zealous about assembling with the Lord's people, that they would never tire of coming to worship the Lord — even on Sunday and Wednesday evening!

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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

July 19 9:00 AM
Study of
Revelation
Chapter 21

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Family Bible Study
7:00 PM
Matthew 17:24-27;
Mark 10:46-52
Luke 18:35-43



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“Study to shew thyself
approved unto God, a
workman that needeth
not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word
of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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Worshipping God In Spirit

By Ron Boatwright

Worshipping God "in spirit" means with reverence, attentiveness, and having the right purpose of honoring God, while understanding what we are doing. Hebrews 12:28-29 says, "Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire." Our worship must glorify God. 1 Corinthians 6:20 says, "For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

In order to worship God in the right spirit, we must take time before worship to make ready our hearts and emotions so we will be in the proper frame of mind. We read in Psalms 89:7, "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him." Our worship must show great reverence toward God. He is our creator and He holds our eternal destiny in His hands. We must strive to please Him. We should not have to rush or hurry to worship, arriving late but should always plan to be there early enough so we can be in a worshipful attitude and spirit. Our mind must be ready, attentive, and alert.

Concerning the Lord's Supper, we are warned in 1 Corinthians 11:27, "Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." Our worship to God must be done in a worthy manner. It must be done in a manner that brings glory and honor to God and Christ. Continuing to read in verse 29, "For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." We must control our thoughts during periods of worship and not let them wander to other things. We should never be wishing the worship service would hurry up and be over so we can get to the restaurant early and not have to stand in line. In fact we should be of the frame of mind that we are disappointed to see the worship service end.

In showing reverence and respect to God, we will not be indifferent, inattentive, and taking lightly that which should be considered serious. Worship to God is holy. Our character in worship must also be holy. In 1 Peter 1:15-16 we read, "But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in your conduct, because it is written, Be holy for I am holy." Slouching over, sleeping, playing with babies, squirming, unnecessary talking, and passing notes all show disrespect in worshipping God. Worship which is insincere, that is not from the heart, is vain, useless, and unacceptable to God. Jesus says, "This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me" (Mark 7:6). Active participation will tend to get rid of our lack of interest and inattentiveness.

Reverence is not having a long face, folded hands, or a put on look of piety. Worship is a time of joy for us. It is a time of offering thanks, adoration, love, praying, singing praises to God, feeding on His word, and proclaiming Christ to the world in partaking of the Lord's Supper.

We might even consider putting up a marquee sign in front of the church building with the above titled heading — No Church Assembly Fatigue Here!

Let's think about it!

Matthew 6:19-21 KJV

[19] Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: [20] But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: [21] For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Titus 2:11-14 KJV

[11] For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, [12] Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; [13] Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; [14] Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Serrie Smith, Connie Montgomery, Ken Williams)
- All those affected by COVID-19

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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2020 is in foyer

Announcements

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June Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Frances Hall - 11th
- Don/Marilyn Potts - 9th
- Anthony/Julia Juliano - 24th

Every Sunday Morning

@ 6:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
2 Corinthians 6:14

Men to Serve

Sunday Morning

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Don Potts

Scripture Reading - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Scott Williams

Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Assist on Lord's Table - Chuck Rowell

Closing Prayer - James Johnson

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