

Northside Church of Christ

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



“There’s A Hangnail On My Pinky!” By Mike Riley

It’s really surprising what a hangnail on the pinky can keep a person from doing. Of course, it doesn’t keep a fellow from playing golf or going fishing, nor does it keep a woman from making a trip to the shopping mall for a 75% discount sale. It doesn’t even hinder a teenager from driving his car over the speed limit on the freeway. But going to Bible class or worship? Whew! The pain resulting from that hangnail seems to suddenly intensify! The uniqueness in differential of pain quotient and tolerance is virtually unexplainable!

Let us here note that if a child is not feeling well, both parents usually do not stay home from work. If somebody doesn’t pay attention to us or hurts our feelings, we still go to the work place. We don’t blame the boss for what the employees do or say to us. So, why do folks neglect the Lord and His service when they have a hangnail on their pinky?

In every congregation, there’s always a few members who are a constant drain on the energy of the congregation. They have to be coddled and pampered. Every little excuse keeps them from doing what followers of Christ should want to do — the Lord’s work (1 Corinthians 15:58); cf. 1 Corinthians 3:8-9).

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SUNDAY

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thru the Bible in
52 Weeks - 1 Kings
9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Family Bible Study
Like 7:36-50
Matthew 16:1-4



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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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Singing In Worship (Part 1 of 4)

By Ron Boatwright

Singing has a very definite place in worshipping God in spirit and in truth. We glorify God in our singing praises to His name. There are only nine scriptures in the New Testament which specify the kind of music in the worship of the church that God wishes in order for us to worship Him in spirit and in truth. They are as follows:

- (1) Matthew 26:30, "And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives";
- (2) Acts 16:25, "But at midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God";
- (3) Romans 15:9, "For this reason I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name";
- (4) 1 Corinthians 14:15, "I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding";
- (5) Ephesians 5:19, "Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord";
- (6) Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord";
- (7) Hebrews 2:12, "In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You";
- (8) Hebrews 13:15, "Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name";
- (9) James 5:13, "Is any among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing psalms."

All without exception specify only singing. Mechanical instruments of music in the worship of the church are not mentioned in the above scriptures or anywhere else in the New Testament because God has not authorized them. Those who do not respect God's word do not respect God.

God has commanded us to sing. That means each one of us. When people just sit through the song service and never attempt to sing (unless they can't sing) they are not obeying God. Or when people just sit and listen to a choir sing they are not obeying God's command to sing. They are not "offering the fruit of our lips". Can someone else worship for us? I think not. There is no Biblical authority for a choir. Congregational A Capella singing is the only kind of music divinely authorized by the Lord for Christian worship. If we follow only what God has authorized in our singing in worship, then the whole congregation will sing without mechanical instruments of music.

From their perspective, it's always what the congregation is not supplying for them. They are usually the faultfinders who wear their feelings on their sleeves, just waiting for an opportunity to be offended. Wouldn't it really be depressing if we allowed our minds to be occupied by those few — if our thoughts were colored by their example, what a gloomy picture our spiritual lives would be.

Let's thank God for faithful members who really want to grow into the character of Christ and who really want to go to heaven (Gal. 2:20; Ephesians 4:15; Philippians 1:21-23) . They are an encouragement to us all!

While we are responsible to "lift up the hands that hang down and strengthen the knees of the weak" (Hebrews 12:12-13), we must also realize, that at some point in time, we need to have the courage to say to those with the hangnails, "Grow up — " do your share ". Be a worker and help the congregation do the Lord's work." Put something in for a change" (who knows, you might actually receive something back! — Malachi 3:8-10).

The Hebrew writer must have had some of the above thoughts run through his mind when he wrote Hebrews 5:12-14. It's really not the "hangnail on the pinky" that's the problem. A heart attack? — well now, that might be a little different!

Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Maxine Powell)
- All those affected by COVID-19
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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2020 is in foyer
- October - Carlberg
- November - Rowell
- December - Montgomery

Announcements

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October Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Patrick Ford - 1st
- Bowen Stephens - 4th
- Dave Cradic - 6th
- Gerri Thrash - 13th
- Maxine Powell - 17th
- Don Potts - 22nd
- Sonja Rowell - 23rd
- Keren Thrash-Riley - 29th
- Austin/Morgan Dudley - 24th

Sermon Notes



Men to Serve

- Announcements/Opening Prayer - Shay Cooper
- Scripture Reading - James 4:13 - 17
- Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
- Head of Lord's Table - Rick Carlberg
- Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts
- Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:25 - 29
- Closing Prayer - Greg Powell

Every Sunday Morning

@ 6:00 AM

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