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YOU AND WORSHIP

Henry Ward Beecher, the famous pulpit orator, once had to be absent and his brother was invited to speak for him. The church house was crowded, but when it became evident the eloquent Henry Beecher was not going to appear, many started to leave. Beecher's brother was not disturbed. He stood up before the murmuring crowd, called for silence and said, "All who come this morning to worship Henry W. Beecher may now leave. The rest will remain and worship God."

What are we doing in our assemblies? Some, like the Athenians, come only to hear the preacher say "something" (Acts 17:20-21). "Is it relevant?" "Is it positive?" Some attend to judge the singing, the prayers, or the friendliness of the congregation. These go away with a host of criticisms, perhaps, or even pride...but worship has been forgotten.

Why do we gather for worship? Some are here to "get it over with for a week"; to get their tickets validated once more. But those who are here because they need strength in carrying their crosses know the value of true worship.

Worship has nothing to do with the song leader or the talent of the preacher. It has to do with you and your God. Let people do what they will to please themselves. "The rest will remain and worship God."

Norman Easter

We would like all of our Guests to join our members in filling out an attendance card so that we might have a record of your visit.

There are two things that we would like to explain to you about our worship service. Our singing is *acappella* or *without accompaniment*. Although instruments of music were used by the Jews in the Old Testament, they are conspicuously absent in the church of the New Testament. We are told to, "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19)

We partake of the *Lord's supper* or *Communion* every Sunday as the early church did (Acts 21:7). The partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine is a weekly memorial that reminds us of what our Savior did for us. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR (Luke 11: 28)

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

BELIEVE (Mark 16: 16)

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

REPENT (Acts 2: 38)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

CONFESS (Matthew 10: 32)

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

BE BAPTIZED (Acts 22: 16)

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

WELCOME VISITORS:

We are so glad you decided to be here today! It is always such a blessing to be able to meet you and be encouraged by your presence. Thank you for coming our way.

FOR THE CHILDREN:

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at the back for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

Attended Nursery for infants through age two. Parents may leave their children in the nursery before the worship service begins.

A Training Room for parents to use anytime during the worship service is also provided across the hall from the attended nursery.

For Your Convenience:

Hearing aid devices are available and may be received from the attendant in the sound room at the rear of the auditorium.



Prayer List

- ❖ **Carmie Green** went back to Shands for further evaluation.
- ❖ **Betty Burton** is having vision problems due to her diabetes condition.
- ❖ **Herman Klahn** is in the hospital with a heart problem.
- ❖ **Sterling Allen** is having difficulty with the healing on his leg and foot, but is some better.
- ❖ **John Roberts** will be having a heart cath on Monday in Orlando.
- ❖ **Chris Dale** has a broken toe.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** has been moved to the Royal Care Nursing Home, Room 121B in Avon Park for physical therapy and would appreciate visitors.
- ❖ **Pray for Winter Members** as they begin to return.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

- ❖ **Kelly Wilkins**, an 11 year old relative of Lori Brockwell, has been diagnosed with bone cancer.
- ❖ **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, is in the final stages of cancer.
- ❖ **Leonard Anderson**, brother of Wayne is in VA Hospital with lung problems.
- ❖ **Ken Joines** came through his knee surgery fine and is going on to therapy.
- ❖ **Marie Gannon**, sister-in-law of Clark Gannon, had a stroke in her right eye which is effecting her vision.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, is at home.
- ❖ **Glen and Joanne Wooters' son, Carolyn Shook**, cousin of Betty Parker, shows some improvement, **Sherry (Johnson) Brown**, ex daughter-in-law of Harry and Carol Johnson, **Carol Underwood**, a neighbor of Chuck and Mary Jo are all currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Millie Shields** has elected not to have surgery.
- ❖ **Bill Luke**, brother of Amy Horton and son of Ellen Luke, had surgery on Nov. 29th and is doing fine.
- ❖ **Rita Bridges**, sister of Linda Bridges, has bone cancer.
- ❖ **Wayne Adkins**, brother of Carl Adkins, is improving following a heart attack.
- ❖ **Lynn Einfeldt**, father of Rachel Capps is at the Palms for physical therapy.

MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaal and family and Javeed Ally** in Guyana.
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F. H & Becky Gates** in Brazil

Our Record: November 26, 2006

Bible Study	96
Sunday AM Worship	120
Sunday PM Worship	82
Contribution	\$2435.50
Wednesday Bible Study	110
Building Fund	\$300
Ukraine Building Fund	\$45
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 11/30	48

Upcoming Birthdays



Chris Ritenour	12/03
Susan Gurganus	12/03
Marie Barber	12/06
Barb Cole	12/08
Norma Ellis	12/09
Edison Green	12/09
Glen Wooters	12/09

Upcoming Anniversary

David & Dianne Parson	12/04
Paul & Sara Talbert	12/23
Arlon & Chris Dale	12/15

Visitors for November 26, 2006

Henry and Mary Talbert
Sylvia Figueroa
Ray Fisch

Is Your Pocket Buttoned?

A serviceman wrote about a bit of unintended comedy during a company inspection at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, the U.S. Army's guided missile school.

The inspection was being conducted by a full colonel. Everything had gone smoothly, until the officer came to the man standing just next to the soldier who recalled the incident.

The colonel stopped, looked the man up and down and snapped, "Button that pocket, trooper!"

The soldier, more than a little rattled, stammered, "Right now, sir?" "Of course, right now!" was the reply.

Whereupon the soldier very carefully reached out and buttoned the flap on the colonel's shirt pocket.

For some reason, peculiar to our human nature, it is always easier to see the unbuttoned pockets of others than it is to see our own. Splinters in other people's eyes seem to be more obvious than planks in our own eyes. Matthew 7:3, "**And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye**"

Hugo McCord

Preaching Schedule

12/03 Allen Barber AM
& PM
12/10 Frank Parker AM
Singing PM



Ladies Class Schedule



December 5th teacher Patty Massey;
topic is *Percentage Giving*.

Clothing Room

On Thursday, 9-11am, is when the clothing room is open for the community. We can always use more help. If you have any furniture or household items to donate for use in this ministry, please let Betty Abrams or Harry Johnson know.



Searching For Truth

A new supply of copies of World Video Bible School DVD *Searching for Truth* has come in and copies are available on the tables in the back. The elders encourage everyone to use these DVD's and share them with friends, family, and those in the community.



Communion Sign-up

The sign up sheet for 2007 for communion preparation is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please sign up for the month that you can do it.



CEO

The CEO will meet on Friday, December 8th at 5:30pm at the Platters Restaurant in Lake Placid.

Sympathy

Randy Showalter, a friend of Patty Massey, died last week. You may send a card to his widow:

Marcie Showalter
26 Walnut Grove
Washington, WV 26181

From the Elders

The elders continue to search for a new evangelist. If you are aware of a candidate you would recommend, either ask the candidate to send us a resume by email to the church or Olin, or provide the candidate's name and contact information to Olin. It would be helpful to provide some background information and why you recommend the candidate. Ken Joines may return after he recuperates from his surgery to assist us on an interim basis. Local brethren will be asked to fill the pulpit in the meantime.



- Canned vegetables & fruits of all kinds
- Canned Meats
- Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Soup
- Spaghetti and Sauce
- Chili & crackers; Stew
- Syrup
- Chicken & Dumplings
- Canned White and Sweet Potatoes
- Rice
- Baby Food & Baby Cereal
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Bar Soap
- Deodorant
- Small Boxed Cereal

Don't Quit

Is that what you want to do? Anybody can do that. Takes no talent. Takes no guts. It's exactly what your adversaries hope you will do.

Get your facts straight. Know what you're talking about; and keep going.

In the 1948 Presidential election, the nation's leading political reporters all predicted Harry Truman would lose. He won.

Winston Churchill said, "Never give in." "Never. Never." Sir Winston stuck his chin out and wouldn't quit.

Try Sticking out your chin. Don't give up. *Ever!*

Social

On December 16th, at 6 PM there will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Each person bring a gift for exchange and a finger food dessert. Group 4 is in charge of set up and clean up.

SHEPHERDS

Harry Johnson.....655-3386
(Evangelism/Membership
Directory/Membership
Fellowship Clothing Room)

Dave Marcum385-8899
(Treasurer/ Administration)

Olin Shinholser382-1060
(Worship Services/ Education)

Paul Talbert385-3756
(Building & Grounds/
Benevolence/ Membership
Services)

DEACONS

Bill Benton453-6002
(Treasurer/Visitation)

Chris Fowler386-4661
(Youth Director/ Services
Director/ Substitute Teacher
Assignments/Sound Room)

Roger Gurganus453-3939
(Building & Grounds
Maintenance (Outside)/
Transportation/ Communion)

Tracey Stalter471-9736
(Building Maintenance (Inside)/
Membership Directory/ Pews)

BJ Thomas385-7270
(Building Maintenance (Outside)/
Benevolence, Clothing Room)

Don Ware382-0194
(Special Mission Efforts/
Timothy Class)

10 Rules for Happier Living

1. Give something away (no strings attached).
2. Do a kindness (and forget it).
3. Spend a few minutes with the aged (Their experience is a priceless guidance).
4. Look intently into the face of a baby (and marvel).
5. Laugh often (it's life's lubricant).
6. Give thanks (a thousand times a day is not enough).
7. Pray (or you will lose the way).
8. Work (with vim and vigor).
9. Plan as though you'll live forever (because you will).
10. Live as though you'll die tomorrow (because you will die on some tomorrow).

SCHEDULED TO SERVE		ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP
THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY	Announcements: Olin Shinholser
Prepare Communion: Marie Barber Greeters: Ron Horton June Hackbart Bill Sweeton Joanne Cope Pick Up Cards: Forest Ritenour & Nicholas Stalter Pick Up Communion Cups: Hayden Parker & Austin Ritenour Sound Room: Bill Benton Secure Building This Week: Bill Benton	Prepare Communion: Marie Barber Greeters: Ron Horton Dwain Chambers Bill Sweeton Jeanette Chambers Pick Up Cards: Victor Oregon & Austin Ritenour Pick Up Communion Cups: Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler Sound Room: Harry Johnson Secure Building Next Week: Harry Johnson	Opening Prayer: Bill Benton Song: 538 My Hope Is Built Song: 344 Low in the Grave Communion Offering Song: 525 He Knows Just What I Need Song: 464 Because He Lives Lesson: Allen Barber Invitation Song: 943 Do You Know My Jesus Song: 376 He Paid a Debt Closing Prayer: Bill Sweeton
Announcements: Olin Shinholser Song Leader: Paul Talbert Opening Prayer: Bill Benton Lord's Supper: Preside: Harry Johnson Serve: 1. Leon Tubbs 4. Dale Spung 2. Delbert Mason 5. Herb Ellis 3. Troy Talbert 6. Henry Hargrove	Announcements: Chris Fowler Song Leader: Olin Shinholser Opening Prayer: Rick Cochran Lord's Supper: Preside: Dan Luidhardt Serve: 1. James Ware 4. Clem Smith 2. Teles Oregon 5. Don Gunter 3. Chuck Miller 6. Roger Gurganus	Reminder <p>If for some reason you find that you cannot serve as scheduled in the monthly assignment schedule, please call Chris Fowler as soon as possible so that a substitute can be selected.</p> <p>Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts.</p> <p>Those who participate Sunday morning are asked to wear appropriate dress attire, preferably, though not required, a dress shirt and tie. At other services casual sport shirt and slacks are acceptable; no T-shirts or shorts should be worn while serving the congregation.</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation.</p>
Sunday Evening	Sunday Evening	
Song Leader: Edison Green Opening Prayer: Wayne Anderson Lord's Supper: Harry Johnson Closing Prayer: Cliff Blain	Song Leader: Singing Night Opening Prayer: Tracey Stalter Lord's Supper: Dan Luidhardt Closing Prayer: Dwain Chambers	
Wednesday Evening	Wednesday Evening	
Song Leader: Troy Talbert Invitation: Carl Martin Closing Prayer: Rick Cochran	Song Leader: Dwain Chambers Invitation: Olin Shinholser Closing Prayer: Wayne Anderson	
FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL <p>If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:</p> <p>Sebring Parkway Church of Christ 3800 Sebring Parkway Sebring, FL 33870</p> Name _____ Address _____ Age Range: <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 10 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 17 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 50 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - ?? yrs	MEET WITH US Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday AM Worship.....10:00 AM Sunday PM Service.....6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study....7:00 PM Website: http://www.sebringcoc.com Email: sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com Office Hours: 9am-2pm M-F	Thought <p>When we place our contribution in the collection plate, we are not giving to the Lord so much as taking our hands off what already belongs to him.</p>

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