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The Tragedy of Singing

“We have long been afflicted with some false ideas about our singing in worship,” says Ray H. Lanier, Jr. We list some of those false ideas.

1. Some feel that singing is just to put one in the mood for worship.
2. Many feel that singing is not as important a phase of the worship as other activities.
3. Some feel that during the song service is the time to walk up to make announcements or prayers or to pass the emblems of the Lord’s Supper. Some preacher even feel that this is the time to walk to the back in order to shake hands with the congregation! (We might add that it is not the time for the members to get up and go out or leave. The service is not over until the last amen!)
4. Many feel that only the talented in music should sing, leaving those who know little about music to remain quiet.
5. Some feel that the song worship requires little or no preparation.
6. Many feel that all the use the congregation has with a leader is for him to select the songs that are to be used. Very seldom do these ever look to him for direction in tempo or mood.

The song part of our worship is in some ways sadly neglected. What we need is a reappraisal of our singing. Christians realize that singing has several important objectives:

This is one way to offer praise unto God. *“Is any merry? Let him sing praise.”* (James 5:13)

We sing in order to teach one another. *“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.”* (Col. 3:16)

This is a time also to admonish. (Col. 3:16) The word “admonish” differs from “teach” in that it “reminds and warns.”

Singing enables us to feel God’s love in our hearts. *“Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”* Col. 3:16) *“Singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord”* (Eph. 5:9)

Did it ever occur to you that your part in singing in the worship might require as much forethought, effort and study as would any of the Bible classes? The singing of a hymn should be a great experience for us—it can be a prayer, a testimony, praise, an invitation to others. However, many of us don’t take seriously enough the words we sing. We sing “Sweet Hour of Prayer” and content ourselves with ten or fifteen minutes a day. We sing “Onward Christian Soldiers” and wait to be drafted in His service. We sing “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues” and don’t even use the one we have. We sing “There Shall Be Showers of Blessings” and do not come when it’s raining. We sing “Blest Be the Tie” and let the slightest offense sever it. We sing “Serve the Lord with Gladness” and gripe about all we have to do. We sing “We’re Marching to Zion” and fail to march to Bible study and worship. We sing “Cast Thy burden on the Lord” and worry ourselves into a nervous breakdown. We sing “Seeking the Lost” and never invite our next door neighbor to church.

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** requests prayers for her continued health problems.
- ❖ **Lydia Tubbs** was admitted to Highlands Regional Room 220 on Thursday evening with chest pains.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** has a Workers comp hearing scheduled for May 11 concerning more surgery.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** is at Royal Care Nursing Home in Avon Park, Room 119 and welcomes visits and phone calls. His cell # is 664-9129. Please call after 9pm and anytime on weekends.
- ❖ **Lori Barnett** has a frozen right shoulder and is going to be receiving therapy for a month.
- ❖ **Don Ware Sr.** had a heart cath done because of abnormalities in his stress test.
- ❖ **Carolyn Thomas** is undergoing tests.
- ❖ **Herman Klahn** is recovering from the flu.
- ❖ **Nicholas Stalter** has a broken collar bone.
- ❖ **Harlen Drew** is receiving physical therapy following a stroke. He has been transferred to another hospital with a special unit for rehabilitation.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

- ❖ **Lane White**, a neighbor of Betty Abrams has cancer.
- ❖ **Major Key**, grandnephew of Gwin Barnum has regained some of his eye sight. He is 2 years old.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, is at home.
- ❖ **Paul Ledbetter**, a former elder at the Griffin Rd. congregation, is in Shands Hospital.
- ❖ **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, **Rita Bridges**, sister of Linda Bridges, has developed more tumors, **Bob Loush**, friend of Bob Marie, **Rich Vendel**, nephew of Donna Roberts, **Becky Gates**, and **Jim Lawrence**, a friend of John Roberts, are all undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Mealdine Principe**, a former member, is having heart surgery in Texas.
- ❖ **Richard Sears** is undergoing tests to determine if he will need a stint in his heart.
- ❖ **Marsha Perrin**, daughter of Richard and Sharon Sears, is recovering from surgery and is in need of our prayers.
- ❖ **Allie Hudson**, granddaughter of Rachel Capps, has a serious eye problem. She is 6 years old.
- ❖ **Lisa Hartman**, niece of John Roberts, is having a difficult time with a pregnancy.
- ❖ **James Roberts**, brother of John has a very serious viral infection in his mouth and requests prayers.

MISSION EFFORTS

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

Our Record: April 08, 2007

Bible Study	116
Sunday AM Worship	166
Sunday PM Worship	87
Contribution	\$2789
Wednesday Bible Study	NA
Building Fund	\$0
Ukraine Building Fund	\$810
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 04/12	30



Chuck Miller	04/16
Chris Fowler	04/18
Eleanor Mason	04/19
Oleta Wallis	04/21



George and Linda Henderson 05/11

Visitors for April 08, 2007

Richard and Sharon Sears	Jon Daniels and family
Anne Reinwand	Ray Fisch
Ken and Jackie Daniels	Justice and Jaycee Morrow
Bob Nall and family	George and Wanda Lazell
Tony Marcum and family	

Fiber Optic Sponges

One of the amazing things about life on the earth is how many places it can survive. Life exists at the bottom of the ocean miles under the surface. It exists in caves where no light ever penetrates. We find life in pools of hot water in volcanic areas and even in the air itself. All of this life continuously works to produce nutrients and recycle materials between one ecosystem and another. The special equipment living things possess to survive in harsh places is remarkably and highly specialized.

An interesting example is a sponge that flourishes in the Ross Sea in Antarctica called Rossella sponges (*racovitzae*). This sponge possesses spicules that are long, thin, sharp silica structures which had always been assumed to be a defense mechanism to ward off predators. Studies at the University of Genoa in Italy have shown that the spicules are made of a material which makes them conduct light.

Like the fiber optic material used in electronics and in communications, the sponge conducts the light available to it around corners with large percentages of light reaching the center of the sponge. At the end of the fiber optic material are photosynthetic algae which take the light and produce sugars for the sponge. The sponge provides a home for the algae including light piped into its protected chamber. The algae produces food for the sponge. In the low light cold environment of Antarctica, this arrangement allows vast quantities of life to exist. To explain the origin of such complex tools as fiber optics by chance requires a great deal of imagination. From *Does God Exist?*



Preaching Schedule

4/15 Frank Parker AM
Singing PM

Ladies Class Schedule



April 17th the teacher will be Laura Ware.

Clothing Room

On Thursday, 9-11am, the clothing room is open for the community. **On the last Thursday of each month the time will be changed to 4-6pm.** 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. Your help is needed. There are still some months that still need people to be willing to do this.

Help Needed

The Mount Dora Children's Home will be holding their Annual Food and Supply trip during the week of May 21-25, 2007. See the enclosed sheet in the bulletin for a list of supplies that they need. Currently they provide 30 children with a safe home.

Youth Activity

On Saturday, April 28th, there will be a game day for the youth from 3:00-6:00pm. See the insert in the bulletin. If you have any questions, see James Ware or call him at 446-1720.

From the Elders

Next Sunday, the 22nd, Jason Waller and his wife Carie will be here to have him try out for the preacher position. He will be speaking to all the Adult Bible classes as well as the morning service.

All I Really Need to Know I Learned from Noah's Ark

- Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something really big.
- Don't listen to critics—do what has to be done.
- Build on high ground.
- For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- Two heads are better than one.
- Speed isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails.
- If you can't fight or flee---float!
- Take care of your animals as if they were the last ones on earth.
- Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.
- Stay below deck during the storm.
- Remember that the ark was built by amateurs, and the Titanic was built by professionals.
- If you have to start over, have a friend by your side.
- Remember that the woodpeckers inside are often a bigger threat than the storm outside.
- Don't miss the boat.
- No matter how bleak it looks, there's a rainbow on the other side.

Area Meetings

Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ, in West Palm Beach, will be holding their Ladies Day on April 19th at 6:30pm. The speaker will be Becky Blackmon and her topic will be **Remodeling Your Home**.

Pinecrest congregation will be holding a spring songfest on Friday, April 27th, starting at 7:30pm. See the bulletin board for directions.

Lake Street Church of Christ, in Stuart, will be holding their 14th Annual Anniversary for their Minister Henry McFadden on July 14th at 4pm. They will be having a gospel meeting July 15-19. See the bulletin board for further details.



CEO

The CEO will meet on Friday, April 20th at 5:30pm at the Platters Restaurant in Lake Placid. All are invited to attend.

SHEPHERDS

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

Dave Marcum385-8899
(Treasurer/ Administration)

Olin Shinholser.....382-1060
(Worship Services/ Education)

Paul Talbert.....385-3756
(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 Ware.....382-0194
(Special Mission Efforts/
Timothy Class)

Regrets at Death

I have never heard and I never expect to hear of one who, when about to die:

- Regrets that he became a Christian
- Regrets that he tried earnestly to live as a Christian
- Regrets that he gave a generous portion of his money to do the Lord's work
- Regrets that he tried to reach other around him who were lost in sin.
- Regrets that he assembled conscientiously and regularly with the brethren for worship, exhortation, and edification.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE		ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP
<p style="text-align: center;">THIS SUNDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prepare Communion: Lori Brockwell and Patty Massey</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters: Ron Horton Edison Green Bill Sweeton Carmi Green</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Cards: Victor Oregon & Austin Ritenour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Communion Cups: Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sound Room: Bill Benton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secure Building This Week: Bill Benton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements: Paul Talbert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Don Gunter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Prayer: Tracey Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord's Supper: Preside: Robert Capps</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serve:</p> <p>1. Bill Cole 4. Don Ware 2. Dwain Chambers 5. Herb Ellis 3. Edison Green 6. BJ Thomas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Tracy Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Evening</p> <p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Song Night John Roberts</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Robert Capps Bill Sweeton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Evening</p> <p>Song Leader: Invitation: Chris Fowler Gordon Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Dale Spung</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT SUNDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prepare Communion: Lori Brockwell and Patty Massey</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters: Ron Horton Carl Martin Bill Sweeton Della Martin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Cards: Nicholas Stalter & Forest Ritenour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Communion Cups: Hayden Parker & Austin Ritenour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sound Room: Tracey Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secure Building Next Week: Tracey Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements: Chris Fowler</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Paul Talbert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Prayer: Dwain Chambers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord's Supper: Preside: Carl Martin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serve:</p> <p>1. Edison Green 4. Leon Tubbs 2. John Burton 5. Roger Gurganus 3. Dale Spung 6. Troy Talbert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Bill Cole</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Evening</p> <p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Robert Capps Edison Green</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Carl Martin Dwain Chambers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Evening</p> <p>Song Leader: Invitation: James Ware Dave Marcum</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Prayer: Cliff Blain</p>	<p>Announcements: Paul Talbert</p> <p>Song: 539 Higher Ground</p> <p>Song: 827 Sweet Hour of Prayer</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Tracey Stalter</p> <p>Song: 383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>Offering</p> <p>Song: 429 Oh, to Be Like Thee</p> <p>Lesson: Frank Parker</p> <p>Invitation Song: 453 Love Lifted Me</p> <p>Song: 456 There's a Rainbow in the Cloud</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Roger Gurganus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reminder</p> <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 style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your cooperation.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL</p> <p>If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sebring Parkway Church of Christ 3800 Sebring Parkway Sebring, FL 33870</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Age Range:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 10 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 17 yrs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 50 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - ?? yrs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MEET WITH US</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday AM Worship.....10:00 AM Sunday PM Service.....6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study....7:00 PM</p> <p>Website: http://www.sebringcoc.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Email: sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Hours: 9am-2pm M-F</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Galatians 5:22,23)</p>