



"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" - Hebrews 6:19

# Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - April 16, 2023

## True Worship of the Church

by Troy Spradlin

Every Sunday, a large portion of the world's population passes through the doors of a building with a sign out front that says "church" on it. They go there to participate in a worship service. However, with only a cursory glance, one can quickly discern vast differences exist between the various religious services being conducted. In fact, many have replaced Sunday as the day of Christian worship by meeting on Saturday evening. This begs the following questions, "**Does it really matter how one worships? Is there a specific way? Are there instructions for what, when, and how Christians worship?**" The answer is "Yes," and the Bible gives us the answer.

The word "worship" comes from the Biblical Greek word, *proskunéo*, and it literally means "to kiss the hand of (towards) one; a sign of reverence; kneeling, or prostration." In addition, if we search the word "worship" in our Bibles, we will discover some different kinds of worship. For example, Matthew 15:9 mentions "vain" worship. Acts 17:23 mentions worship to an unknown god. Colossians 2:23 talks about self-imposed worship, Mark 15:19-20 demonstrates mocking worship, while John 4:24 talks about worship in "spirit and truth." With this understanding, it should be obvious, from the above verses, that there is a right way to worship, and there is also a wrong way.



The fact is, everyone worships something or someone. We see this throughout the history of man and even in our society today. Man is a creature of worship in one way or another. He will either worship a deity or money, sports, fame, some object, or someone. Yet, the Bible teaches that God is the creator of all of mankind, and therefore, all of mankind should worship Him and Him only. John 4:23 says, "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him." God wants His creation to worship Him. So, what does it mean to worship in "spirit and in truth"? In simple terms, worshipping in "spirit" refers to the attitude one must have in worship. Worshipping in "truth" means the manner or way that we practice the doctrine of the Bible. Let's look at both of these a little closer.

**ATTITUDE** has to do with the heart. Perhaps, a good way to remember how important worship is might be to recognize it involves the whole heart. Colossians 3:16 say we should have the "Word of Christ" dwelling within our hearts. Ephesians 5:19 says we are to make melody in our hearts. On the other hand, one's heart can also be disengaged during worship, according to Matthew 15:8. This implies it is possible to be at worship physically but not to be there mentally (that is a wrong attitude). If we are not paying attention to what we are saying or doing, then we do not involve our hearts in worship.

**DOCTRINE**, or worshipping God "in truth," means we are to follow the patterns and commands regarding worship as found in the New Testament. This is what is known as "doctrine." It is a word that means "teaching." It doesn't take much to discern the specific commandments we must obey or the examples we can follow. According to those instructions, there are five, essential COMPONENTS of worship:

- Partaking in the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7)
- Singing songs of praise and worship (2 Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19)
- Prayer, (Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 2:1, 8)
- An offering, (1 Corinthians 16:1; 2 Corinthians 9:7)
- Preaching the Word, (Acts 20:7; 2 Timothy 4:2; Colossians 1:28)

**Changing any part of worship results in the corruption of God's plan for worship and the destruction of the identity of the church.**

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# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## 2023 Camp Dates

Teen Week (6-12 grades):  
June 11 - 16

Jr. Week (1-5 grades):  
June 25 - 29

Early Bird Registration  
Deadline: April 15



## Jr. Week Volunteers

Any parent or adult wishing to attend Junior Week as a Counselor, or High School Student as a Junior Counselor, please see Casey to get your name on the list.

Junior Week is June 25 - 29.

There will be a preliminary staff meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> @ the Spanish Fort church from 3 - 6 pm. Dinner will be provided.



**SNAC**  
**SUNDAY NIGHT**  
**AFTER CHURCH**  
April 16 | Chandler's

## L2L BANQUET

Saturday, April 22nd

Fellowship Hall  
6:30 PM

The graphic for the L2L Banquet features a large orange sun with rays, a black cross in the center, and brown clouds at the bottom. The text is in a casual, hand-drawn style.

**Gulf Coast Area Wide**  
**@ Spanish Fort**

**April 23**

Small Groups @ 3:30, Worship @ 4:30, Meal @ 5:30  
Bus will depart @ 2:15 & return at 7:15

## BIBLE TIME

April 23rd

**WITH KIDS!**

The graphic for Bible Time shows a group of diverse children smiling. A white sign with black text is overlaid on the image, reading 'April 23rd WITH KIDS!'. The background is a bright, colorful landscape with a sun and trees.

**YOUTH FUN DAY**

May 6 @ Cannon's



**Graduation Banquet**  
Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Informational Meeting - April 26<sup>th</sup>

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word." - Psalm 119:9-1

# CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

## Special

- Patricia Ann\* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Janice Carter\* - tests, waiting on results
- Gifford family - loss of Jean (former members)
- Lauren Kreis (Martin family) - prayers
- Linda Loftin and family - loss of Jim\*
- Eddie Longmire\* - loss of brother, Sam
- Donald McGriff\* - surgery/recovery
- Collin Mense - health (Pat Mense\*)
- Greg Smith\* family - loss of foster son
- Springer family - loss of Kayla (Scenic Hills)
- Andrea Wilson\* - knee surgery, recovery

## 2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Brittany Parker\* - Baptized
- Dawson Hitchcock - Baptized
- Olivia Gingerich - Baptized
- Lanie Scott\* - Baptized
- Laura Oliver\* - Identified

## Mission Works

- Shanahans\* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute - Paul Discher

## Students in College

- Seth Crider      • Caleb Owens
- Stephen English      • Nick Webb
- Caitlyn Frizzell      • Reed Wilson
- Jackson Lash      • Lexi Wildes

## Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Sherryn Canniff - homebound
- Josie Coons - hospice (McReynolds\*)
- Donna Dudley - Life Care Center (S. Davis\*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia\* - Arcadia Senior Living
- Betty Lee - homebound (D. Lee's mom\*)
- Linda Mann\* - Shut In
- Ina Ruth Miller\* - Grandview Retire Center
- Ruth Phillips\* - Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines\* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas\* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith (Jeanna's mom) - Shut In
- Troy Vonada\* - Sodalis House, Hospice

## Other Requests / Health Issues

- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Sharon Ates - recovery (Gallagher\*)
- Bob Black - health (Lipford\*)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health (past member)
- Winston Burnham\* - health
- Sherryn Canniff\* - health, pain
- Sherry Davis\* - health
- Fatima Deem - pregnant, problems (Nunes)
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire\*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee\* mom)
- Myrna Fuller\* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham
- Daphne Hamilton - surgeries, health
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Barbara Helms\* - health
- Chris Hollis - (McGriff)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's\* friend)
- Marcia Jones - (Kenya's\* friend)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes\*)
- Cindy Marotta - paralyzed (Nunes\*)
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Mary McGriff\* - health, asthma
- Ron Miller - esophagus infection (Ina Ruth\*)
- Jeffery Norman - lung transplant list (Nunes\*)
- Ella Parker\* - health
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham\*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher\*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott\*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia\*)
- August Eugene Smith - cleft palate (J.English\*)
- Zylar Thompson - rescheduled surgery
- Julia Torpey\* - health
- Gloria Vonada\*
- Jan Whitney\*

## Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Japan
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey\* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kentucky
- Byron Solomon - San Diego

## Cancer

- Kandi Armand - (Bostwick\*)
- Justin Barnhart - former member
- Ron Bartanen\* - cancer
- Darlene Baxley\* - spread to her spine (Baxley\*)
- Misty Bray\* - (Bird\*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis\*)
- Tish Clark - surgery (Hatcher\*)
- Pat Deforest\*
- Brenda Dunham - (J.English\*)
- Eddie English - (R.English\*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley\*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff\*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff\*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley\*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell\*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey\*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill\*)
- Keith Pabst - (Webb\*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin\* friend)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher\*)
- Megan Sanders - brain cancer (Blisse\*)
- Kevin Shanahan - operation (Scott's\* dad)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley\* - good news!
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff\*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton\*)
- Donnie Turner - cancer (Helms\*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English\*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

## Visitation Meeting

April 16th

5:30 PM - Room 107



## Kingdom Leaders

Men's Ministry: Fellowship & Study

Thursday, April 20 @ 6:30 PM

Located in the Fellowship Hall

Sign up @ information Station



# SERVING WITH HONOR

## SUNDAY, APRIL 16

### MORNING

Opening Prayer ..... Matt McReynolds  
 Song Director ..... Blake Hatcher  
 Sermon ..... Troy Spradlin  
 ..... "When I See the Cross"  
 Scripture Reading ..... Jeff Scott  
 ..... Matthew 27:32-44  
 Closing Prayer ..... Joe Wilson

### Serving Communion:

Comments ..... John Pace  
 Brody Crider ..... Luke McReynolds  
 Dakota Boughton ..... Gabriel Lee  
 ..... Trevor Bostwick

### EVENING

Opening Prayer ..... Jack Davis  
 Singing ..... Casey Bearden  
 Scripture ..... Phillip Webb  
 ..... 2 Timothy 2:14-15  
 Comments ..... John Pace

### Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep ..... Fisher family  
 PowerPoint ..... Connie Bartell  
 Greeters: ..... John Pace  
 Secure Building ..... Casey Bearden

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director ..... Brody Crider  
 Opening Prayer ..... Pat Mense

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class ..... 136  
 AM Worship ..... 184  
 PM Worship ..... 83  
 Wed. Night Bible Class ..... 154  
 Contribution ..... \$7,875

### TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class ..... 9:00 am  
 Sunday AM Worship ..... 10:00 am  
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship ... 6:00 pm  
 Wednesday PM Bible Class ..... 6:30 pm

## Visitors:

### Thank you for coming!

#### You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

**Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!**

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is Thursday, by noon.



Margaret Street CHURCH OF CHRIST

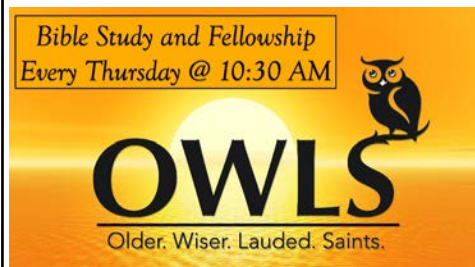
## FOOD PANTRY

Food Pickup : 5/9 @ 9:30 AM  
 Preparing Boxes: 5/11 @ 9:30 AM  
 Distribution : 5/11 @ 2:30 PM

Please consider donating travel size toiletries!!

### EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



Bible Study and Fellowship  
 Every Thursday @ 10:30 AM

## OWLS

Older. Wiser. Lauded. Saints.

### WORSHIP

- Service Rosters are available on the Welcome Desk and Margaret Street website (listed under "Archives")
- "LISTEN" devices available in the foyer, located in the Armoire.

<WiFi Password posted in Foyer>



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 Fellowship ..... Jeff Scott\*  
 OWLS ..... Stephen Fulton  
 Involvement ..... Joe Taylor\*  
 Lads to Leaders ..... David English  
 Missions ..... Mike Scott\*  
 Visitation ..... Bob Locklin  
 Youth & Family ..... Casey Bearden  
 Worship ..... Blake Hatcher\*