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Summit

Church of Christ

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*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,  
Resurrected, & will Return*

Sunday 10am Bible Study

Sunday 11am Worship

Sun. 6pm Bible Study & Devotional

Wednesday 7pm Bible Study

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## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Daryl Denham

Hebrews 10:22 *let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

Saturday night at Lehman Avenue church of Christ in Bowling Green, Melvin Otey shared some tremendous thoughts on worship. I will try to highlight some of his key points.

True worship is a balance of our hands, or actions, and our heart. Worship includes the actions we take, the serving and doing, the acts of worship, the works of our hands. However, worship starts with the heart. It doesn't matter if all of our steps are right if our heart isn't right. I Corinthians 14:25, "he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you."

Our lives, as a whole, should be an offering to God. Romans 12:1, "present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." This requires our complete submission, our consistent service.

We also have an act of corporate worship, a group of individuals coming together to worship. We have people to coordinate the acts of worship. But, every individual is responsible for their part. To be effective worship, we must all prepare ourselves for the presence of God: spiritually, mentally, and physically.

Spiritual preparation requires us to examine ourselves to be in the faith. Proverbs 15:8 says, "the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is acceptable to Him." Matthew 5:23-24, "if you are offering your gift at the altar and remember your brother has something against you...first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." We must take a look at ourselves spiritually.

Mental preparation requires us to be mentally prepared when we enter our time of worship. Focus our minds and our hearts. Take a look at the bulletin. Review the lesson outline and the songs to be sung. Read the topic scripture.

We must be prepared physically for worship, as well. We should not approach our thrice holy God (Isaiah 6:3) haphazardly. We must prepare ourselves physically: get enough rest, eat and drink beforehand, use the restroom, silence our phones. Our physical preparation allows us to focus mentally and spiritually.

Corporate worship is more dynamic than most people think. It is a balance of the condition of our heart and activities of our hands. We all must make sure we are prepared to worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24).

Melissa and I had the good fortune to hear this lesson in person. Melvin's lesson is available on YouTube at the Lehman Avenue channel if you would like to go and listen.



*From Neville's Desk...*

## THE VOICES IN MY HEAD

This week I got to see the other side of a life lived for self-gratification. The tears, the anger, the anguish, the remorse was all palatable. Yet, even when confronted with truth, the journey back to sanity seemed insurmountable.

It is at times like this I want to shout a warning to those who have not yet started the journey towards pleasing self – STOP!

Paul warns in the iconic works of the flesh versus fruit of the spirit text:

Galatians 5:16–24 (ESV) — <sup>16</sup> But I say, WALK BY THE SPIRIT, and you WILL NOT GRATIFY THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, TO KEEP YOU FROM DOING THE THINGS

## THE AREAL RENDEZVOUS

### (1 THESSALONIANS 4:17)

Robert Murphy

Last week's article discussed 2 Peter 3:10 and how the earth is not going to be "burned up" or destroyed, but rather "found." The world will only be destroyed inasmuch as it is *purified* from sin and corruption, much like the flood in Gen 6–10. In this way it is a "new (or renewed) heavens and new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Pet 3:13). We are not bound for some ethereal existence in another realm but will live in God's kingdom that he established on this earth in Acts 2. But what about what Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 4:17? It says, "Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord" (NASB). Doesn't this suggest that Jesus will take us out of this world to dwell with him up in that heavenly place that he prepared for us (John 14:3)?

YOU WANT TO DO. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have CRUCIFIED THE FLESH WITH ITS PASSIONS AND DESIRES.

Friend, starting NOW, please stop blaming others for where you find yourself today! It is all on you! Take responsibility for your life by going to God and saying: "Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight..." (Ps.51:4). Cease satisfying the DESIRES OF THE FLESH, the LUST OF THE EYES, and let go of your pride. Then turn to God and say: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me" (Ps.51:10).

A part of the difficulty is that Paul simply stops his narration of the second coming short of the whole story. He neither says that Christ will take us further up to heaven nor that Christ will come back down. Nevertheless, there is a clue in our passage as to which of the two aforementioned alternatives Paul has in mind. This clue lies in the word "meet" (Gr. *apantēsis*). When we read "meet," we automatically assume that we are meeting up with the Lord in the clouds in order for him to take us further upward to Heaven. However, this Greek word is a technical term "for a civic custom of antiquity whereby a public welcome was accorded by a city to important visitors" (*TDNT*). To give a further explanation, people in the ancient world, even up to medieval times, would go out of the city to greet the king and welcome him into the city with fanfare. Paul is using that same imagery here to talk about us meeting our King in the air in order to welcome him back. Therefore, this passage does not teach that Jesus will take us to Heaven, but rather implies that we will escort Christ to the earth where he established his kingdom.

# News, Notes & Announcements...



## GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

Saturday, March 26th. Dinner at 6pm. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Please see Douwene with any questions.

## MONTHLY REPORT MEETING

Sunday, March 27th directly following morning services. All the men of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided.

## TEACHERS FOR NEXT QUARTER

Second quarter begins Sunday, April 3rd. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you are interested and/or have questions, please see Steve Proctor, an elder, or someone who has taught class before.

## POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COMMODITY DRIVE

There is a special need for *medium salsa, beef broth, instant mashed potatoes, parmesan cheese, and breakfast bars* but any non-perishable pantry item is accepted and much appreciated.

There is a marked bin in the foyer for donations. Deadline for donations is April 10th.

## FAMILY WORKSHOP

There will be a Family Workshop/Seminar at Summit with Adam & Leah Faughn on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 9am-2pm.

This seminar is meant to encourage and educate parents as they seek to raise godly adults. Childcare and lunch provided.

## 2022 COMMUNION PREPARATION

The sign-up sheet is full. Special thanks to all volunteers!

## POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME GLEANER CANS

Available for pick-up. Please contact the office if you would like a can to fill.

## BIBLES TO SIGN

Please stop by the table in the foyer to sign the Bibles of those recently baptized.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### LADIES DAY AT SUMMIT

Saturday, May 7th. More details to follow soon.

## Summit's Prayer List

***Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs - Encourage someone today!***

Carpenter Family (Friends of Tuckers) The daughter donated a kidney recently so that her dad, who she was not a match for, could receive one

Danielle Hatfield (Young friend of Tucker family) Recent pacemaker surgery

Ethan & Mona Judy (friends of Fuller family) Ethan has stage 4 stomach cancer

Jimmy Hutchings Biopsy results were good, pray they figure out what is causing his health problems

Kyle Lomax (Sheryl's cousin) Weak immune system following kidney transplant

Lori Bell Recovering from ACL reconstruction surgery

Lucy Ferguson Knee brace will come off in four weeks

Melanie Schaefer Physical therapy following knee replacement

Pam Bezold (friend of Tracy Menetrey) Breast cancer

Sally Pape (Renee Carnes' mom) In rehab, going home soon

Samantha Pearson Open-heart surgery on April 20th

Yulia & Olya (Ukrainian sisters in Christ) Pray for their safety

### Cancer

• Dan Read (Dan McNeese's friend) Tumor is shrinking

• Dave Hammer, Jr (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable

• Joy Adams- Recovering from breast cancer surgery

• Ruthann Taylor- Radiation treatments

• Vickie Steffan (Jeff Brown's sister) Chemo- not doing well

• Wayne Young (Ann Young's son) Cancer in remission

### Long-term Needs

• Evon Herald- Onset of dementia

• Joey Adams- Needs a suitable group home

• Kerri Herald- Pray for her ability to be independent as an adult

• Parker Webster- Juvenile diabetes

• Peggy Holt- Recovering from a stroke

• Raye Arroyos (Melissa Denham's mom) Recovery from her stroke is going well

• Stephanie Gilliam (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure

### Shut-In Members

• Billie Rogers

• Clara Downard

• Dana Fuller

• Harold Painter

• Lloyd Eastham

• Shirley Holt

### Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission

Neville Buchanan-counseling work

For our country and our leaders

For our members to grow in the Word

Our Community's lost souls

Summit's planning efforts for the future



## ~ Order of Worship ~

**Song Leader:** Billy Herald  
*Call to Worship #869 We're Marching to Zion*  
*Hymn #875 Home of the Soul*

**Opening Prayer:** Steve Proctor  
*Hymn #881 Mansion Over the Hilltop*  
*Hymn #382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?*

**Lord's Supper:** Isaac Mayes

**Offering:** Deuteronomy 16:17  
*Hymn #528 I know That My Redeemer Lives*

**Scripture Reading:** Maddox Proctor

**Message:** Neville Buchanan  
*Invitation Hymn #934 Softly and Tenderly*

**Closing Prayer:** Daryl Denham

### SERMON NOTES:

WE ARE AN ALIVE FAMILY

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

1. WE WERE D\_\_\_\_\_, EPHESIANS 2:1-3

2. BUT GOD MADE US A\_\_\_\_\_, EPH 2:4-6

3. WHAT ARE THE 3 R\_\_\_\_\_ HE MADE US  
 ALIVE, EPHESIANS 2:7-10

## ~ Wed., March 23rd Service Leaders ~

Song Leader - Isaac Mayes  
 Opening Prayer - Robert Murphy  
 Speaker - Billy Herald

## ~ For the Record ~

### Upcoming Events

March 20-23  
 Saturday, March 26

Sunday, March 27

### Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, April 3  
 April 10-13  
 April 15-17  
 Saturday, April 30  
 Saturday, May 7  
 May 27-29  
 May 27-29

Saturday, July 23  
 June 26-July 2  
 July 31-Aug 3  
 September 23-24  
 October 21-23  
 Wednesday, Oct. 26

Rolling Hills Gospel Mtg.  
 Guess Who's Coming  
 To Dinner, 6pm  
 Monthly Report Meeting

Fellowship Meal  
 Grant County Gospel Mtg  
 L2L Convention  
 Family Workshop, 9-2pm  
 Ladies Day at Summit  
 Ft Hill Young Adult Retreat  
 Spanish Speaking Gospel  
 Meeting at Summit  
 Church Picnic at AJ Jolly  
 Fort Hill Youth Camp  
 Vacation Bible School  
 Men's Retreat  
 Summit Retreat at Fort Hill  
 Trunk-or-Treat

### Attendance

Feb 20, 2022  
 Feb 27, 2022  
 Mar 06, 2022  
 Mar 13, 2022

### Class

74  
 41  
 77  
 80

### AM

131  
 97  
 137  
 133

### Wed

47  
 53  
 45  
 50

### YTD AVG Attendance

119

### CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,876.00 YTD AVG - \$5,123.36  
 Over/Under: +\$2,721.00  
 Feb 20, 2022-\$3,398.00 Feb 27, 2022-\$4,542.00  
 Mar 06, 2022-\$9,206.00 Mar 13, 2022-\$5,001.00

### Serving the Nursery

03/20—Bettie C. and Debra Martin  
 03/27—Emma Guin and Emma Doerr  
 04/03—Laura and Lylah Doerr  
 04/10—Morgan and Vana

### Communion Preparation

March—Dalys Hill



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### MARCH 20TH—27TH

NICK HENSON	20TH
LUKE WATTS	20TH
NANCY CARNES	23RD
SAMANTHA PEARSON	23RD
ISAAC MAYES	24TH
JEWEL DEAN EIBECK	25TH

