

Personal Responsibility and Meaningful Worship

Every worshiper desires public worship that is vibrant, meaningful, and inspirational. Unfortunately most worshipers seem to hold worship leaders fully responsible for accomplishing that. While church leaders can and should bear significant responsibility for making periods of public worship vibrant and meaningful, they shouldn't bear full responsibility for doing so. There are several things that only an individual worshiper can do to ensure that public worship is an enriching, meaningful, and inspirational experience. Let me suggest three.

1. **Spend time in private worship.** If a person's private worship life is virtually non-existent, it will be virtually impossible to find meaning and inspiration in public worship. On the other hand, those who spend time regularly communing with God through private prayers, Scripture reading, and hymns of praise are much more likely to find meaning and inspiration when they gather with God's people to worship.

2. **Prepare physically and mentally prior to worship.** Speaking from personal experience, it is difficult to find enrichment in public worship if a person is physically exhausted or has not taken the time to meditate on God and spiritual matters prior to a public service. If a person goes to bed late on Saturday night, wakes up late on Sunday morning, frantically rushes to get everyone in the house dressed and fed, speeds into the church parking lot one minute past time to begin, runs into the building carrying a child under each arm, and collapses into a pew tense, haggard and exhausted, that person should almost "expect" to find the service minimally enriching. Most people will find public worship much more meaningful and inspirational if they will get plenty of sleep on Saturday, rise early on Sunday, spend a few minutes in reflective reading from the Psalms or some other portion of Scripture, spend a few minutes in prayer, wake the family in time to dress, eat, and drive to the building at a casual pace, and arrive at the building several minutes prior to the scheduled start of a service.

3. **Keep in mind the primary purpose of worship.** Worshipers are more likely to find meaning, inspiration, and enrichment in public worship if they keep in mind that they are there primarily to give honor and praise to God, not get some sort of personal reward. God has designed worship in such a way that its fullest blessings are bestowed on those who worship primarily in order to give rather than to get. Those who go to worship primarily seeking emotional gratification through entertainment, or some other personal payoff, will often find the service uninspiring or less than meaningful regardless of how effective each element or activity is carried out.

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NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study	10:00 AM
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during Bible study and worship.



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Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

When the “blue light” is lit at the front of the auditorium it means “Quiet Please”

Prayers *In our prayers let’s praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Butts & Edie Sumner Let’s keep them in our prayers as they deal with health issues.

Dean, brother to Denise Garlitz and Darlene Reed, had back surgery in the past and also as recently as Jan. 29th. He is now home and doing well.

Michelle, daughter in law of Ruth Knepp, is awaiting results of a recent CAT scan of a lump on her stomach.

Emily Sestack, Sherry Carter’s cousin in Delaware, is in need of prayers because of health issues.

Anna Brink’s sister is dealing with health issues.

Marietta McArthur, Ray McArthur’s mother in Liverpool, NY, needs our prayers concerning health issues.

Let’s pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Also

Let’s pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let’s pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let’s not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let’s remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let’s pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let’s pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let’s pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let’s pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let’s pray for God’s people that are doing mission work all over the world.


Let’s pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time. (Scott Forney, Robert Horrace)

Let’s pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Feb. 17 Today. Men’s Business Meeting

Feb. 18 Presidents’ Day

Feb. 21 Mailout for House to House / Heart to Heart - 10 AM here at the building. 

Mar. 17 Men’s Business Meeting

Mar. 24 Great Lakes Christian High School Chorus - here - 6 PM

Mar. 31 Area Wide 5th Sunday Singing hosted by Amherst church of Christ

Classes and Sermon

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Hebrews

Sermon Topic Today: Types of Christianity - Builders & Sliders

Scripture Reading: James 1:2-8

No Sun. PM Service

Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 1st Kings

Serving Today

Announcements Wayne Carter

Song Leader Marvis Garrett

Direct Communion Michael Rice

Serve Wayne Carter

Serve Bruce Brink

Serve Richard Wheeler

Clean Trays ~~Audrey Dailey~~

Joanne Morden

Ongoing Events

Personal care items for the vets at the V.A. Hospital in Buffalo and also non-perishable food items for Casey House on Cedar Ave. in N.F. are being collected. If you can help in this matter it is greatly appreciated.

Zambia Baby Fund - Several members are contributing financially to this.



Please check the
“Love One Another” and “Answered Prayers”
boards in the back of the auditorium.



House to House
Heart to Heart

HELP NEEDED!

Another issue of *House to House / Heart to Heart* has arrived and is ready for us to prepare for mailing to our neighbors around the LaSalle church building. We have 1,000 copies of the brochure that need labeling. Join us on **Thursday, February 21st, at 10 AM** here at the church building to help. Please continue to pray for open and receptive hearts in the homes we will be mailing to.