

## Acceptable Worship

by Glen Elliot Greenbrier church of Christ Greenbrier, AR

Religious people these days are clamoring for more exciting and appealing ways to conduct worship services. Lost in the shuffle is that fact that we do not determine what is acceptable worship. We merely recognize what God has authorized in His inspired word. Sadly enough, in an effort to attract larger crowds, some have turned their backs on God's word in preference to human wisdom. While there are scriptural ways of enhancing the effectiveness of worship, the get-them-in-the-building-at-all-costs-philosophy is filled with pitfalls that undermine the mission of the church for which Jesus died, (Luke 19:10; Acts 20:28). Not everything done in the name of worship is acceptable to God. Nadab and Abihu lost their lives because they sought to incorporate into their worship that which was unauthorized Lev. 10:1-3 cf. Ex. 30:34-38).

In Colossians 3:16-17, Paul writes: "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all the name [by the authority] of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." So, in the context of dealing specifically with an item of worship, singing, the inspired writer says that whatever we do must be done by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respecting the authority of Jesus Christ means that we will not add to or take away from His regulations for worship. Burning incense along with prayer or playing instruments along with singing are additions to God's instructions regarding worship. Jesus said, "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). God has regulated worship in the word of truth (John 17:17). By studying His word, we can recognize acceptable worship. Everything else offered to God in worship is rejected simply because it has not been authorized by Jesus Christ.

God knows how He want to be worshiped. He has given instructions as to how we must worship Him acceptably. Any changes in worship procedure must fall within the bounds of God's inspired word. Otherwise, our worship experience becomes little more than a sounding board for our own selfish preferences. May God help us as we seek to worship and serve Him alone! (Matt. 4:10).

## Widows & Widowers

Please remember our widows and widowers in cards, calls, and helpful service. **James 1:27**

## NEWSLETTER

Sept. 18, 2022

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## Schedule of Services

*Our current schedule is:*

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study	10:00 AM

*La Salle*  
church of Christ

*We Meet At*

1121 N. Military Rd.  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

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We seek to be a place of healing and worship.



### 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). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.*



Read God's Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

**Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.**

## Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

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

**Condolences** to Erin Orton and family on the passing of her grandmother in Washington State.

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

### James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

*Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.*

*Let's pray for the situation in the Ukraine and surrounding areas.*

**Jessica Alcorn** came home from the hospital Monday. She is waiting on tests results.

**Darlene Reed** Her biopsy results are negative for cancer. Praise the Lord.

**Ruth Knepp** She is at Mount. View Assisted Living on Upper Mt. Rd. The address is posted on the board.

**Sharron Gantt** had a bladder biopsy Tuesday. It will be a couple of weeks before she gets the results. She sends prayers and hugs for everyone here.

**Glen Mueller** has regained some movement. Let's continue to pray for him and his family.

**Marietta McArthur** (Ray's mom) She is dealing with health issues.

Let's pray not only for those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Please keep our loved ones and their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers.

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 pray for our shut-ins, widows and widowers, and call, send cards, and be of service.

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 people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

Let's pray for children, families, and the staff at *Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries*.

Let's pray for the work being done at Great Lakes Christian High School in Beamsville, ONT.

Let's pray for our neighbors receiving *House to House/Heart to Heart* that they have receptive hearts.

## Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

**Sep. 18 Today.** Membership Meeting.  
Nominate men for trusteeship.

**Oct. 02** Membership Meeting. Vote for trustees.

**Oct. 09** Potluck

**Oct. 10** Columbus Day

**Oct. 16** Men's Business Meeting

**Oct. 30** Potter Children's Home  
*Day of Prayer And Giving for Children*

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$3,551.16

Attendance Last Sunday 56

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes  
are posted in the back.

**Mission Info** Please check the *Mission Board* in the back.

### Ukraine Relief

John Kachelman, Jr. Cell (901) 626-4538 john@kachelman.com <https://kachelman.com>

**For updated reports go to John's website and click on the tab for Mission Work.**

Philippines We support Caleb & Vanessa Callari doing mission work in the Philippines.

**Caleb Callari's Radio Program** - "Everyday Follower"

Do a search on YouTube for: Everyday Follower, School of National Evangelism Philippines

Caleb will be here Dec. 18 and conduct the Adult Bible Class and also preach.

The men will meet with him after services that day. There will also be a *Potluck* that day.

### Zambia

The LaSalle congregation has been involved in the Zambia mission work for many years.

If you would like to help support the Zambian Mission, please place funds in the offering basket marked for Zambia. More information may be found at [www.zambiamission.org](http://www.zambiamission.org)

Matthew 19:14

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

### Update your *Directory*

Bruce Brink has moved effective Sept. 1, 2022. Also, Louella Hopkins has a new phone number. Information for Ruth Knepp and Tim & Gina Mellott has also changed.

**Please see the information posted in the back.**



There are sheets of paper on the back table titled "**Update Your Directory**".

Please use that info to keep your *Directory* (dated Jan. 30, 2022) up to date.

If you update it as changes are made it makes it easier to keep your *Directory* up to date.

It is planned to print a new *Directory* and *Phone Tree* before the end of the year.