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SINGING WORKSHOP & GOSPEL MEETING

OCTOBER 9 - 12



ANDY ROBISON

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Sun, Oct. 9, 9:45 a.m.....Hymns and How We Got Them

Sun, Oct. 9, 10:45 a.m.....Expression of the Heart

Sun, Oct. 9, 6 p.m.....May My Life Be Holy: My Role in Worship

Mon, Oct. 10, 7:00 p.m.....My Voice in Worship: Projection, Pitch, & Pleading

Tue, Oct. 11, 7:00 p.m.....My Aim in Worship: The Measures and the Message

Wed, Oct. 12, 7:00 p.m.....My Praise in Worship: The Particulars, Proclamation, & Praise

Morning Bible Study Classes:

Mon, Oct. 10, 10:00 a.m.....Use Me Lord, However I Can

Tue, Oct. 11, 10:00 a.m.....Use Me, Lord, When I am Tired

Wed, Oct. 12, 10:00 a.m.....Use Me, Lord, When I Don't Get My Way

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

The Words Are All that Matter?

by Andy Robison

In regard to congregational singing, oft is offered the quip, “Well, the words are all that matter, anyway.” This is a comfort to tone-deaf worshipers, but, the secular, well-intentioned proverb may be employed too far.

If the words were, indeed, all that mattered, perhaps God would have said something like, “Recite to one another in poems, rhymes and spiritual verse.” Could it be that the musical setting (a cappella) has more importance than often acknowledged?

Music is an emotional thing. Composers of purely instrumental music (from symphonies and operas to punk rock and country) work to construct the chord progression, melodies and harmonies to create a mood, often mirroring some occasion or historic event. A fanfare for Olympic Games is an upbeat call to competition and potential triumph – a memorable melodic line punctuated with quick punches of harmonic brass. A mournful dirge, by contrast, might employ low strings in slow, solemn movements.

In authorized a cappella singing for congregations, the music generally fits the words. “Nearer My God, to Thee” would never be set to a driving rhythm (as in “Ring Out the Message”). The thrill of “The New Song” is best with its buoyant beat and majestic chorus; it wouldn’t work with a contemplative chant-like, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” feel. The musical composers seek to amplify the impact of the wording.

Singing might be viewed as the divinely authorized outlet for human emotion. Many sectarian groups take emotionalism to unscriptural levels – mistaking shaking and rolling, hand-waving and moaning for being Spirit-filled. An orderly (1 Corinthians 14:40) God actually thought this through, and He gave an avenue for us to express how we feel toward Him (and even others) at particular moments. This is why some of the deepest emotions of grief, sorrow, bitterness, joy, victory and praise appealing to all generations are found in the book of... you guessed it... Psalms. They were originally sung. Further, perhaps this is one reason (it is certainly at least a result) that singing was chosen as the authorized use of music in worship. Instrumental music can make one feel a certain way without an intellectual reason as to why. With singing, the intellect is employed first and foremost. One knows he is surveying the scene of the wondrous cross. Then, the music helps amplify the thought.

It behooves brethren, then, to work on singing to the best of their abilities. God bless the monotone worshiper who “lets ‘er fly” upon the song leader’s cue. Yet, those who excuse themselves flippantly from ever trying to understand pitch, tone, phrasing, harmony and all the things that make singing more meaningful are missing a great opportunity in the service of God. In order to “consider one another” (Hebrews 10:24-25) in the worship setting, shouldn’t we all aim at improvement in every aspect of worship – from attention in study to expression in song?

Words matter. Without the words, there wouldn’t be any teaching or admonishing. However, remember that without the music (a cappella), there wouldn’t be any singing or song.

Andy Robison is the Director of the West Virginia School of Preaching (www.wvsop.com). He is a recipient of a B.A. from Harding (where he received the L.O. Sanderson scholarship for hymn-writers), with a double major in Bible and Vocal Music. He has written a number of songs and helped produce several CDs of a cappella singing to benefit West Virginia Christian Youth Camp, where he serves on the Board of Directors. He is the Editor of the songbooks *Teaching & Admonishing* and *100 Songs to the Glory of God*. Many of his original songs can be accessed at www.churchofchristongs.com. He and his wife Marsha have two children, Hannah and Andrew.

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

-Please, see the bulletin cover

Dates to Remember

- Oct 9**– Potluck luncheon– annex– 12p
Oct 9-12– ‘Singing’ Workshop/Gospel Meeting with Andy Robison– here
Oct 10-12– 10am Bible Study w/Andy Robison
Oct 16– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p
Oct 16– All Youth/Parent devotion-7p– annex hosted by the Days
Oct 17-20– Pine Grove Gospel Meeting–Scotts Depot, WV– 7p
Oct 18– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
Oct 22– Rolling Hills Ladies Day– 8:30a
Oct 25– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
Oct 28– Ladies Lunch– Golden Corral- 12:30p
Oct 29– Trunk O’ Treat/ Chili Supper- 7p
Oct 30– PM- Guyana report—Nathan Adkins
Nov 1- Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
Nov 5–Pine Grove Men’s Day- Scotts Depot, WV
Nov 5- Ladies Day– No. Lex. church– 9a– RSVP
Nov 6– Daylight Savings Time ends-back 1 hr.
Nov 8- Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
Nov 13– Bring A friend Day
Nov 13– potluck luncheon– annex– 12 noon
Nov 15- Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
Nov. 18-19– Teen Lock-in– hosts the Goshorns
Nov 20- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p
Nov 22- Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
Nov 25– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p
Nov 27– All Youth/Parent devotion-7p– annex hosted by the Scotts

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to the family of Brother Chuck Bresch who passed on October 3rd. His funeral was the 7th with burial at the Veterans Cemetery on the Industrial Highway.

Family Meals Needed

Meals are being coordinated for/by the following:

- Clyde & Becky Hammonds (daily)- Sherry Sturgill @ 606-831-1867
- Bob & Jeanne Tushay (2/wk.)- Janet Jordan @ 606-831-1321
- The Day family (2-3/wk.)– Bev Conley @ 606-923-7073

Please, call any or all of these ladies to assist. Thank you.

More Van Drivers Needed

We need more drivers for our church van which goes into Ashland for Sunday and Wednesday services. If you can volunteer, please, sign the sheet on the bulletin board or speak with Dave Castle. Thank you.

New Cookbook– 2017

We are making a new cookbook for our 2017 November 4th Ladies Day. Please, pick up the form and submit your clearly printed recipes to the office. See Ann Hughes, Bev Conley, Jane Isaacs or Patti Reaves for details.

Children’s Worksheets

In the foyer, on the round table, you will find work sheets to help your school-age children understand more about the worship service and the sermon delivered. These can be used to help your children develop listening skills, focus, and to grow in our congregation.

Gauging Our Faith

	<u>10/02/16</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>10/04/15</u>
Bible Study	104	110	88
AM Worship	152	150	148
PM Worship	87	110	97
Mid Week	81	110	89
Contribution:	\$5376.51	\$5600.00	\$5915.87

**Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?
Why not today?**



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Jeremiah Smith

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Matt Vonderheide,
David Trimble, Daniel Goshorn,
Ernie Perry, Mitch Stafford,
Michael Sprague, David Castle

Presiding PM: J.C. Hughes

Assisting: Edgar Phillips

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: J.C. Hughes

PM: Chris Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Gospel Meeting

SONG LEADER: Gospel Meeting

PRAYER: Gospel Meeting

DEVOTIONAL: Gospel Meeting

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Greg Hall

ATTENDANCE: David Castle

COORDINATOR: Matt Vonderheide

Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are a first-time visitor with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with **free tracts and literature**. We also have **Bible correspondence courses** you can sign up to receive by mail **at no cost to you**. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an **in-home Bible study**. Thank you for attending.

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★★ Every Sunday ★★★

Pew Packers

at 5:45pm

in front of the auditorium

-geared to age 12 & under, but everyone is welcomed. Boys: have a song ready to lead

★★★ Oct 16 ★★★

Youth/Parent Devo

7pm- annex- hosted by the Days

★★★ Oct 29 ★★★

Trunk O Treat

(& Chili Supper-annex)

7pm- annex parking lot

