

Services

Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Sunday AM: JOY...Psalm 30:4-5

Sunday PM: The Bronze Serpent...Numbers 21:4-9



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. There are free tracts and literature on the wall in the foyer. We also have Bible correspondence courses you can sign up to receive by mail at no cost to you. Let us know if you would like to set up an in-home Bible study.

Thank you for attending. We hope to see you often!

You Can't Worship Wrong and Die Right

In every age of man, God has given direction concerning worship, and He has always expected His people to follow His instructions carefully. Worship is not about pleasing ourselves, nor is it about tradition for tradition's sake. It is about offering praise, adoration, and obedience to the One who created us. Jesus declared, *"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth"* (John 4:24). This means worship must come from a sincere heart, but it must also be according to the truth of God's Word. One without the other will not do. Sincerity alone cannot make false worship acceptable, and simply going through the right motions without the heart is also done in vain.

From the very beginning, God showed that He distinguishes between worship that is acceptable and worship that is not. In Genesis 4:4–5 we read, *"Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell."* The Hebrew writer explains why: *"By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain"* (Hebrews 11:4). Abel's worship was by faith, meaning it was based on what God had revealed. Cain chose his own way, and his worship was rejected. This shows us that we cannot simply decide how we want to worship God; He must be the One who sets the standard.

This truth is echoed throughout Scripture. Nadab and Abihu, sons of Aaron, offered incense with fire that God had not commanded. The Bible records: *"Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. So, fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord"* (Leviticus 10:1–2). Their example stands as a sobering warning: God does not accept worship that departs from His will, no matter how small or insignificant the change may seem to us.

In the New Testament, Jesus Himself warns against worship rooted in human tradition. He quoted Isaiah when He said: *"These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men"* (Matthew 15:8–9). Any worship not founded on God's Word is vain—it is empty, useless, and unacceptable. Jesus also declared, *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven"* (Matthew 7:21). Saying the right words and calling on the name of the Lord is not enough; obedience to God's will is required.

The New Testament outlines the worship of the early church. Christians were to sing with the heart and voice, not with mechanical instruments (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). They were to partake of the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). They

were to give as they had been prospered (1 Corinthians 16:1–2). They were to pray (Acts 2:42), and they were to hear the Word of God preached (Acts 20:7). These are the five avenues of worship found in the Lord’s church. They were authorized by Christ through His apostles. To add to them or take away from them is to reject God’s authority. John warns us in Revelation 22:18–19 not to add to or take away from the words of God.

Some argue, “But we’re sincere in what we do. Doesn’t that count for something?” While sincerity is essential, it is not sufficient by itself. The apostle Paul once persecuted Christians with great zeal, thinking he was serving God. He later admitted, *“Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth”* (Acts 26:9). His zeal without knowledge led him to fight against Christ rather than serve Him. Likewise, many today may sincerely believe they are worshipping God, yet if their worship is not according to His truth, it cannot be pleasing in His sight.

If our worship is not acceptable to God, then our souls are not prepared to meet Him in judgment. Jesus warns of many who will be surprised at the last day: *“Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”* (Matthew 7:22–23). These were religious people, but their worship and service were not according to God’s will.

As Christians, our goal must always be to worship God faithfully, following His Word as our only guide. Worship is not about innovation, entertainment, or personal preference. It is about glorifying the Almighty exactly as He has commanded. If we are careless with our worship now, how can we expect to hear, *“Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your lord”* (Matthew 25:21) when this life is over? Let us resolve to worship God in spirit and in truth, remembering always that we cannot worship wrong and die right.

God Bless -Todd



Attendance & Contribution			
	9/21/25	Goal	9/8/24
Bible Study	52	90	49
AM Worship	98	130	88
PM Worship	71	90	65
Mid Week	70	90	65
Contribution	\$6776.00		5406.50

Free Bible Correspondence Courses Available by Mail:

8 lesson series by Hurt
“Studies in The Bible” (30 lessons)
“Acts of The Apostles” by Pharr (6 lessons)
“Getting to Know Jesus” by Pharr (20 lessons)

Sunday Servants

Welcome: Chris Scott

Morning

Song Leader: Nathan Adkins

First Prayer: Mark Parks

Closing Prayer: JC Hughes

Lord's Table*

Presiding: Jeremiah Smith

Assisting: David Morckel, Gabe Scott,
Cody Ward, Ernie Perry, Matt
Vonderheide, Nolan Clarkson, Mason
Morris

Evening

Song Leader: Mason Morris

First Prayer: George Wallace

Lord's Table*

Presiding: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Nathan Parks

Closing Prayer: Jacob Brown

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah Smith

Wednesday Servants

Welcome: Greg Conley

Song Leader: Jeremiah Smith

First Prayer: George Wallace

Devotional: Chris Scott

Weekly Servants

Live Stream: Mason Morris

Power Point: Gabe Scott

Bldg. Att.: JC Hughes

Coordinator: JC Hughes

Attendance: John Gambill

***Gluten-Free Bread**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 5 – Family Gathering at 4:00pm

Oct 11 - The Scott's- BBQ and Singing at 5:30pm

Oct 18 – Harvest Festival at the City Park-1:00-
Dark

Oct 25 – Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Pappy's –
8:30am

Oct 25 – Trunk or Treat at 6:00pm

Oct 31 – Ladies Lunch – 11:30am -@TBD



***BBQ & Singing - Sign-up sheet on the
bulletin board by the water fountain***

