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June 19-24

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Mike's Message...

As I began this series of articles on worship, it was not my intention at that time to take up several months. However, as you are aware, this is the third article! There is so much that needs to be said, but I will try to wrap this up this month. There are two basic areas of worship that I would like to cover in this article, corporate, and individual. First, let us take a look at individual worship. Just to keep us all on the same page, I am NOT talking about coming together on Sunday morning for 'church'. This worship is done EVERY day-in our actions as we go through our daily routines-in how we treat others Christians as well as non-Christians. Are we expressing humility, love, compassion, kindness, self-control, perseverance, etc? Paul tells us in Romans 12:1 *Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.* Paul is telling us this is to be done every day. In Matthew 15, Jesus is talking about those who worship Him with their lips, but their hearts are far from Him. I feel this worship has to be carried over into our everyday lives, doesn't it? So our individual worship MUST be an everyday thing! As you can tell, part of worship is like being a Christian-it is a lifestyle

Secondly, let us take a look at corporate worship. Corporate worship is a group of people coming together to express gratitude, love, and adoration to God. This could also be called, "having church." During the corporate worship there are songs, prayers, reading and exhortation of the Word of God, communion, etc. One aspect of corporate worship is the uplifting and encouraging of the saints. This is where we receive nourishment from the Word, encouragement and instruction from our brothers and sisters in Christ. This is where we get restored from the world beating us down during the week. That is one reason that the writer of Hebrews writes, *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another* continued inside..

The first sermon preached each Sunday is not by the minister, but by you. You preach a message of good cheer when you say "good morning" to those you meet as you are parking, in the hallway, and classrooms.

You preach a message of "welcome!" "We have room for you" when you slide over in the pew instead of forcing others to squeeze in front of you. You preach a message of hope and joy when you enthusiastically sing during the song service.

You preach a message about the power of prayer when you fervently enter into our time of prayer together. You preach a message about respect when you listen attentively while the special music is presented.

You preach a message of love when you smile, say hello, and introduce yourself to visitors. You preach a message about faith when you give your tithes and offerings. You preach a message about the importance of the Scriptures when you open your Bible to the day's text.

Many messages are preached before the minister stands up to bring his message. If your message is positive and consistent, then the message given from the pulpit will be much better received!

Come Sunday morning prepared to preach your best sermon.

(Pulpit Helps Encyclopedia of Illustrations)

Calling all Youth!

There once was a young minister interviewing for his first church. The Pulpit Committee had invited him to come over to the church for his interview. The committee chairman asked, "Son, do you know the Bible pretty well?"

The young minister said, "Yes, pretty well." The chairman asked, "Which part do you know best?" He responded saying, "I know the New Testament best." "Well, why don't you tell us the story of the Prodigal Son." The young minister said, "Fine."

"There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, who went down to Jericho by night, and he fell upon the stony ground and the thorns choked him half to death."

"The next morning Solomon and his wife, Gomorrah, came by, and carried him down to the ark for Moses to take care of, but, as he was going through the Eastern Gate into the Ark, his hair was caught in a limb and he hung there for forty days and forty nights and afterwards he did hunger. And the ravens came and fed him."

"The next day the three wise men came and carried him down to the boat dock and he caught a ship to Nineveh. When he got there, he saw Delilah sitting on a wall. He said, "Chunk her down, boys, chunk her down." And, they said, "How many times shall we chunk her down, til seven times seven?" And he said, "Nay, but seventy times seven."

"And she burst asunder in their midst. And they picked up twelve baskets of leftovers."

The committee chairman suddenly interrupted the young minister. "Fellows, I think we need to call him as our minister. He may be young, but he sure does know his Bible."

Are you like this young minister? What are you missing by not coming to Sunday School and Youth Group? I Peter 3:15 says, "Be ready to give an answer." Are you ready or will you be like this young minister?

This month's question: We just had Friend Day, so I'll make it about friends. There are two different stories about best friends in the Bible. Name the two sets of best friends.

Hint: Two of them were related and two had similar names.

Remember the rules:

If you won last month you are not eligible. (Kaleb and Cassie)

Absolutely no help from parents or other adults – look it up yourself!

First chance to answer is after Sunday School on June 5th.

Kevin

Mike's message continued...

and all the more as you see the day drawing near. (Heb 10:23-25) Coming together for worship is for the feeding, uplifting and encouraging of believers in Christ. So I feel that it is safe to say that worship is for BELIEVERS!

Now, some of you may be thinking "what about those who are non-believers or those that are seeking the Lord in worship." First of all, those who are nonbelievers cannot worship someone they do not know. Those that are seeking are doing just that-seeking. They may be coming in order to say, "I go to church." They may also be coming to see if this 'church thing' is real. There are many seekers/nonbelievers that surrender their life to the Lord because of what happens at a worship service. That is one of the reasons that our worship MUST be Christ-centered, God-focused, led by the Holy Spirit. There is so much more that I would like to say about worship. However, I will close this series out by saying, true worship consists of true worshipers living their lives as an outward expression to God in everyday life experiences. Join us for worship, won't you?

Love to all,
Mike

Church Bloopers

- Wanted: Man to take care of cow that does not smoke or drink.
- The "Spiritually Spontaneous" rally will begin at 4:15.
- The Sunday Night Men's Glee Club will meet on Saturday at the park, unless it rains. In that case they will meet at their regular Tuesday evening time.
- It's Drug Awareness Week: Get involved in drugs before your children do.
- Anyone not claiming lost articles will be disposed of.
- Will the person who borrowed the ladder from the custodian's closet please bring it back before further steps are taken.
- Illiterate? Write to the church office for help.
- If we see smoking, we will assume that you are on fire and will take appropriate action.
- Church Rummage Sale: A good opportunity to get rid of anything not worth keeping but too good to throw away. Bring your spouse.
- The class on prophecy has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.
- The church office will be closed until opening. It will remain closed after opening. It will reopen Monday.
- Wanted: Part-time, a Christian nanny to take care of our two-year-old who does not smoke or drink.

Ladies for the Lord,

Sometimes in our lives we have to simplify things. During certain stages we can't "do it all." When your children are small may not be the best time to take up quilting. (I still have a Texas Star quilt waiting for it's time! It's about half pieced as I remember. My kids were 2 and 5 when I decided more important things had to come first.)

How do you decide what can have your time and energy? What can you delete from your to-do list?

God says in Matthew 6:33 Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you. But how do we know what fits into that category?

First we need our DQT (daily quite time). As we spend time seeking His will by reading the Bible, praying, putting Hi first, then some things will be clearly not what we should do or others will be what we should do. After that when someone ask you to commit your time to some activity-good cause or not-pray about it first. Let God help you discern where your energy should go.

Don't let urgent things push out truly important things. Washing dishes or cleaning the house should never keep you from taking time to know God. Remember the story of Mary and Martha? There will always be plenty of work to do, but choose the good part as Mary did. Choose to sit at Jesus' feet even if the meals aren't as elaborate or the house quite as clean.

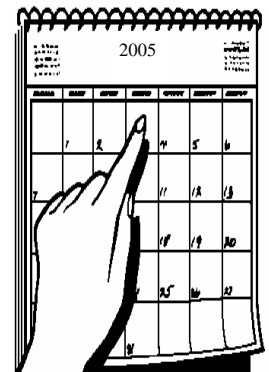
Choose Jesus.

See you Sunday (I'll save you a seat.)

Ladies, remember to come and eat with us at Broad Acres on June 7. There will be a white elephant sale, too. Bring your own "white elephant" to add to the fun. (This fund raiser will benefit our campers.)

UP COMING EVENTS

4th Covered Bridge Festival/Bake sale	
5th ALL Church Pitch-IN	
6th Hour of POWER	7:00
7th Women's Night out	
11th Elder's Meeting	7:00
AM	
11th VBS Pre-Registration	1-3
19th thru 24th VBS	6:30-8:30
28th Men's meeting at New Hope	



Westport Christian Church
 Biblical Ed class 9:30
 Worship 10:30
 Sunday night & Youth Group 6:00
 Wednesday night 7:00

June 2005

Make
 everyday
 Count for
 Jesus!!

BIRTHDAYS

7th Kohl Coryell
 9th Norma Rowe
 Ethan Sabastian
 10th Joyce Sabastian
 11th Mary Lou Glover
 17th Jackie Hardebeck
 20th Eunice Low
 29th Ron Buchanan
 Kevin Coryell

ANNIVERSARIES

24th Royce & Eunice
 Low
 26th Kevin & Katrina
 Coryell

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study	2	3	4 Covered Bridge Festival/Parade
5 Family Sunday No WEE-worship ALL CHURCH	6 Hour of POWER 7:00 @ parsonage	7 Women's night out	8 NO Bible Study	9 Board Meeting	10	11 Elder's meeting 7AM VBS pre-registration
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mike gone to camp						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Vacation Bible School						
26 Morning Breeze 2:30	27	28 Men's meeting @ New Hope	29	30		
			Mike's gone			