



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Family Matters

December 18, 2022

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Please note:

We will have NO EVENING SERVICES on December 25.
(morning services as usual)

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- George Clark
- Nate Crowden
- Greg Dowdy
- Charlie Kluesner
- Doug Lester
- Brian Mitchell
- Todd Newman
- Kenny Simmons
- Scott Spraggs

Lessons for Today

AM:
Westley Hazel

PM:
Westley Hazel

Singing Is God's Idea

I love to worship in song. I always have. My mother instilled this in me at an early age. We of course sang during our worship at church assemblies. But there were many other times when we sang "church" songs together at family gatherings, or with friends, or at area-wide singings, or at Bible camps and VBS. I was privileged to sing with Christian choirs in high school and college, and on several other occasions. Sometimes my wife and I would just open up a song book and sing together. I just love to sing. Singing moves my heart closer to God.

However, not everyone was raised to love singing like I was. Not everyone enjoys singing like I do. And that's ok. But what's not ok is to have a negative attitude about singing. Why? Because singing is God's idea.

It seems that in lots of churches singing is becoming an afterthought, even a drudgery. It seems that some are only doing it because that's what they've always done or because it is an "item of worship." It seems that many song leaders just select their songs without much forethought or planning, and that church leaders and church members fail to attach much importance or value to singing. This may be an exaggeration, but my point is to encourage us all to refocus our attention on the fact that singing is God's idea. And because it is His idea, perhaps we need to reevaluate why He wants us to sing, and even more so, why He wants me to sing.

Singing is not just for those who can sing well. It is awesome and inspiring when singing is beautiful, and we should work at singing the best we can. But a beautiful sound is not the main point. According to *Colossians 3.16* the reason for singing is for teaching and admonishing one another with the word of Christ that dwells richly in our hearts. Certainly we can teach and admonish each other without music. That what preachers and teachers and parents do. But it's God's idea to also do it with singing. God knows music has a way of moving and influencing us in ways that nothing else can. Different kinds of songs (psalms, hymns, spiritual songs) teach and admonish us in different ways than merely speaking the words can do. When music is combined with spiritual lyrics, we can be affected deeply as we make melody in our hearts (*Ephesians 5.19*). PLUS, we can impact others, and that is one thing God wants us to do in worship, according to the above Scriptures.

So, let's be encouraged to give God our best in worship by singing to each other as we allow our own hearts to make melody to God. Let's be encouraged to pay more attention to the lyrics of the songs so we can all be moved closer to God.

Joe Chesser
Fruitland church of Christ

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 74
Sunday AM: 131
Sunday PM: 76
Wednesday PM: 63
Contribution: \$5014
Budget: \$4464

Think on This...

Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart—they do no wrong but follow his ways.

Psalm 119:2-3

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Emma Seabaugh: 12.19
Brian Mitchell: 12.20
Sid Naramore: 12.21
Crissy Gilliland: 12.23
Nick Brown: 12.24
Ron Fehr: 12.24
Bart Teutkin: 12.24

Anniversary

Jerry & Janet Singleton:
12.22

Serving This Week

Announcements: Phil Singleton

SUNDAY

Greeters: Phil & Sondra Swiney
Ushers: Shawn Myers/Todd Newman
A/V: Greg Dowdy
Nursery: Jenny Newman
Lead Singing: Dale Gilliland
Head Lord's Table: Murray Dunn
Scripture: Seth Spraggs
Prayers:
AM: Allen Hedge/Dan Silvers
PM: Charlie Kluesner/John McLain

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Todd Newman
Devo: Ron Fehr
Prayer: Scott Watson
Elder Chair: Randy Seabaugh
Communion to Shut-Ins: Scott Spraggs
Worship Organizer: Ron Fehr

Daily Bible Reading

December 18: Hebrews 10-13
December 19: James
December 20: 1 Peter
December 21: 2 Peter
December 22: 1 John
December 23: 2 & 3 John, Jude
December 24: Revelation 1-3

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Ron Anderson	Betty Jones
Ginger Avery	Sid Naramore
Esther Beck	Carolyn Neese
Mark Blaylock	Wanda Raper
Lee Brooks	Susan Seabaugh
Thelma Brown	Earle Silvers
Dalton Bryan	Steve Simmons
Reita Conley	Lee Simpson
Donna Cox	Sarah Singleton
Bill Dillman	Robin Star
Kelly & Trudy Garland	Don Tawney
Allen & Juanita Hedge	Chris Weaver
Diana Ivanovich	



Remember in Prayer

- **Troy & Terri Bryan** are both recovering well from their recent surgeries. There is a sign-up list posted to help them with meals for a couple of weeks.
- **Lee Simpson** is continuing to recover well from his recent open-heart surgery. He moved out of ICU on Wednesday after having the heart pump removed. His therapy is going very well as he continues to regain his strength and mobility.
- **Donna Hand** is recovering "exceptionally well" from her back surgery and appreciates all the prayers, cards, and calls.
- **Jim Green** had a follow-up visit on Thursday to check his recovery since heart surgery.
- Ruby Silvers' daughter, **Jalonda Harris** is suffering with cancer.
- Deanna Finch has requested help and prayers for an acquaintance who is in need of immediate temporary housing as she is currently sleeping in her car. Please see Deanna if you can help with this need.

News & Notes

- **Paragould Children's Homes** will be here to pick up on Monday. Items requested this time are: **Olives, BBQ Sauce, Country Gravy Mix, Brown Gravy Mix, Tortilla Chips,** and **Bleach.** Please have items at the building by Sunday evening.
- We will be hosting our next **Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Wednesday, January 4** from 2:30-6:30pm in the fellowship room. Please sign up to donate if you are able. A sign-up sheet is also posted for those who would like to help with snacks.
- We have a pizza lunch planned following morning services on **January 15** to conclude our youth rally. All are invited and encouraged to attend, but we ask that you sign up for planning purposes if you intend to stay for lunch. A sign up is posted...please plan to bring a dessert or soda.
- **Men:** Please see Gary Miller if you would like to be added to the rotation for those taking communion to our shut ins. He will be making the schedule soon for next year.
- Donations are always being accepted to the Curtis James Scholarship fund. See Murray Dunn with any questions.

Upcoming Area Events

- **January 5-8: TRUTH Conference** in Arnold for college and young adult Christians. Speakers will be **Todd Clippard** and **Avery Hackney.** Please register with the QR code on the posted flyer.
- **January 14-15: IGNITE 2023: Ignite Your Legacy.** We are hosting our annual youth rally with keynote speaker, **Jeremy Pierce.** Plans are well underway...please watch for ways you can help and begin making plans to attend.
- **February 23-26: CYC** in Pigeon Forge. Watch for details!
- **March 10-11: Inspiration 2023** in Dexter. **Lonnie Jones** will be speaking and the theme is "Spiritual Campers in a Physical Campground".

