

GOD WANTS US TO KNOW

I wanted to touch on some of the things we talked about in the lesson Sunday night, primarily for those who were not in the audience. There are many things that God wants us to know and He has made those known through the book that He gave us... The Bible.

God wants us to know that we need a Savior. Romans 3:9,10, 23 point out that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The wages as a result of that sin would be death (Romans 6:23). We need a Savior.

God wants us to know that we cannot save ourselves. We cannot do it on our own. (Jeremiah 10:23). Paul said to the Ephesians in 2:8, "...not of yourselves..."

God wants to save us. All of us. God's desire is for all mankind to be saved. II Peter 3:9, "...not willing that any should perish..." I Timothy 2:4—"Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." God is willing to save us and He wants us to know it.

God provided for our salvation. God has provided a means for our salvation. Jesus came for that purpose (Matthew 1:21; Romans 3:25). Romans 4:25—he was delivered up for our responses and raised for our justification.

Man has a responsibility. We have the responsibility of accepting the way of escape God has provided for us.

THE "BORING WORSHIP" OF THE CHURCH

Let's face it. Some members of the church think that the worship in which we engage on the first day of the week is boring. While there are both younger and older members alike that roll their eyes at the thought of the same acts of worship ("the same old stuff") being repeated week in and week out, it appears that young Christians and their Baby Boomer parents especially struggle with the idea of participating in the identical worship acts time after time.

So much of life in the 21st century is geared to speed, instant satisfaction, fun, and activities that keep us on the go. Fast food restaurants encourage you to buy a specific drink or meal in order to see if you can be "an instant winner." Candy bars are now sold in the "fun size." Getting on the internet allows you to quickly watch a music video, send or receive a message by e-mail, check the latest sports news, look up the price of a new pair of shoes, and see what movies are playing in your area. And, you can do all of this in just a few minutes, with marvelous colors flashing on the screen, accompanied by background music that can keep you rockin'.

Who cannot see that what goes on within a worship assembly is far different from the above scenario? Because scriptural worship does not offer the type of thrills, excitement, eye-catching or ear-catching entertainment that goes on in the world, some disciples of Jesus consider worship about as exciting and attention-retaining as watching paint dry. To them, worship is b-o-r-i-n-g. Webster's 9th New Collegiate

Dictionary defines "bore" or "boring" as "to make weary and restless by being uninteresting." That's it. That is exactly how some members of the Lord's body look at worship: it makes them weary and restless because it is so uninteresting.

When I hear grumblings about "our worship" being "so boring," I always wonder, "What part of worship makes it so boring?" Could the culprit be our prayers? Is it really the case that when we pour out our hearts in prayer to our heavenly Father, giving Him thanks and making our requests known to Him (Philippians 4:6), is that what is so boring? Surely not.

Could it be that the fault lies with the Lord's Supper? When we read Scriptures about the death of Jesus, then go back to the cross in our minds as we remember His sacrifice for us (1 Corinthians 11:24,25), is that really a boring activity? Surely not.

Maybe the culprit is the preaching/study of God's word. To preach "the word of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:19), the message that sinners can be reconciled to God through Jesus and have an eternal inheritance awaiting them in heaven (1 Peter 1:3,4), is that really boring? Surely not.

Perhaps the contribution is what is so uninteresting. But, if I understand that the contributed funds will help preach the gospel to lost souls, strengthen the church, and assist those that stand in need (1 Corinthians 16:1,2), then surely I will look at giving as an act of cheer, not drudgery (2 Corinthians 9:7).

If it is not boring to pray, study the word, partake of the Lord's Supper, or give, then what does that leave? It must be the singing that bores some out of their minds. Yet, when we sing spiritual songs, what are we doing? Are we not offering a praise of joy to the Almighty? (Ephesians 5:19; James 5:13). How can it be "a drag" to praise the Creator?!

Who prescribed the worship of the New Testament church? Was it not God Himself? Does He not know what is best for us? If I am bored by scriptural worship of the Almighty, it is not God's fault. It is also not the fault of the worship leaders, the elders, or preacher. My boredom is not because the worship is lacking something. Hmmm. What could it be? If I count scriptural worship as boring, then perhaps what needs to be adjusted is my attitude.

—Roger Campbell

GOSPEL MEETING

MONTROSE CHURCH
OF CHRIST

JUNE 17-21st 2018
SUNDAY: 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
MONDAY - THURSDAY: 7:00 PM

SPEAKER:
WAYNE LANKFORD
from East Main church of Christ,
Murfreesboro, TN

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM

JUNE 10, 2018

Coordinator Robert Hackett
Announcements George Clay
Scripture Reading.,.Jam. 1:13-15.Austin Clay
Song Leader Adam Jolley
Opening Prayer.Jacky Carver, Sr.
Lord’s Supper-Preside: Mitchell Brooks
Serve: Steve Anderson, Brian Smith
Ethan Leonard, Justin Draper
Closing PrayerBen Silcox
Greeter— Dallas & Paige Eddie
Greeter— Roger & Cynthia Draper

Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush

AM Sermon —Temptation
PM Sermon — Give Me Neither Poverty nor Riches

WORSHIP—SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements George Clay
Song Leader Adam Jolley
Scripture Reading...Prov.30:7-9 Austin Clay
Opening Prayer Glen Reece.

Lord's Supper Roger Draper
 Gavin Spurlin
 Closing Prayer Steve Anderson
BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM
 Announcements George Clay
 Song Leader Jacky Carver, Sr.
 First Prayer. Mitchell Brooks
 Opening Prayer Dallas Eddie
 Closing Prayer Justin Draper
 Prepare Communion for **JUNE**
 Vicki R. & Dianna D

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OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

06/03/18

Wednesday.	53
Worship Sunday AM	90
Bible Study Sunday AM	61
Daily Bible Readers	29
Worship Sunday PM	52

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JUNE 17-21st. Gospel Meeting with Wayne Lankford
June 17th. Meal at the Barn following AM services.

READING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

01 Ps 18-20	11 Ps 52-54	21 Ps 84-86
02 Ps 21-23	12 Ps 55-57	22 Ps 87-89
03 Ps 24-28	13 Ps 58-60	23 Ps 90-92
04 Ps 29-31	14 Ps 61-63	24 Ps 93-97
05 Ps 32-34	15 Ps 64-66	25 Ps 98-100
06 Ps 35-37	16 Ps 67-69	26 Ps 101-103
07 Ps 38-40	17 Ps 70-74	27 Ps 104-106
08 Ps 41-43	18 Ps 75-77	28 Ps 107-109
09 Ps 44-46	19 Ps 78-80	29 Ps 110-112
10 Ps 47-51	20 Ps 81-83	30 Ps 113-115