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Worship Services in the 2nd Century

Today we are studying from the New Testament about the public worship assembly of the church. Although as Christians we must use the New Testament as our guide and authority for worship, I have always found it interesting to look at what was happening in the church in the decades immediately following the age of the apostles. Given below is an excerpt from the writings of Justin Martyr written about 150 AD. Justin was a converted Jew who wrote to convince other Jews that Jesus was their Messiah. Justin is known to us today as Justin Martyr because eventually he became a martyr for Christ. In the quotation Justin is explaining to his readers what happens in a typical Christian worship service. How does the worship service of the church in the second century compare with what we know of the 1st century church?

"And on the day called Sunday there is a gathering together in the same place of all who live in a city or rural district. The memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits. Then when the reader ceases, the president in a discourse admonishes and urges the imitation of these good things. Next we all rise together and send up prayers. And, as I said before, when we cease from our prayer, bread is presented and wine and water. The president in the same manner sends up prayers and thanksgivings according to his ability, and people sing out their assent saying the "Amen." A distribution and participation of the elements for which thanks have been given is made to each person, and to those who are not present it is sent by the deacons. Those who have means and are willing, each according to his own choice, gives what he wills, and what is collected is deposited with the president. He provides for the orphans and widows, those who are in want on account of sickness or some other cause, those who are in bonds and strangers who are sojourning, and in a word he becomes the protector of all who are in need." *Apology I, 67.*

Steve Miller



For our nation as we are going through troubled times.

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri.

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel.

For the people of Haiti and Chile who are suffering after earthquakes.

For the families of the 29 miners who perished in West Virginia last week

For Michael Hotchkin, Derek Miller and Steven McGraw in Afghanistan.

Bill Gammon came home on Tuesday after being treated for pancreatitis.

Lacie Greenhill-Rodriguez (on our prayer list for several months) still awaiting a stomach transplant, needing financial help and our prayers. Copies of the full update available on the table in the foyer.

Cathy Ramey took a fall about 4 weeks ago and has been struggling with serious back pain since.

Valerie Lemaster, possible recurrence of Hodgkin lymphoma. Biopsy and CT scan scheduled right away.

Buck Hammond (friend of Cheryl Villinger and member at Ironton Church of Christ) has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Phyllis Stevens had cataract surgery on her eye this week and all has gone well.

Debbie Buffinger (friend of Nick Gamp) had a heart procedure/test this week.

Hurley Mullins (related to Amy Graff) passed away last week, prayers requested for his family.

Local Need

Jackie Hall, a young mother here in Minford area, is needing an electric stove and refrigerator for her home. If you happen to have an extra one taking up space in your garage or basement that you would be willing to donate, see Steve Miller.

More Local Need

June Book is aware of a family in the Minford school district that is in serious need of items such as food, clothing and furniture. The specifics are on a sheet posted on the bulletin board. Please contact June if you can help out.

Shepherds' Prayer Session

This Thursday, 7:30 pm, the elders are meeting for a time of prayer for the needs of our congregation. If you have a request that you would like to have included in the prayer, please give it to one of our elders before Thursday evening.

Mothers Day Presentation

Last year for Mothers Day we created a special music-photo presentation for the big screen that featured the mothers in our congregation along with their children. We are updating the presentation between now and Mothers Day. If you would like to update your picture or if you did not have a picture in last years presentation, see Stephanie Copas (official Sunshine photographer) before or after services to have your picture made for the presentation. The video will be shown at the conclusion of services on Mothers Day.

Teen Rally at Fort Hill

The Sunshine Youth Rally is scheduled for April 23-25 at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. Anyone interested in helping can sign up in the foyer. Also any youth group members who are coming need to sign up in the foyer and they need to sign up any friends they are bringing. See Tim for details.

Eagle Court of Honor Today

Sam Williams, son of Steve and Jill Williams, has completed all requirements for Eagle Scout. A special court of honor is planned today at 2 pm here at our building for Sam to recognize him officially as an Eagle Scout. **The congregation is invited to attend.** A reception in the annex will follow the court of honor. Congratulations, Sam.

New Pictorial Directory Available

Gary Glispie and his crew have produced and assembled 135 copies of our new updated pictorial directory. Congratulations and thank you to all who have worked on this project. **For now, we're asking that each household take only one copy.** In the near future, Gary plans to produce another 60-70 copies of the directory. He will be asking for more volunteer help in order to punch and collate the new copies. Besides supplying all of our present families with at least one new directory, we would like to have several copies of the new directory on hand to give to new families and individuals as they become a part of the congregation. The new directories are in the foyer by the window. Help yourself.

Spirit Club

Tonight at 6 pm.

Sunshine Girls

Tonight at 6 pm.

Happy Birthday, Alma!

Next Sunday, April 18, in the Sunshine Annex there will be a birthday reception for **Alma Coriell** as she celebrates her 90th birthday. Drop in from 4-6 to wish her a happy birthday and eat some cake.

Watercolor Basics Class

Next class meets Tuesday, April 20, from 9-noon. Questions, call Toni at 901-606-6488.

New Adult Class Starts This PM

Mark Gampp starts a new class this evening in the annex based on a book by Patrick Morley, A Man's Guide to Work: 12 Ways to Honor God in the Workplace. Books are \$12. Despite the title of the class book, ladies are welcome in the class also.

Wednesday PM Class Update

For those of you who are signed up for the new class on Wednesday evenings, the books are in and have been laid out on the table in the foyer. Look for your name on your book. If you cannot find your book, see Steve. Go ahead and do some reading. **Class starts Wednesday, April 14.**

VBS Information

VBS this year is scheduled for June 28-July 2, from 6:30-8:45 pm each evening, except for Friday which is the Program Night. The theme this year is **ARMY OF THE LORD—THE SON OF GOD WANTS YOU!** We are now in the process of signing up our key people. Key people are people who take responsibility for planning, organizing, recruiting and gathering supplies for the key parts of VBS. We sign these people up early so they have plenty of time to get things together. **All of the 16 slots are posted on the south wall of the auditorium with a description of what's involved and a place for some brave soul to sign up for the job.** Other jobs will be posted later as we get closer to VBS.

Our format will be the same as last year. We'll have a couple teaching areas each night where different teams will be presenting 23 minute lesson 4 times to groups of 30-50 kids. We'll also have the big tent outside for recreation time and as always a time of refreshment in the annex.

Secret Sister Revealing

We will be having our secret sister revealing/carry-in dinner on Tuesday April 20th at 7:30 pm. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please try to attend so we can all figure out who our secret sister have been. Anyone interested in participating in secret sisters for the next year can pick-up a paper in the foyer. Complete your forms and give them to Mandi or Autumn by Sunday April 25th and we will be drawing that morning after services. We want to thank the secret sisters for their work on the wonderful service projects that were completed this past year. Any questions or if you can't be there please see Mandi or Autumn.

Hayward-Parker Wedding and Reception

The church is invited to attend the wedding of **Ashley Hayward and Daniel Parker** on Saturday, May 15 at 3:30 in the afternoon. The ceremony will be held at Sunshine, and the reception will be immediately following at Minford High School. **If you plan to attend the reception and have not indicated this to the family as yet, please sign the pad laid out on the table in the foyer. The pad will be there this Sunday and next Sunday. Please be considerate and let the family know of your plans in this matter.**

Father-Son Camp Out Coming

The Annual Father-Son Campout will be Saturday, July 24-25 at Ken Rase's Farm. Save the date....more details to come.

Verse of the Month

Matthew 6:9-13 (The Lord's Prayer)

COMING EVENTS

- 4/18 Alma Coriell Birthday Reception
- 4/23-25 Teen Rally @ FHCYC
- 5/15 Hayward-Parker Wedding
- 6/18-25 Strawberry Point Trip
- 6/28-7/2 VBS at Sunshine
- 7/11-17 Sunshine Week at Fort Hill Camp
- 7/24-25 Father-Son Campout



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

- 4/11 Jude
- 4/18 Revelation: Intro
- 4/25 Preaching Service
- 5/2 Revelation 1-3
- 5/9 Revelation 4-7
- 5/16 Revelation 8-11
- 5/23 Preaching Service
- 5/30 Revelation 12-16

Wednesday

- 4/14 1 Kings 11
- 4/21 Song of Solomon 1-4
- 4/28 Song of Solomon 5-8
- 5/5 1 Kings 12-13
- 5/12 1 Kings 14-16
- 5/19 1 Kings 17-19
- 5/26 1 Kings 20-11, 2 Kings 2
- 6/2 2 Kings 3-4

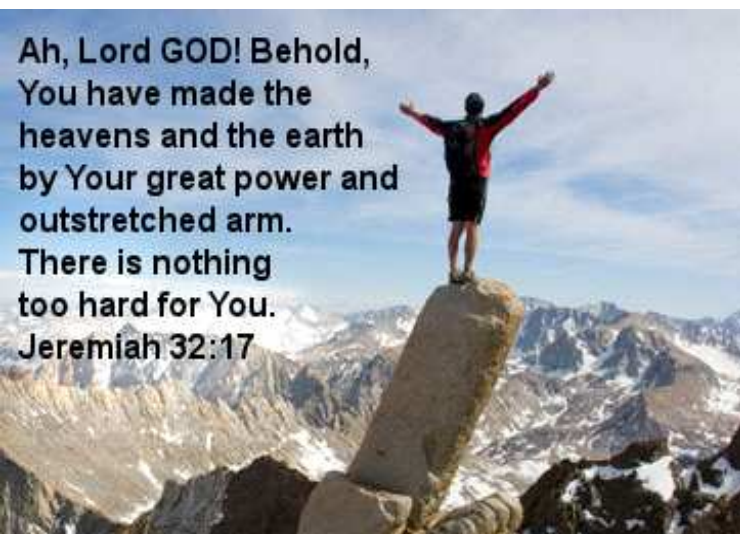
Register Early

A reminder to anyone planning to attend church camp this year, you save \$10 if you register before May 1st

VBS Leaders Needed

Our sign up time for key jobs at VBS this year is coming to a close and we still have many slots open.

The descriptions of the planned classes are only suggestions. If you have a better way of conveying the general theme of your class, you have freedom to do so. Right now we have 5 class slots available. If you have any questions about any of the posted jobs, see Steve Miller.



Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. Isaiah 6:8



THOSE WHO SERVE



Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
 Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Prayer
 L Server 6
 O Server 5
 R Server 4
 S Wine
 S Bread
 U Server 3
 P Server 2
 E Server 1
 R Message
 Closing Prayer

April 11

Wayne Gampp
 Shaun McCray
 Gabe Coriell
 John Berry
 Michael Dixon
 Jerry Gampp
 Terry Grashel
 Rick Coriell
 Spike Ferrell
 Derek Gampp
 Jeff Hayward
 Roger Cooper
 Steve Miller
 Zach Coriell

April 18

Tom Kelley
 Nick Davis
 Troy Gahm
 Rich Book
 Dave Coriell
 Mike Coriell
 James Jacobs
 Mike Gampp
 Dennis Ruch
 Chuck Allison
 Dewey Cordle
 Shane Mougey
 Steve Miller
 Jeff Vannatta

Sunday Evening

Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Lord's Supper
 Assist
 Prayer
 Bible Class

Shawn Gragg
 Gary Glispie
 Tyler Jones
 Tim Gampp
 Greg Shepherd
 Jude

Derrick Mooneyham
 Luke Purpero
 Ira Coriell
 Matthew Hoskins
 Jason Coriell
 Revelation: Intro

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
 Prayer
 Bible Class Text

Aaron McCray
 Jamie Veach
 1 Kings 11

Caleb Miller
 Jack Jennings
 Song of Solomon 1-4

Children's Bible Time

April Theme: Resurrection
 3-5: Pam Coriell, Irmalee Gampp,
 Rhonda & Kylie Berry
 6-8: Kristine Coriell, Derria Kelley

May Theme: Heroes of the Bible
 3-5: Julie Miller, Hannah Miller
 6-8: Kristin Riley, Mandi Coriell, Autumn
 Risner

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
 Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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JID SREB, VFZKGA, MIRX VIFSS

K VDGB, FGB MIR MKSS AR URE

QV? JIDG VFKB K, IDED FX K;

VDGB XD.

The jumbled letters at the right are a cryptogram. Each letter represents a different one. Substitute the correct letters to reveal a verse from Isaiah 6.

Hint: K=I V=S

Give up? The solution is at the bottom of page 3.