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## **More on Singing in Worship**

Today we have the second and final lesson on why we use only vocal music in our worship services. There is much more that could be presented about this issue. For the most part we are only hitting the high spots. However, given below are a few things that I am not including in my lesson, but they are things you might want to know.

First of all, the churches of Christ are not the only modern day churches which use vocal music only. There are several other groups that are a cappella: the most notable are Eastern Orthodox churches and many Mennonite churches. The Eastern Orthodox church in the US has an internet radio program which broadcasts some of the oldest vocal music known in the form of the chant. Some songs go back to the 3rd, 4th and 5th centuries. If you are interested in hearing some examples of ancient Christian music, go to [www.ancientfaithradio.com](http://www.ancientfaithradio.com) and listen for awhile.

Second, there are less than a dozen verses in the NT which are arguably about singing in the worship assembly. We are not studying these verses this morning, but I will be alluding to them: I Corinthians 14:13-15, 26; Ephesians 5:18-20; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 2:12 and James 5:13.

Third, the silence of the NT about some practice or method does not always mean that that method or practice are outside the will of God. I gave several examples in the first lesson that show that sometimes the silence of the scripture indicates that something is ruled out or excluded, because another option of the same class has already been specified by God. If God says "Red" and says no more about color, then blue, green, yellow, brown, etc. are automatically ruled out. However, sometimes the scripture is silent about a method or practice for other reasons.

For instance, the New Testament says nothing about church buildings. Why is that? Probably because church buildings could not legally exist in 1st century Rome. Christianity was an illegal religion in the Roman Empire until the fourth century AD. So the New Testament (a first

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

**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 Derek Miller, and Steven McGraw** in Afghanistan.

**Wanda Lemon** (Millie’s sister-in-law) continues in hospice care.

**Steve Miller** is slowly recuperating from the khyphoplasty.

**Anne Oglesby** (granddaughter of Wayne & Irmalee) prayer for healing and good results for a biopsy of lesions on her head.

## Spirit Club

Tonight at 6 pm.

## Sunshine Girls

Tonight at 6 pm.



## In the Area

- 8/3-6 - **Kanawha Valley Lectureship**, St Albans, WV, Things That Pertain to Life and Godliness. Flyer posted in the foyer.
- 8/8-12 - **Ohio Valley Lectures**, St. Marys, WV—Mack Lyon speaking on the Bride and the Bridegroom: Christ and His Church. Flyer posted in the foyer.
- 8/14 - **Ladies’ Inspiration Day** - Circleville church of Christ, Dietlinde Spears speaking on “Purseverence.” Flyer posted in foyer.

## Fathers Praising the Father

On Fathers Day, June 20, 4 of our Christian fathers here at Sunshine will be praising our Heavenly Father from the pulpit. Be praying for Steve Williams, Jeff Vannatta, Derrick Mooneyham and Ira Coriell as they will be standing before us giving the Father praise on this day.

## Shepherd’s Prayer Session

This Thursday at 7:30 pm, our shepherds will be meeting for a special session of prayer for the individuals and families in the church. If you have a specific and special request that you would like to have included in that prayer, please pass it on to one of the elders right away.

## Water Color Classes Suspended

For the summer months the Tuesday Water Color Classes are suspended. Classes will resume in the fall.

## Summer Breakfast/Lunch Program

Community Action Organization is sponsoring a free breakfast/lunch program this summer from June 14-August 6, Monday through Friday. The meals are for kids ages 18 and younger. Meals will be served in the Minford area at the United Methodist Church. For more information call 354-7541.

## VBS Prep

The Sunday night before VBS we need to move several things around in the building in preparation for VBS—tables, chairs, song books, etc. If you can stay for a while after services and help move things, please do. Also, we will need a two or three able-bodied people to help out on Monday in order to get ready for VBS—we’re making and putting up signs, moving more things around, trips to town for needed supplies, etc. Are you available? See Steve if you would be willing to help. Plan on starting about 9 am Monday morning.

## VBS Worker Sign Up

It’s time now to start gathering up our support people for VBS—Guides, Kitchen Helpers, Restroom Monitors, Quiet Room Workers, Bell Ringers, etc. These jobs do not require a lot of preparation, but they do require you to be present at the building for VBS. They are important jobs. Sign up for the jobs and the days that you would like to cover. If all the slots are full, sign up as a floater or alternate on the nights you are available. Thanks.

## Calling all Cookie Cooks!

Cookies are needed for refreshments at VBS. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer if you can provide cookies on one or more evenings. See Debbie Sullivan for any details.

## VBS Registration and Flyers

We have several flyers and registration cards laid out on the table in the foyer to use for inviting and advertising our upcoming VBS. No registration is required for Sunshine students. Pre-registration of non-Sunshine students would be nice but can be handled before VBS each night. Take all the flyers and registration cards you need. We’ll make more.

## VBS Guide/Support Workers Meeting

Next Sunday morning after services, all people who have signed up as a guide or some kind of support worker for VBS are invited to stay for a meeting to go over what the jobs are about this year. We’ll meet in the annex or in the front of the auditorium. Plan 20 minutes for this meeting. Steve.

## Happy Birthday

To Adrian Hayward, the oldest member of our congregation. Adrian had her 99th birthday yesterday. Congratulations, Adrian. If you would like to send her a belated birthday card, her address is 1046 Frederick, Wheelersburg, Ohio 45694.

## Children's Bible Time Needs You

CBT is a program that teaches our children ages 3-8 years old a lesson during the sermon. All the children meet together for singing, praying and giving and then we break up into 2 classes. One class is for 3-5 year olds which meets in a classroom. The other class is for 6-8 year olds which stays in the annex where they have an age-appropriate bible lesson. Please feel welcome to send your children.

Also, we are needing a teacher for the 3-5 year old class for the month of July. If you are willing to take on this job for July, see Kristin Riley or Julie Miller.

## Youth Devo

There will be a devo at Sam Williams' house Monday at 6 p.m. Any questions, contact Tim Gamp.

## More on Singing in Worship

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century document) doesn't say anything about church buildings. However the New Testament says quite a lot about the need for Christians to meet for fellowship, worship, Bible study, etc. (Hebrews 10:25). Is it wrong for the church to provide a place for these meetings to take place? Of course not. The book of Acts shows the early church meeting in all kinds of places: In the temple (2:46, 5:12), in homes (5:42), by a river in Philippi (16:13-16), in the Hall of Tyrannus in Ephesus (19:19), 3rd floor of a building in Troas (20:9), in a Caesarean prison (24:27). The church used any and every kind of place available to them for their meetings. When church buildings became a viable option in the fourth century, there was no scriptural reason not to take advantage of the visibility and convenience of a church building. Silence in this case does not indicate that church buildings are forbidden. It simply indicates that church buildings were not a viable option at the time the NT was written.

The New Testament says nothing about church vans. Why is that? Probably because church vans would not exist for another 1900 years. The New Testament says nothing about church vans but it says plenty about the church going into all the world to preach the gospel. When early Christians



# Coming Events

- 6/18-25 Strawberry Point Trip
- 6/20 Fathers Praising the Father
- 6/28-7/2 VBS at Sunshine
- 7/11-17 Sunshine Week at Fort Hill Camp
- 7/24-25 Father-Son Campout
- 7/29-8/05 Honduras Mission Trip



## Bible Study Curriculum

### Sunday

6/13 Revelation 21-22  
6/20 Luke 1:1-25  
6/27 Preaching Service

### Wednesday

6/16 2 Kings 6:1-23  
6/23 2 Kings 6:24-7:20  
6/30 2 Kings 17

travelled they used every means of transportation available to them at the time—walking, riding an animal, driving a chariot, sailing in a ship, etc. The fact that church vans are not mentioned does not prohibit the use of church vans to transport people to Christian activities, meetings, evangelistic efforts today. The church is simply using the best means of transportation available to them at this time.

But what is the case with vocal versus instrumental music in Christian worship? Instruments were a large part of the 1st century worship of the Jewish Temple and of the pagan religions. Yet when the New Testament describes the music of Christian worship, it consistently mentions singing and says nothing about the use of the instrument. God has clearly made His selection for the music of Christian worship. It is singing.

Steve Miller

**YOU HAVE BEEN  
BOUGHT WITH  
A PRICE, THEREFORE  
GLORIFY GOD  
IN YOUR BODY  
1 COR 6:20**



# 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  
 P Server 1  
 E Message  
 R Closing Prayer

## June 13

Tom Kelley  
 Nick Davis  
 Luke Purpero  
 Bill Gammon  
 Ira Coriell  
 Dale Gamp  
 Jeff Hayward  
 Aaron McCray  
 Jamie Riley  
 Ike Hardin  
 Shane Mougey  
 Greg Shepherd  
 Steve Miller  
 Dewey Cordle

## June 20

Don Coriell  
 Ralph Gamp  
 Rick Coriell  
 Eric Copas  
 Roger Cooper  
 Spike Ferrell  
 Jason Foster  
 Aaron Kallner  
 Mark Villinger  
 Steve Williams  
 Eric Miller  
 Jerry Gamp  
 Steve Miller  
 Don Ramey

## Sunday Evening

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

Rich Book  
 Davey Coriell  
 Greg Coriell  
 Zach Coriell  
 John Berry  
 Revelation 21-22

Jacob Miller  
 Troy Gahm  
 Gary Glispie  
 Eric McLaughlin  
 Dennis Ruch  
 Luke 1:1-25

## Wednesday Evening

Song Director  
 Prayer  
 Bible Class Text

Derrick Mooneyham  
 Shawn Gragg  
 2 Kings 6:1-23

Gabe Coriell  
 Jack Jennings  
 2 Kings 6:24-7:20

## Children's Bible Time

### June Theme: *Animals of the Bible*

3-5: Mandi Coriell, Regina & Kathleen Kuhn, Laryssa Grashel  
 6-8: Joanne Miller, Rikki & Rushie Richmond, Rebecca Dixon

### July Theme: *Confidence & Faith*

3-5: Rebecca & Vanessa Dixon  
 6-8: Jodi & Abbie Kallner

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

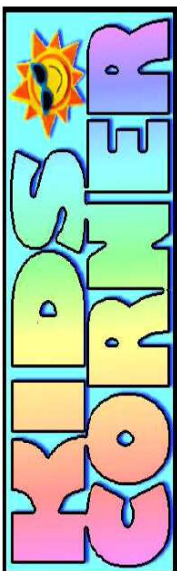
### Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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## WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble these key words and phrases from Revelation 22. Solution on page 3.

- MMSTENNCODMA = \_\_\_\_\_
- MDNAAEHAGOLAP = \_\_\_\_\_
- HRPWOSI = \_\_\_\_\_
- ITNORMRNSAG = \_\_\_\_\_
- YPPHOERC = \_\_\_\_\_
- CLCOMUQEKIY = \_\_\_\_\_
- FWAOEIRTELF = \_\_\_\_\_
- YITLOCYH = \_\_\_\_\_