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MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome:	David Singletary
Song Leader:	Richard Dean
Prayer:	Gentry Leonard
Communion Prayers:	Odell Hamilton
Offering Prayer:	Bobby Simmons
Scripture Reading:	Lee Coleman
Message:	Nick Schroeder
Benediction:	Alan Galloway

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements/Prayer:	David Singletary
Song Leader:	Fred Walker
Communion Prayers:	Gerry Luther & Bubba Burnett
Evening Lesson:	Scott Ferguson
Closing Prayer :	Ronny Cook

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday Bible Class:	9:30 AM
Sunday Worship:	10:30 AM
Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study:	7:00 PM

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Auditorium:	Romans	Lonnie Ritchie
Annex Classroom:	Respectable Sins	David Singletary
Annex Meeting Rm:	Young Adults	Scott Carpenter
Fellowship:	**Will Resume July 8th Please attend Elsewhere**	DC Brown
Library:	New Christians	Morris Fridie

Magnolia church of Christ

News Update

JULY 01, 2018

Welcome!

Improving Our Worship

The New Testament tells us what early Christians did in their worship and also the manner in which it was done. It is not up to man to invent ways to improve worship apart from the word of God. John 4:24 records, “God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.” If I practice something in worship for which there is no scriptural authority or if I have an attitude of bitterness in my heart when I worship, such is unacceptable before God (Matthew 5:23–24). Therefore, worshiping God acceptably involves doing what God says and doing it from a sincere heart.

God deserves my best. Obviously, as a disciple of the Lord, I can worship God any time and any place. However, as a Christian, I have the responsibility and privilege to assemble with fellow disciples. Even though there are times when we worship with others in an assembly, worship is still an individual matter. What can I do to improve my worship?

How can I improve my worship in song? Passages such as 1 Corinthians 14:15, Ephesians 5:19, and Colossians 3:16 teach us to sing with spirit, with understanding, with a melody in your heart and with a heart filled with grace. The command to sing involves my learning something about singing. If I’m a song leader in song worship, I need to learn to lead singing to the best of my ability.

How can I improve my worship in partaking of the Lord’s Supper? It is obvious that the early disciples partook of the Lord’s Supper on the first day of every week (Acts 2:42; 20:7). However, according to 1 Corinthians 11:23–29, I must partake of the bread and the fruit of the vine in memory of Christ. I must discern the Lord’s death till he comes again. Sometimes it helps me in my discernment to read scriptures or lyrics to songs that take my mind back to the cross.

How can I improve my worship in teaching and hearing God’s word? As a preacher of truth, I can improve my worship in proclaiming the Word when I speak with all boldness (Acts 4:29). My worship in preaching will be more effective when I preach in the spirit of meekness and humility (Galatians 6:1–2). I must also speak with love in my heart; not only for my Lord, but also for the same people He loves (1Corinthians 13:1).Those who hear the gospel are also worshiping while listening. As a hearer, I should receive the message with all readiness of mind just like the Bereans (Acts 17:11). The worshipful hearer not only receives the Word but also embraces it (believes) and obeys.

How can I improve my worship in praying to God? As one leading the prayer, I need to prepare myself. The lack of preparation in prayer often leads to wordy repetition. I need to pray loud enough that the congregation can hear the words and be able to say “A-men.” The scripture teaches me to pray with spirit, understanding and faith. I need to be enthusiastic when I pray and mean every word that I say. On the other hand, as a listener to a public prayer, I need to concentrate on what is being said while having an attitude of prayer in my heart.

How can I improve my worship in giving? The Bible teaches me to give on the first day of the week, as I have prospered, as I have purposed, and to give cheerfully, willingly and bountifully (1 Corinthians 16:1–2; 2 Corinthians 8:7–8; 8:12; 9:5–7). I believe it is as essential to learn the truth about giving as it is to learn the truth about partaking of the Lord’s Supper on the first day of each week or about singing praises to God without instrumental music. To not give as God instructs will make my worship vain.

My worship needs to be improved if, in any way, it is according to the commandments of men rather than instruction from God. My worship needs to be improved when it is only from my mouth and not from my heart. Whatever we can do that is in harmony with God’s expressed will - to worship according to truth and to worship from our hearts - needs to be put into practice. And remember- true worship glorifies our heavenly Father and edifies our brothers and sisters in Christ. ~ R.J. Stevens

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Bob & Kitty Mobley
- Nancy Morrow
- Cliff & Barbara Purvis
- Jack & Katheryn Bullock
- Jimmy & Charlene Ware
- Evelyn Stalcup
- Reina Butts
- Rick, Sherry & Macy Damazio
- Charlotte Smith
- Paul Miller
- Frances Poehl
- Jerry & Janice Walker
- Rosemary Lunt
- Wilma Davenport
- Louise Hairgrove
- Diane Flanagan
- Walter Polk
- Barbara Loving
- Connie Matics
- Langley Family

Our Active Military : Cody Damazio, Ricky Damazio, Matt Gilley, Dillion LeBlanc, Sarah Luker, & John Neidrich

- **Prayers for the friends and loved ones of our church family:**
  - Billy Dickerson, Linda Ritchie's brother (heart issues)
  - Tommie Sue Wacbod, Ethel Mitchell's friend (cancer)
  - Ada Etheridge, Barbara Loving's sister (health & life struggles)
  - Hadley Daniel, Jean Lowery's great granddaughter (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia)
  - Lee & Melissa Roberds, Charlene Ware's son & daughter-in-law (Melissa-procedures/MD Anderson)
  - Eion, Terry Woodson's relative (life threatening seizures)
  - Roger Brass, Maggie Polk's brother (cancer treatments)

Camp Baptisms
Kamryn Bevel, Berl and Dana 's daughter
Whitney Hall, Odell and Sandy Hamilton's granddaughter

EVENTS & UPDATES

Elder in Charge for July - David Singletary (281.802.8613)

- Guest Speaker: Scott Ferguson: from Arms of Hope will be speaking this evening
- Prayer Meeting is on July 3,10,17,24 & 31
- Office Closed on the 4th of July
- Summer Series: John Gooch (4th), Larry Keele (11th), Nathan Harper (18th), Thomas Reed (25th)
- MNFTM meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays (July 9 & 23)
- Game Night: Ice Cream Churn-Off on July 13 in the fellowship room
- Dorcas Ministry: Cancelled for July & August. Will resume September 8 at 9:00 a.m.
- Men's Breakfast: Saturday, July 21 at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship room
- 5th Sunday Potluck: Sunday, July 29 (No PM Assembly)

DAILY BIBLE READING

Monday 2 - 2 Kings 9-11; Tuesday 3 - 2 Kings 12-14, 2 Chron 24-25; Wednesday 4 -Jonah; Thursday 5 - 2 Kings 15, 2 Chron 26; Friday 6 - Isaiah 1-4; Saturday 7 - Isaiah 5-8

YOUTH UPDATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Singing School - July 1-7**
- **Preacher Training Camp - July 15-20**
- **EWES Camp for Girls - July 29-August 3**

If you want to go to PTC or EWES you need to sign up today!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Guest Speaker: Nick Schroeder this Morning
Guest Speaker: Scott Ferguson (Arms of Hope) this Evening

Summer Series
Our Wednesday night Summer Series begins June 6.
July Speakers:
July 4 - John Gooch
July 11 - Larry Keele
July 18 - Nathan Harper
July 25 - Thomas Reed

Office Closed
Wednesday, July 4th

Game Night
Ice Cream Churn-Off on Friday, July 13. We moved the event from August to July since it would have fallen on the same weekend as Impact Houston. We hope to have lots of good entries for the ice cream. We will get the sign-up sheets into the foyer for both competitors and judges in the next few weeks. Start thinking of recipes and experimenting on your families!

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RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

June 24, 2018

Sunday Bible Class:	100	Contribution:	$7,415
Morning Worship:	148	Budget:	$8,020
Evening Worship:	38	Over/(Under) Budget:	$6,288
Wednesday Bible Study:	43		