

Person to Person . . .

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Some Thoughts About **Worship**

There is a post making its rounds on Facebook that I believe is absolutely true. Maybe you've seen it.

The purpose of worship is not to obtain an emotional high, to placate the flesh, or be entertained. It's not a theater stage for dramatics or performance. The purpose of worship is to honor, glorify, and praise our holy God.

I can only say, "Amen!" to that!

But, how do we make our worship all it can and should be? Here are some of my thoughts.

✓ Those who lead in the services should come prepared to lead. Thought should be given to what they are doing. It should be kept in mind that they are leading the congregation in worship, and that is a solemn privilege.

✓ Each worshipper should come prepared to worship. Arrive early. Don't be out-of-sorts, because of something that happened earlier. Prepare your mind to worship.

✓ Participate. Worship is not a spectator sport. Take part. Sing. God doesn't care how you sound. Bow your head and concentrate on the prayer. Pay careful attention to the sermon. Something may be said that will help you. Join thoughtfully in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Realize worship is primarily a giving and not a receiving. Yes, you will get something from a worship service, but the real purpose in worship is to give honor, glory and praise to our great God.

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—Rusty and Trish Curtis request prayers for a young, 29-=year-old friend and co-worker, **Courtney Smith**, who had a mild stroke last week. . . . **Katie Cronin** had a doctor's appointment last week to try to determine the cause of her stomach pain. . . . The Flores request prayers for **Gary Bryant**, who is under hospice care in West Virginia . . . Kim Wheeler requests prayers

for her mother, Jean McAfee. Since Kim has been there, she has been to the ER two times. . . . Heather Fleenor asks us to pray for a friend, Misty Southard, who is dealing with some troubling issues. . . . Kellen Kinzalow requests prayers for his grandmother's friend, Jerry, who is having heart trouble. . . Del Rogers had eye surgery last Friday. We have no report at this writing. Prayers, please. . . . The Rogers ask us to keep their son Jason, in our prayers, as he continues to have trouble with his stomach. . . . LisaLee Zelanka fell last week and is also anxiously awaiting some test results. Be sure to keep her in your prayers. . . . Three of our neighbors asked for prayers at our last LIFT giveaway: Ms. Ann (an unspoken request), Ms. Norma (upcoming leg surgery), and Ms. Jean (her daughter's breast cancer and her granddaughter's broken wrist). . . . Be sure to keep Kaylene Martin in your prayers, as she goes through her chemotherapy.

FOR THE RECORD—**Sunday**: Bible Study, 74; Morning Worship, 111 + 12; Evening Worship, 38 + 18; Contribution, \$2,712; **Wednesday:** 57 + 12. (*The* + numbers are those who are watching online.)



✓ This Afternoon—Teacher's VBS Meeting @ 5 p.m.

✓ Today—Pictures taken before and after both services for the picture board.

✓ Sunday, June 30—5th Sunday (Covered Dish Luncheon and Q&A in the 2nd service.)

✓ Saturday, July 13—Super Saturday VBS



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, June 23 A.M.— "Why Church?"

Acts 2:41-47 P.M.— "Christ Is Still Building His Church"

1 Peter 2:5

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	Morning	Evening
Song Leader:	Brian Lane	Brian Lane
Announcements:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Reading (Ephesians 5:22-27)	Bret McHone	
Opening Prayer	Tim Wheeler	Sam Martin
Presiding at Lord's Table:	Jeff Whitaker	Jeff Whitaker
Serving at Lord's Table:	Darrell Whitaker, Trist	tan Wheeler
	Timmy Wheeler. Jacob Ward	
Reading (Acts 2:41-47)	Chris Sergent	
Closing Prayer:	Jeff Cronin	Keith Devereaux

Wednesday: Singing. Tim Wheeler; Devotional, Timmy Wheeler Closing Prayer, Tristan Wheeler

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Services: Sunday—9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Wednesday—7:00 p.m.

