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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Reasons Why You Should Be Obedient
(**Ecc 2:9-11**)

PM Sermon

Fellow Laborers (Romans 16)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Mark - D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

Proverbs – R. Earl

In SEARCH of the Lord’s Way

On Channel 6-2 Sundays @ 7:30 am

The Truth in Love

on Channel 19 Sundays @ 8am

The Gospel of Christ TV Program

on Saturday @ 7:30am on Channel 53

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The Oologah Informer May 5th, 2019

Thoughts from the Preacher

“Standards”

Raise Your Standard,
don’t ask God to lower His.

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

(Adapted from Garry Stanton - Toney L. Smith)

Some years ago, a friend of mine was visiting a congregation in the western part of our nation. His observance of the disruptions in the worship is something to think about.

He watched as the younger people were allowed to play games as the worship service was going on. Many times, the older ones were the ones who were encouraging the games played by the children. Not only did these people not get anything out of worship, but they disturbed everyone else who was sitting around them. This just goes to show that many do not know the purpose, nor do they understand what worship really is. If they did, they surely wouldn't disturb the worship assembly, and would act in a more reverent and worshipful manner.

To answer ***What Is Worship***, we must first answer what it is not:

1. Worship is not a time for fun and games. Children should be trained at an early age to respect worship.
2. Worship is not a time to manicure our fingernails.
3. Worship is not a time to catch up on lost sleep.
4. Worship is not a time to balance our check books.
5. Worship is not a time to communicate with those around us (whispering and note passing).
6. Worship is not a time to go back and forth to the water fountain and restrooms. Most of us can take care of this BEFORE worship begins. Of course, it is understandable for those with medical problems and emergencies.
7. Worship is not just a time to give as we have prospered and to take the Lord's Supper. Yes, it is the time in which we do those things, but we also are to sing, pray, and hear the word of God.
8. Worship is not a time for phone ringing and answering those calls.

Worship Is:

1. A time to praise the Living God (Hebrews 2:12).
2. A time to remember the love of Christ who died for us (1 Corinthians 11:24).
3. A time of encouragement and exhortation (Hebrews 10:24).
4. A special time of Christian fellowship (Acts 2:42).
5. A time to set aside the cares of the world and to focus on spiritual matters (Hebrews 12:28).
6. A time to focus our coming and bowing before God (Psalm 95:6).

7. A time to focus on spiritual matters (John 4:23-24).
8. A time for things to be done decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40).

Sometimes we must take care of the smaller children. Some congregations provide a nursery to accommodate that need. However, the nursery is not a place to go and shut out the worship service. It is the place set aside for mothers to train and take care of the little ones. Even in the nursery there is to be respect for worship. Acceptable worship is no accident. We must prepare for it.