

Times of Services

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Other Study and Worship Opportunities

- The Pines/Cady Hills Bible Study -Sun. & Thurs. at 7:00 p.m.
- Young Bible Scholars – Nov. 10, 6 p.m., Wilson’s Home
- Lady’s Bible Classes at YMCA – To be announced.
- Sunday and Wednesday Services/Lessons are being recorded
- Second Sunday Neighborhood Bible Study – 3:30 p.m.
- Third Sunday – Trinity Care Home Service - 1:30 p.m.
- Fourth Sunday Song Service following 10:00 a.m. sermon

News and Notes

- **Prayer Requests:** Patsy Chunn, Jim Ratcliff, Wade McCrary, Doug Wheeler, Mike Lavender, Mike and Marion Butler, Lee Gallop, the Andy Elliott Family, and Rebecca Powell. Cindy Nutt requests our prayers for her grandchildren and family. Ellen and Dylan Haas ask for prayers for their family. Prayers are requested for John Lavender, Mike and Marilyn’s son John has kidney and heart disease issues.
Sick: Patsy Chunn is taking cancer medications. Rebecca Powell is dealing with rheumatoid arthritis complications. Andy Elliott will have eye surgery in November. Andy also recently suffered back and rotator cuff injuries at work. Jim Ratcliff continues to battle health issues. Doug Wheeler will be undergoing treatment for tongue cancer.

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When You Feel Like Giving Up

1) When you feel like giving up because of the trials you are suffering, remember righteous Job. He lost everything: his children, his wealth, and his health (Job 1:13-2:8). In spite of all this unimaginable grief and loss, Job held to his faith in God (Job 13:15). As James wrote of him: "*Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord--that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful*" (5:11). Indeed we may suffer great trials in this life, yet we must never forget that "*the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us*" (Romans 8:18). Like Job, let us endure.

2) When you feel like giving up because it seems like your righteous efforts are to no avail, remember Elijah. This faithful prophet of God boldly condemned the evil ways of Ahab and Jezebel. Demonstrating great courage and faith he took on the 450 prophets of Baal, proving them to be completely false (1 Kings 18:17-40). In spite of all his courageous efforts for good, he had to flee for his life from Jezebel. In his great discouragement and distress he expressed how he felt no better than his fathers and that he was the only man left in Israel that had remained loyal to God and His covenant (1 Kings 19:4, 10). Elijah had done much good, and it was not in vain. Seven thousand in Israel had not bowed the knee in allegiance to Baal. He was not all

alone. Furthermore, God still had important work for him to do (19:15-18). In spite of disheartening set-backs, we must remember that we have work to do - the Lord's work. So "*be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord*" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

3) When you feel like giving up because you're weary and discouraged in your soul, remember Jesus. Although one can receive much strength and inspiration from the likes of Job and Elijah, there is no better example that we can look to than Jesus Christ. "*Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For **consider Him** who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls***" (Hebrews 12:1-3). Look to Jesus every day. When you feel weary and discouraged look to Jesus even more. Consider all that He endured on our behalf that we might be saved from our sins. So let us run this spiritual race with endurance never losing sight of the joy that is set before us!

When you feel like giving up, remember Job, Elijah, and especially Jesus. **When you feel like giving up, don't!** It will all be worth it in the end (Romans 8:18; Revelation 21:1-7)!

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Worship That Pleases God

Usually when we talk or write about acceptable worship at least two passages are brought to mind. The first, John 4:24, is part of a conversation Jesus had with a Samaritan woman. It emphasizes "**in spirit**" and "**in truth**". The other passage is Matthew 15:9, where Jesus was rebuking the scribes and Pharisees. In this passage he emphasized proper teaching. Those who teach or follow "**the commandments of men**" worship in vain. We should desire that our worship is acceptable.

In this article I want to deal with something that is a part of worshipping "**in spirit**". I want to consider our attitude as we worship. In the Old Testament the Hebrew word most commonly used for "worship" is *hishtachavu* and literally means "to bow down in reverence, do obeisance." It is used to describe one's posture in the presence of human dignitaries (Genesis 43:28), idols (Exodus 5), and God (Psalm 5:7; 99:5, 9). One was expected to "bow down" (humble oneself in the presence of a greater being).

The New Testament equivalent in the Greek language is *proskuneo* which means "to bow in reverence." Satan used this word in his temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4:9) and Jesus used it in John 4:23-24. Paul used this same word in 1 Corinthians 14:25 when he said "so falling down on his face he will worship God." Now, before someone jumps to the conclusion that I am suggesting that for our worship to be acceptable we must literally "fall down on our face, or bow down," let me put your mind at ease. I am **NOT** suggesting that.

What I am suggesting is that if we follow the principles set forth in these verses we will come to our assemblies and conduct ourselves after we get there in such a way as to show we are humbly approaching a greater being to show him our love, dependence, devotion and submission. We will find little place for joking and laughter. We show our attitude toward God by the way we act when we come before him.

We go to great lengths to emphasize the proper acts of worship and they are of great importance. But, of equal importance is our attitude that is displayed in our dress, our speech, and our behavior. Approaching God with jokes and laughter, dressed in a t-shirt or sweater proclaiming how great a person I am or advertising some man-made product does not seem to fit in with the idea of "bowing down on one's face in humble obeisance before the supreme God." I need to understand that I can go through the proper acts and yet my worship be rejected because of my attitude as manifested in my dress and behavior. Let us not worship God in vain!

J. F. Dancer, Jr., *Southside Informer*, 6-22-14