



We are honored and blessed to have you worshiping with us today and we extend our warmest welcome. Our service is modeled after the New Testament pattern of worship. If you have any questions or concerns please express them to us. We are all here to serve.



Prayer List

Keep Sylvia and family in prayer. Rick Curran is extremely ill, keep him in prayer. Pray for Francisco's continued recovery from surgery. Ann Marie has been ill and Wanda has been under the weather as well, pray for them. Pray for sister McKinney and family, her back surgery is scheduled for Jan. 13th, Otha Jr.'s reconstructive knee surgery is Jan. 20th, and her brother Ricky Young is scheduled for shoulder surgery Jan. 7th, her niece Dawn Gant is suffering with respiratory problems. Lorena's friend Cecelia has a rare eye disease that has no cure, pray that it goes into remission. Lorena's friend Gloria Villegas lost her husband, pray for their family. Pray for TC and family. Thom and Mary Elizabeth need prayers, Thom's brother and mother are ill and need prayers. Pray for Prince's health. Pray for sister Leola's friend Elena who has stage 4 kidney cancer. Pray for a solution to Keisha's health issues. Pray for Gena and family, her stepson has cancer. Pray for the spiritual and physical health of Leola's brother-in-law also pray for Keion, her 7 year old nephew who has cancer. Paris has suffered a possible stroke and/or heart attack, also her son was injured in a car accident, they need our prayers. Pray for Tulu Tulu Niusuls's health. Ebony's friend Josh needs prayer. Stan's friend Rachel's husband was burned severely, pray for him. Prayers are requested for Reynaldo McLaughlin and family. Prayer requested for Sal Baker who suffered a heart attack. Prayer request for Kimberly Taylor who also suffered a heart attack. Pray for Neal Caruso (Otha Jr.'s friend) and family, he has cancer and is not doing well. Henry's sister, Debbie Page was in the hospital, she's home now, but pray for her continued recovery.

Order of Todays Services

1. Singing
2. Opening Prayer
3. Singing
4. Preaching
5. Invitation Song
6. Communion Song
7. Communion
8. Song Before Offering
9. Offering
10. Announcements
11. Closing Song
12. Closing Prayer

**Song Leader - Stan
Prayer - Jeremiah
Preaching - Stan
Table Lead - Henry
Helper - Travis
Helper - Prince
Announce - Lenard
Prayer - Francisco**

God's Plan to Save Mankind

- Hear the WordRomans 10:17
- Believe the WordMark 16:15-16
- Repent of your sinsLuke 13:3-5
- Confess His name.....Matt. 10:32-33
- Baptism1Peter 2:211
- Live FaithfullyRevelation 2:10

Don't forget to silence your cell phone!



Articles

To Read and Share

If Jesus Had Not Come...

Christians should regularly pause to give thanks for God sending His Son to earth. There are many blessings we could not know if He had not come.

For instance, if Jesus had not come to earth, there would be no Gospel. The Gospel is God's power to salvation (Romans 1:16). Paul described it when he wrote, "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

If Jesus had not come, there would be no church. Jesus told His disciples that He would build His church on the rock, the foundational fact that He is the Christ, the Son of God (Matthew 16:18). Paul instructed, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word" (Ephesians 5:25-26).

There would be no hope if Jesus had not come. "To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27; Romans 5:1-2).

There would be no forgiveness if the Lord had not come. Redemption from sin and forgiveness are only found in Jesus' blood (Ephesians 1:7). Paul's instructions on forgiveness include, "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

Salvation from sin is only available because Jesus came. Peter told the rulers, elders, scribes and priests, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by

which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Paul recognized his own struggle with sinful desire and exclaimed, "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:24-25a).

Let us rejoice and give thanks because Jesus came. The Gospel, the church, hope, forgiveness and salvation are all available to those who submit to His Lordship!

Gary C. Hampton

You'll Get Dizzy

A certain man was troubled with dizzy spells, redness in his face and bulging eyes. Every day when he went to his office, he experienced these things. Weekends were not so bad, so he concluded his work was causing his physical discomfort.

He went from one doctor to another and none could tell him what the problem was. He consulted psychiatrists, psychologists and psychics. What was wrong? Why was he constantly suffering from dizzy spells, redness in his face and bulging eyes?



He tried everything, it seemed. Nothing helped. He finally resigned himself to the fact that whatever was causing all this was fatal. It

bothered him so much he began to lose weight. He couldn't sleep at night. He feared he would never overcome this. He became a nervous wreck and his health began to deteriorate. He had lost hope that he would ever recover.

He decided to prepare for the worst. He made out his will, bought a cemetery plot, instructed the preacher what he wanted at his funeral, and even made arrangements with the local undertaker. He was fully convinced of his soon demise. He even decided to buy a new suit of clothes to be buried in.

When he went into the clothing store he was measured for everything. He picked out shoes, socks, coat, and pants. The sales person asked, "What size shirt will you be needing, sir?" "Size 15, please," he replied. The clerk said, "But, sir, I believe that is a bit small. Let me measure your neck size." After the measurement, the sales person said, "I'm sorry sir, but your will need a 16 1/2, not a size 15." But the man insisted, "No, I have worn a size 15 for years."

The sales person tried several times to convince his customer that he needed a 16 1/2, but the man would have nothing of it. Finally, the exasperated sales person said, "Well, sir, if you insist, we'll get out a size 15, but I must warn you, you will have dizzy spells, get red in the face, and your eyes will bulge out."

Some people are so set in their ways, they will never admit the obvious. Some are so unwilling to change they appear to prefer to remain spiritually without comfort. Long ago, a very wise man wrote:

"The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice."

Prov. 12:15

Ice Cream Is Sometimes Good For The Soul

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would thank you even more if Mom gets us Ice Cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for Ice Cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the

table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart." Then in theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "too bad she never asks God for Ice Cream. A little Ice Cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kid Ice Cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked



up his Sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice Cream is good for the soul sometimes and my soul is good already!"



Building Remodeling

We have acquired enough money for a portable baptistry and are moving forward with building remodeling plans. Could still use donations for the project.

AND
**LET THE PEACE
OF CHRIST RULE
IN YOUR HEARTS**
TO WHICH INDEED
YOU WERE CALLED IN ONE BODY
AND *Be thankful*
COLLOSSIANS 3:15