

The Reminder

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY:
9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study
5:00 PM Worship

WEDNESDAY:
7:30 PM Study and
Devotional

UPCOMING MEETING:

Ralph Walker
October 23-26

“Worthy to be Praised”

“I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised” (2 Samuel 22:4).

The more diligently we seek God, the more we will understand the importance of praising him. To praise God is to acknowledge His greatness, not only by feeling a deep desire to honor His excellence but also by expressing that desire. “Worship” is the word that most accurately describes this act of praise to God. Because He is God, God is to be worshiped. Both in our hearts and on our lips, there is to be a song of gladness for all that God is.

While it is certain that we don’t praise God as we should, our problem is not simply a failure to praise Him; it is a failure to appreciate His worthiness to be praised. If the word “praiseworthy” can rightly be applied to any being, surely that being is God. His intrinsic nature is such as to deserve the exaltation and adoration of His creatures. In the majestic throne scene in chapters 4 and 5 of Revelation, the striking emphasis of the entire vision is on God’s worthiness to receive worship. This note is sounded in the exultant praise of the twenty-four elders around God’s throne: “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created” (Revelation 4:11). Worthy art Thou, O God! O how worthy!

As personal beings created in God’s own image, we have a built-in need to praise our Maker. We don’t often recognize that need for what it is, but the almost tangible sense of rightness and goodness that is present in moments of real worship ought to tell us that the adoration of God fills a very deep need within us. We have been made such that praising God is a joy to experience, as well as a duty to fulfill. But how intensely we experience that joy depends on how deeply we have sought to know God’s worthiness, and also to know our debt of gratitude to Him. There will never be a day so dark that the brightness of God’s glory does not deserve our praise. “Receive every day as a resurrection from death, as a new enjoyment of life . . . let your joyful heart praise and magnify so good and glorious a Creator” (William Law).

“To the ear of God everything he created makes exquisite music, and man joined in the paean of praise until he fell, then there came in the frantic discord of sin. The realization of redemption brings man by way of the minor note of repentance back into tune with praise again” (Oswald Chambers).

Gary Henry



Morning Lesson
"Shout the Victory"
Jack Smith

Evening Lesson
Singing

News and Notes:
Please keep the following members in mind who have difficulty being with us due to prolonged illness: **Dee Boyd, Doris Norman, Billie Glitch, and Don Hurd.**

Most of the news this week deals with those out of town for the holiday. The Manns are in New Mexico. The Miles are in Dallas. The Gomez family is in Rockport. So many others will be gone as well. Pray for a safe trip.

Several do need our prayers for their health. Laura is doing okay for a while. No idea when the dialysis will begin. Jan will have surgery in the near future. Keep her and Richard in your thoughts. Anna is still having the same trouble with respiratory problems and pain of undetermined origin.

There are several gospel meetings in the area. See the back bulletin board for details.

Tonight is singing night. A joyful experience to those who love the Lord. Come and worship with us.

Treasures

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:19-21).

Our hearts were designed by God and *for* God. Thus, we will never be satisfied no matter how much *stuff* we attain because of the simple fact that we weren't made to be satisfied by worldly treasures (cf. Ecc. 5:10). In the end all our possessions will ultimately be destroyed and, even as we speak, they are decaying. How foolish is it, then, to set our hearts on them? (Ps. 62:10) Christ calls us to store up treasure in Heaven, how do we do this? Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life (1 Tim. 6:18-19). We are to use all of our strength and provisions to serve our Lord and others, in so doing we **lay up treasure for the coming age**--the life to come. Our wealth, our bodies, and our abilities must be used to glorify God and to work His demands. They're all His to begin with (1 Chron 29:14; Jas. 1:17) and only in proving ourselves to be good and wise stewards of them do we gain treasure in Heaven. How will you prove yourself to be a good steward today? How will you use what you've been given to glorify God? Jason Garcia

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Mann
Hymn Director - M. Robinson
Scripture Reading - 1 Tim 2 5-7
Scripture Reader - S. Camp
Opening Prayer - R. Black
Closing Prayer - M. Mann

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - Song Service
Opening Prayer - D. Kimbrough
Closing Prayer - M. Mann

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Mark Mann
Matt Miles
Mike Pharris
Jack Smith

BIBLE CLASSES

Psalms - Room 107-109
James & Hebrews - Room 102
Bible Geography - Room 204
Graded classes for children



EVERY GOOD
AND PERFECT GIFT
COMES FROM
ABOVE
- JAMES 1:17