

# Wildwood Church of Christ

Hours of Worship & Study

Sunday: Bible Class – 9:30a.m. Worship – 10:30a.m. Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30p.m.

2022 Theme - Living What You Pray

July 10, 2022

## Welcome & Announcements

Song #724 Will You Not Tell It Today?

Song #733 Christ For The World We Sing

Opening Prayer – Keith Jones

Song #316 What Is He Worth To Your Soul?

The Lord's Supper – Bob Grove

Song #753 Are You Sowing The Seed?

Sermon: "Fill My Church Today!"

Song #870 Why Keep Jesus Waiting

Song #754 Lord Send Me

Closing Prayer – Jimmy Glenn

## SOMETHING WE DO

When I was a young boy, I learned about reverential worship through my Catholic upbringing. Worshippers entered the church building through a short foyer, finding themselves almost immediately in the sanctuary or the place of worship. Even before crossing the threshold separating the sidewalk from the interior of the edifice, each person quietly and reverently prepared himself or herself to arrive in what to him or to her was the equivalent of the throne room of Almighty God in Heaven. We felt as though we were in the very presence of God, who deserved to arrest our complete attention along with our purposeful intention to worship Him. We strove to demonstrate our humility before and to express our awe of our Creator God. For the time spent there, our entire focus was on worshipping Almighty God.

The mechanism for fostering reverential worship, however, was of man's design – a sanctuary. Under the authority of the Old Testament rather than under the authority of the New Testament, God **did** recognize a sanctuary (Leviticus 19:30), but He **does not now** authorize a holy place (1Corinthians 3:16; 6:19). A sanctuary is "...in religion, a sacred place, set apart from the profane, ordinary world" ("Sanctuary"). As such, the sanctuary was always holy irrespective of whether worship was occurring. Despite the external encouragement to conduct oneself reverentially, true worship of God under Christianity demands of worshippers, reverence toward Almighty God, even without an external mechanism. Nevertheless, "Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him" (Psalm 33:8 NKJV). "**AWE** – the term refers to an emotion combining honor, fear and respect before someone of superior office or actions. It most appropriately applies to God" (Holman). We ought to always approach God, but especially in our worship, "with reverence and godly fear" (Hebrews 12:28).

For a moment, contrast taking on a reverential attitude in preparation to worship God with, on the other hand, boisterous commotion that has to be shouted down with the help of a public address system. Who could imagine God and Moses struggling to get the attention of Israelites at the foot of Mt. Sinai? Picture the following encounter between the people of God and Almighty God.

*<sup>16</sup> Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup> And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. <sup>19</sup> And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. <sup>20</sup> Then the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. (Exodus 19:16-20)*

Are we taking God seriously enough when we assemble for worship? Is it possible that worship is **just something we do** – checking off the box on our checklist for Christianity? Christian worship must be more than **simply something we do**; we must not minimize the "spirit" in the exhortation of our Lord, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit [attitude or mental disposition] and truth" (John 4:24). ~ *Louis Rushmore* Works cited: "Awe" Holman Bible Dictionary. Nashville: Holman Bible P.,1991.

"Sanctuary" Britannica. 2July 2022. <https://www.britannica.com/topic/sanctuary-religion>.

## Prayer List

- ~ The ambulance took **Lynn Martin** to the hospital yesterday. He is in The Villages hospital this time. They are not sure, but he may have had a light stroke. Hopefully we will know more in a day or two.
- ~ **Charlotte Martin** is still dealing with a cough, lingering from Covid.
- ~ The doctors determined that the cancer in **Ron Rollins'** thyroid is slow growing so they are going to wait until December to see if they need to do anything further.
- ~ **John Yarborough** is having surgery tomorrow on a blocked artery in his leg.
- ~ **Charles and Mary Jane Wright** are still recovering from Covid. They are doing better.
- ~ **Esther Adcock** is waiting for results from her biopsy last week.
- ~ Remember **Travis Pickron** in his decision to be baptized while he was at Bible camp.
- ~ **Tara Strickland** is in a different rehab facility and right now, she just needs our continued, fervent prayers.
  - ~ This Thursday, **David, Sarah and Tina Glenn** will be leaving for the mission trip to Guyana. They will be gone July 14<sup>th</sup> to July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please keep them and the rest of the team that they will meet up with, the outreach effort and also the Guyanese brethren in your prayers.
- ~ **David Hust**, Joyce Prather's cousin has cancer and is not doing well at all. He may be starting chemo soon.
- ~ Several of our members are leaving today to go to Kentucky to see **The Ark Encounter**. Please pray for safe travels and a good, uplifting time for all.

**Remember:** Jamie McCartney, Pat Ponsford, Linda Grove, Lois Hutsepiller, Scott Watts, Tina Lipps, Greg Pope, Tammy Farner, Irma Botorff, John & Leigh Workman, Sam Costa, Edra Nell Courtney, Tara Strickland, Ken Scott, Cherri Gould, Larry & Janet Hyder, Don & Joyce Albert, Shirley Threet, Martha Pope, Jeanette Harris, Joyce Prather & family, Martha Rushmore & family, Taylor Williams & family, Millie Tudor, Clay Pelland, Mary Lee Fogle, Mollie Holley, Teresa Broyles, Ukraine, Texas

## **Announcements**

### ~ Super Saturday VBS ~ August 6<sup>th</sup>

**Mark your calendars now so you can help with this wonderful time for our children.**

**July Birthdays** – Harper Williams-2, Logan Pickron-3, Lois Babbitt-3, Jamie McCartney-4, Alyssa Pickron-6; Martha Rushmore-12; Linda Grove-13; Ashlynn Vernon-17; Don Albert-18; George Barrett-20; Irma Botorff-20; Pat Ponsford-21; Joyce Albert-23; Dawn Creekmore-24; Greg Pope-25; David Myers-25; Sarah Alls-28; Jeanette Harris-28; John Workman-28; Alex Fort-31

**July Anniversaries** – Fred & Marilyn French-3, Mike & Meagan Whisenant-14, Ronnie & Cecelia Strickland-14, Don & Joyce Albert-28

**Greeters:** July 10-Jack & Judy Kyle July 17-Cheryl Botts & Wayne & June Crenshaw July 24-Myrna Human & Ila Jean Locke

**Nursery Class:** July 10-Tina Glenn July 17-Cindy Pope July 24-Lana Vernon

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