

Wildwood Church of Christ

Theme for 2021

Step By Step: Grow With Jesus

September 12, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Song #237 O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Song #183 Highest Place

Prayer

Song #332 Years I Spent In Vanity

Sermon: The Blessing of The Lord's Supper

Song #860 Who At The Door Is Standing

Song #296 The Old Rugged Cross

The Lord's Supper

Song #265 Stepping In The Light

Closing Prayer

The Lord's Supper and The State of Our Minds

Take a moment and go back to the institution of the Lord's Supper recorded in Matthew 26:26ff. Where do you suppose the minds of the apostles were that night? Jesus instituted the special supper, the Lord's Supper, during His final Passover before He died. He took some of the bread that was left and blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is My body, this do, in remembrance of me." vs.26, Luke 22:19 Can you imagine the bewilderment on the part of the disciples who were handed the bread, and the cup that contained the fruit of the vine, and were told to eat and drink. Where were their minds with regards to what they were doing?

Many thoughts can crowd our minds during preparation for the Lord's Supper during worship. "Is the baby behaving in the nursery?" "Who are those new people?" "Will that boy every get his hair cut?" "Why did he have to lead that song?" Such are not thought of non-church goers, but of Christians, struggling to control their minds during worship. Where are your thoughts during the Lord's Supper?

When in comes to our personal observance and partaking of the Lord's Supper, what can we do to improve our preparation?

1. Focus upon yourself: What Paul states in 1Corinthians 11:17-22, demands attention to ourselves. We must discern ourselves and examine our hearts before we partake of the memorial feast.
2. Focus on living a holy life each day before you come to worship. The preparation for the Lord's Supper begins at home, at work, at school and when you associate with other in the world. Our daily lives should have the earmarks of a person who is trying to obey God and who is penitent when we fail.
3. Focus on loving brethren in word and especially in deed – 1John 3:18 – before and during worship. Remove all distractions if possible. Love your brethren in your behavior by not distracting them. Love your brethren during the week.
4. Focus as you partake, remember Jesus sacrificed Himself. Also, focus your attention on His gift and celebrate that he is above and sitting at the right hand of the Father.
5. If you serve the Lord's Supper, do it with dignity and seriousness. When you lead the prayer for the emblems, focus upon Jesus and His sacrifice and the suffering He endured on our behalf.

When you partake of the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week, focus on Jesus as you eat and remember what He did for you on that old rugged cross.

Prayer List

~ Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Judy Glenn** in the loss of her sister, Sarah Prichard, this past Thursday. Judy and her son David, have traveled up to West Virginia.

~ **Cherri Gould** had a heart cath this past week. They found several blockages but only one needed a stent. She is at home doing well.

~ **Leigh and John Workman** are so glad to have John home after 108 days in the hospital/rehab. John is trying to get his strength up and is trying to get enough daily calories so they don't have to use the feeding tube. Leigh is in pain with her back because of many stress fractures and is still having to be very careful. They are both having to use walkers.

~ **The congregation** where Sam and Mary Costa attend while they are at their farm, have all been exposed to Covid. Lucille, Mary's sister was in the hospital but is home now. Mary's niece, Paula, is still in the hospital and not responding as well to the meds. Dustin Perry, the 9 year-old grandson of Sally Powell, also has Covid.

~ **Jean Kooser**, Joyce Yarborough's cousin, passed away after struggling with cancer. She lived in Morgantown, West Virginia. Please keep Joyce and the family in your prayers.

~ **Dale Dean**, David's nephew, has been struggling with lung cancer. The cancer went to his brain and he had surgery 2 months ago. Now Dale is in the hospital again. The cancer is in his spine and he cannot walk. He may be having surgery soon.

~ **Ruth and Everett Sams** both have Covid and Everett is still in the Waterman Hospital. They are both very sick, especially Everett, and they need our prayers.

Remember: Marlin Kilpatrick; John & Loraine DaSilva; Martha Pope; Taylor Williams and family; Sheila Bernstein and family; the family of Martha Polk; Jeanette Harris; Edra Nell Courtney; Linda Grove; Millie Tudor; Charlotte Martin; Ken Scott; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Joyce Freeman; Fred Casteel; Teresa Broyles

Announcements

Destiny Whited and Brad Green's wedding is this Saturday, September 18th at 2:30, here at the Wildwood church building. Everyone in the congregation is invited to come celebrate with them and their families.

John Mikeals has a cell phone now and can make and receive calls. His number is (352) 361-6853. His address is: 15681 N US Hwy 301, Citra, FL. 32113 John said he is doing well and will be starting the re-entry phase of his rehab which means he will be able to start the work program soon. He appreciates the cards of encouragement he has received and is looking forward to being back with his church family when he finishes his program.

Men: Please take note that we will be starting our "**Order of Worship**" list back up again and we hope to have one ready for October. If you have not signed up yet but would like to help, there is another list in the foyer. There are several opportunities to serve.

Note: Birthday addition, Terry Bunch – September 3

September Birthdays

John DaSilva-1; Terry Bunch-3; Lois Hutsenpiller-4; Colton McKay-7; Reva Thayer-7; Libbie Summers-11; Shelbie Hileman-12; Michael Hartman I-13; Howard Alls-17; Sheila Johnston-18; Ila Jean Locke-18; Charlotte Martin-21; Dawn Binkley-23; David Addington-24; Kelley Whited-25; Dale Jones-26; Kathryn Hartman-28; Cherrie Gould-29; Alice Wayne-30

September Anniversaries

John & Loraine DaSilva-1; Bud & Hattie Byers-2; Terry Bunch-3; Derek & Sydni Fort-7; Jim & Linda Routzahn-16; Greg & Cindy Pope-27

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