

St John Church of Christ

October 20, 2019

Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Richard

Gathering Song: No. 31 Be Still
and Know

Welcome: Tom

Scripture Reading: Stan

1 John 1:5-10

No. 524 I Know Whom I Have
Believed

No. 544 Without Him

No. 509 I Will Sing the Won-
drous Story

No. 781 Thank You, Lord!

Prayer: Ben

Song: No. 464 Because He
Lives

Communion: Tom

assisted by Orin, Darrell, Chris

Song: No. 867 To Canaan's
Land I'm on My Way

(Children may go to Children's
Bible Hour during the singing of the
last verse)

Lesson: The Temptation of Christ
John

Song: No. 926 What Will You
Do with Jesus? (1st Verse)

Prayer: Jerry

Pogo Was Right

John McKeel

Driving home after services I had to admit, "I just didn't connect with the worship this morning." We pulled up to a light and I continued. "The prayers seemed more like performances and the songs were so disjointed! On top of that, the sermon just didn't seem relevant. I wonder why I even bothered to get up this morning."

My sweet wife smiled that knowing-wife smile and chided me. "Maybe you were the problem. Did you take time to prepare for worship?" I sulked as I pulled away from the light and then had to admit, "You're probably right. I hadn't thought about that."

So how do we prepare for the most important meeting of the week? Here are some suggestions that I have found helpful:

1. *Shift Gears.* Early on in driver's training, you learn to shift into a different gear when you start to climb a hill. Before we can truly worship God, we must take a moment to "shift gears" and center our thoughts on Him.
2. *Discover the Power of Gratitude.* "Christians aren't perfect - just forgiven." As you



are preparing for worship, take a moment to appreciate the gift of grace.

3. *Drop Your Inhibitions.* A lot of people are afraid of their own voice. They are too self-conscious to sing. We have so many wonderful singers at Canyon View it can be tempting just to sit back and listen but the Lord loves a "joyful noise" and who are you to argue with God?
4. *Tap into the Fellowship.* There is an energy in corporate worship. Have you felt it? It's always there but sometimes our "receptors" are out of order. Reach out and tap into the power!
5. *Confession is Good for the Soul.* Sin and guilt make it hard to worship. Confess your sins by name and feel the power of forgiveness.

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6. *Be Filled with the Spirit.* Paul told the Ephesians (and us) not to get drunk on wine “be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,” (Ephesians 5:19, 20).
7. Finally, *expect great things!* What you receive from worship is equal to what you put into worship. If you expect the singing to be bad and the lesson to be boring, I suspect that’s what you’ll receive but if you come expecting great things I promise you’ll receive even more blessings that you anticipated.

More About Us

Meeting Times

- Sundays
 - ◇ Leisure Homestead 9:30
 - ◇ Bible Study for All Ages 10:00
 - ◇ Worship 11:00

Elders

- Richard Brensing
- Teddy Gingrich
- Terry Sallee
- George Shelton
- Tom Turner

Deacons

- Jerry Kinnamon
- Chris Mansel
- Orrin Feril

News & Notes

Wednesday Night Bible Studies Resume

Wednesdays are going to be special this fall. First, we will have a community Bible study at 2:00 in the afternoon in the Fellowship Hall. John will be teaching from the book of Ephesians.

Then on Wednesday nights at 6:30 P.M., join us for pizza. At 7:00 we’ll sing a few songs, share in prayer and then the children will begin an exciting class in the Fellowship Hall while the adults will move upstairs for a lively small group discussion class on Spiritual Warfare. The program will end promptly at 8:00 P.M.

To kick it all off, on October 30TH, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 P.M. we’re hosting TRUNK OR TREAT.

Martin Luther Quotes

“Peace if possible. Truth at all costs.”

“God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.”

Trunk or Treat

During Trunk or Treat, costumed children and their parents will enjoy pizza, cocoa and games in the Fellowship Hall followed by visiting the trunk of decorated cars in the parking lot to receive treats!

This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to join in the fun. It’s also a way to kick off our Wednesday night Fall Bible studies. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m.

For Your Prayers

Please offer prayers of thanksgiving! Carol’s surgery in Kansas City went well and she is home with Teddy.

Don has had surgery on his eye this week.

Please remember Marla’s cousin, Rick Toland, who is struggling with cancer.

Gayle has asked that we pray for her friend, Eddie, who is facing a terrible choice. Should he allow his leg to be amputated, or risk losing his life? Please pray!



White Pelicans at Quivira National Wildlife Reserve, Kansas