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Service Times

Sunday Bible Study 9 AM
Sunday Worship 10 AM
6 PM
Wednesday 6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class
Tuesdays 11AM
Prayer Meeting
Tuesdays 10 AM
Joyful Generation
(Youth Devotional & fellowship)
1st Sunday 7:00 PM

COMPASS

**Using God's Word to Chart The Course
Of A Congregation**

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April 24, 2011

Annual Spring Gospel Meeting



May 1-4, 2011

Guest Speaker:
James Watkins
(Lewisburg, TN)



Sunday—Wednesday

Scheduled service times:

Sunday:

Bible class 9:00 AM

Worship 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM

(Sunday Potluck Luncheon following Morning Worship)

Monday—Wednesday

6:00 PM Nightly

Everyone is welcome

“WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD”

Barry Kennedy

“We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above; We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light, Who has shown us the Savior and scattered our night; All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our sins, and has cleansed every stain, Hallelujah! Thine the glory; Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory, REVIVE us again.

We often sing these wonderful words in worship to the God of Heaven. The words of this song speak so eloquently of the soul’s need to show gratitude unto the Almighty. When we sing this grand old hymn, do we truly take to heart the message that we are singing? Are we truly looking to be revived again? Maybe it is the case that we have not been revived in the first place? The spring meeting is just one week away, and we hope everyone is getting excited. It is always good for members to invite their friends to hear the gospel and for each one of us to be revived again as well. Let us consider the words of this song and how they can prepare us for the upcoming spiritual feast.

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD, FOR THE SON OF THY LOVE.

It is true that Jesus died and is now gone above (Acts 2:22-33). We should praise God for this truth on a daily basis. Why? “Without shedding of blood there is no remission” (Hebrews 9:22). Jesus is that “lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8). He is Lamb who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). In the upcoming gospel meeting, Jesus and His great sacrifice will be emphasized. Everyone will have an opportunity to praise God for the Son of His love.

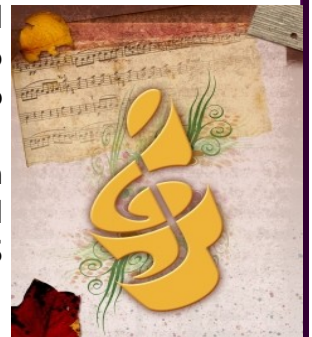
WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD, FOR THY SPIRIT OF LIGHT.

Each one of us has been given great opportunities, by living in this country. Many of those opportunities, such as the ability to read or learn to read, have been taken for granted. God offers the greatest opportunity of all. He offers the opportunity to have Heaven as our eternal home (John 14:1-4). Of course, that way is only made available through Jesus (John 14:6). We praise God that He has sent the Holy Spirit to reveal that way to you and me. He has shown the Savior to man by inspiring men to write the Holy Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:15-17). The knowledge gained through serious Bible study will scatter our night. “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105).

ALL GLORY AND PRAISE TO THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN.

How could one not be revived, if he or she truly believes Jesus is the Lamb that was slain? The Bible explicitly states the importance of knowing the Christ. Jesus said, “If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins” (John 8:24). In the same chapter Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am” (John 8:58). The fact that Jesus is deity denotes the fact that He is worthy of glory and praise. No other sacrifice could bear all our sins and cleanse every stain. “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Heb. 9:14). “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” (1 Peter 1:18, 19). Do we find ourselves being revived when we hear the message of man’s redemption? Do we not need to be revived on a regular basis? Satan wants Christians to become complacent, lazy, or indifferent. God wants us to be revived.

Our gospel meeting can be a time to revive and renew our spiritual man within. Are we excited? Are we inviting others to come and hear the Gospel message (Ro. 1:16). Pray for our meeting and that the Lord will “REVIVE US AGAIN.”



RIGHT WORSHIP

Derrick Coble

As we come together in place (1 Cor. 11:20) to assemble before the Lord, our purpose for coming together should be very clear—to worship the Lord God. Worship is simply a bowing down out of deep respect for someone else. For instance, when Abraham's servant went to look for a wife to give unto Isaac, Laban and Bethuel said, "Take Rebekah." "And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth: (Gen. 24:52). Again, when the children of Israel saw fire come down from the Lord and His glory upon the temple they "bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement and worshipped" (2 Chron. 7:3). Thus, our coming together for worship today is to show deep respect in a bowing down and a kiss toward God, praising Him for the gift of His son, for His mercy, love, and grace. However, we have to worship in a way that is right.

THE RIGHT OBJECT

The object is the focus of our worship and that object is God. On one occasion, the Devil came to Jesus wanting worship. He took Him to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the earth and said, "All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me" (Mat. 4:8,9). What did Satan mean by that? He meant if you will show deep respect for me, if you will kiss toward me, if you will praise me as the prince of the power of the air and magnify my name, you can have all the world. But, God had already given Jesus all things into His hand (John 3:35). Jesus told us who the right object of worship really was when He proclaimed, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Mat. 4:10).

THE RIGHT ACTIONS

Many today mock the fact that there is a plan of action in Christian worship. It is exactly what Jesus demanded to the woman at the well: God must be worshipped in spirit (with the proper attitude) and in truth (with the proper actions) (John 4:24). There are five actions in our worship to God that should never be mechanical or material because worship appeals to the spirit not to the flesh. These actions include: Preaching/Teaching (2 Tim. 4:2), Singing (Eph. 5:19), Praying (1 Tim. 2:1), Giving (2 Cor. 9:7), and the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:26).

THE RIGHT MOTIVATION

If we were to take a survey in an assembly asking, "What motivated you to come to worship today?" there would be several different answers. Some would say, "I fear the Lord would take vengeance upon me if I do not worship Him." Others would say, "Because I am commanded to do so." Still others might say, "When I don't worship, I feel guilty all day long." Yet, none of these motivating factors will last over time. Fear is a good motivation (and God will punish those who do not worship Him) but after a while fear subsides. Furthermore, after a sin is committed guilt is always felt, but in a week or two it can be completely forgotten. Of course, it is good that we are following the commands of God, but shouldn't we be motivated by more than just a sense of obligation? Perhaps, the best motivating factor is love—love helps us pay homage to God (reverence and respect toward Him). Worship is a giving process—all that we have we should surrender to God. Someone wrote, "What shall I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would give him a lamb; If I were a wise man, I would do my part; But such as I have I give him—I give him my heart." Let us all strive to worship God Almighty in the right way for the right reason.

