

<u>Times of Services</u>	
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship	7:00 p.m. Bible Study
<u>Other Study and Worship Opportunities</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pines/Cady Hills Bible Study -Sun. & Thurs. at 7:00 p.m. • Young Bible Scholars --To be announced. • Lady's Bible Classes at YMCA – To be announced. 	
<u>News and Notes</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Bound Members: Mike Butler, Willena Woods. • Prayer Requests: Doug and Pat Wheeler, Steve Coburn. • Others to Remember: Wade McCrary, Jim Ratcliff, Jerry Paschall, Elbert Logan, Mike & Marion Butler, Lee Gallop. Willena Woods is in Windsor Place (visits available by appointment only). • Sick: Pat Wheeler is receiving treatments for pancreatic cancer. Steve Coburn is suffering from severe hip and leg pain and COPD. Elbert Logan was recently hospitalized. 	
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Change in our 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

There will be a few changes in our Sunday morning 10:00 a.m. worship service. You will notice the service will be about 20 minutes longer. This was agreed upon in the last business meeting and reflects a desire to enhance the one Sunday morning worship service we now have.

You will recall when our services were adjusted when COVID 19 occurred that we dropped the 9:00 a.m. worship service, opting to begin Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. instead and to have Worship at 10:00 a.m., eliminating the 11:00 a.m. Worship service.

Now that we have had some time to reflect on this change the men decided our worship needed to be extended to enhance the one Sunday morning worship service to give more attention to the Lord's Supper and worship in songs to praise God. The result was the following order which is being implemented today, July 4th. This new order will be evaluated and if further changes are needed, they will be made.

We pray these changes will be helpful in our service to God each Lord's Day and we ask for your support and constructive comments. Our goal is to enhance our worship of our Lord and God.

NEW ORDER OF WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

1. Announcements
2. Opening Prayer
3. Two songs
4. Collection
5. Lord's Supper Song
6. Lord's Supper Talk (Darrell Powell) 10-15 minutes
7. Lord's Supper
8. Two Songs
9. Preaching
10. Invitation Song
11. Closing Prayer

THE NATURE OF WORSHIP

It is often easy to lose sight of the very nature of worship and the result of this robs us of one of the great blessings God has for us. Before reading any more of this article stop and ask yourself, "Why do I come to worship each week?" There may be many reasons, but what is the fundamental underlying reason you come to worship each week?

If you think first in terms of, "I do it because He commands me to," perhaps you should think more about it. Did not Jesus describe those who "...draw near to me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me?" We do come to worship because He commands us, but if that is the primary reason, we are robbing ourselves of the true meaning of worship. Think about the following verses and the comments which follow.

Psalms 100:2 "Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing." Notice how godly men came to worship realizing that this was the place, above all others, where we are "in His

presence." We come with gladness and praise before Him. In worship we are truly in His presence.

Psalms 95:2 "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms." Notice the plural pronouns in this verse. It is not a private time of praise David had in his mind. It was "us" who came before Him in His presence. The next verse sheds even more light as to why we come to worship. "For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods." We should stand in awe that this great God would so graciously allow sinful men to come into His presence.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2 "Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few." Every aspect of worship is important, but in most acts we are actively involved. However, God designed worship as a time when, through the act of preaching, He would speak to us! We are in His presence and should come motivated to hear His words.

Ps 100:1 "Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!
Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."

Worship is not just "making a payment" on a heavenly insurance policy. We do not come just to obey Him. Worship comes from hearts which long to praise Him in His presence.

-Dan Jenkins, Powers Ferry Road Church of Christ, May 9, 2021