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July Newsletter

July 19, 2020 Report	
Sunday School	Did not meet
Worship	67
Offering	\$8,305.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,985.00

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY 26:

Liturgist:

Rev. John Routzahn

Ushers:

Sally Noel, Mary Lou McReynolds
Mack and Sheila Hunter

Acolyte(s):

Children's Message:

Rev. Taylor Young

**All activities in the month of July
have been canceled.**

All Sunday Services will be posted on our
website each Sunday by 3:00 p.m. at
www.clarksvillecpc.com.

For additional updates, please continue to
check your email regularly.

CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE—THE CORPORATE DISCIPLINE OF WORSHIP

When I think about worship, the thought that most often comes to mind is Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman in **John 4**. Jesus and she are discussing worship; where it should be held, the content of worship, and eventually the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. It is a beautiful passage. **John 4:23-24**, reads, "...true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and truth." So let us rejoice that God seeks, actively seeks worshippers, actively seeks and actively awaits our response to His glorious initiative and desire.

When you think about worship what do you think about? How are you responding to God's common and saving grace which he has made known to you? Another word that is very interchangeable with worship is devotion. In a very generic sense, worship or devotion is what our response should be in the whole of our life. Worship is not something that only happens when we gather physically or virtually, but should be interwoven throughout the minutes of our life. There is no area of life where this injunction does not apply: "**So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God**" (1 **Cor 10:31**).

Often worship takes place in a private setting, but the Bible is also very clear about worship in the specialized sense of what happens when we gather for corporate worship. Today, I would like to simply touch on and consider four aspects of corporate worship. **Our Assembly**. Perhaps the most explicit passage in the New Testament is **Heb 10:24-25**. I remember once someone said to me, "Well, I don't have to go to church to worship God." They were correct. But my response to them was, "But if you are a Christian, why wouldn't you want to join other Christians to worship God?" The notion of church in the Bible is not so much the "called-out" ones as the "called-together" ones. Assembly for worship reflects our unity with the LORD and one another.

The Object of Our Worship. God, the triune God of Scripture alone is to be worshipped. Certainly we worship God for what he has done, is doing, and will do in our lives. However, let us never forget that ultimately we worship God for who He is. When we talk about the attributes of God (1 **Tim 1:17**), these are characteristics which help us to envision God and to worship Him. Jesus, citing the worship of God, resisted one of Satan's temptations (**Jn 4:10**). Thus, if Jesus used the importance of worship to resist temptation, we too would do well in our striving against sin by practicing our worship of the Holy One. I am a liturgical minister. But liturgy or lack of liturgy means nothing if what we do desecrates our worship of God. Keep focused on God!

The Attitude of Worship. For me, three words out of so many come to my mind with regards to "our attitude." The first is **reverence**. God is the "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords." Sometimes that is forgotten and God is seen as a "slap happy pappy." Who is the most important person you've ever met or would like to meet? Maybe your attitude toward that person wouldn't be reverent but I bet it would be very respectful. Doesn't God deserve that same kind of respect? **Simplicity** is the second word. Again, as we read the Bible we find that worship was very simple but that didn't take away from its significance. Pomp and pageantry is not wrong in itself if it is directed to worship God. But there is often too much embellishment in church that can be a distraction and alien to our worship of God. Lastly, the word **expectancy!** What are your expectations about worshipping God? I really want you to wrestle with this question and answer it for yourself. I will say though, if you have no or low expectations about worship, the probability is that those expectations will be met. Read **Isa 6** and **Rev 1** for a "booster shot" of expectancy.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Christina
Ann Anderson
Annie S. Anderson
Kelly Bills
Christine Bragg-
Cummings
Deanie Brown
Robert Brown
Chad Bryant
Adam & Molly
Cantlon
Harold Castellaw's
family
Matthew Celusta
Jeane Clark
Jace Coakley
Susie Cockarell
Gary Coplen
Vic Daniel
Jan Dowdy
Dan Drees
Richard Elliott
Terry Ellis
Margaret Farmer
Charleston Fisher
Mike Gibson
Nick Gilbert
Angela Giordano
Irma Gobleman
Diane Green
Eddie Gregory
Christian Griffin
Betty Harris
Tommy Karns
Phil & Sallie
Lachowicz
Beverly Martin
Jerry & Jean Moore
Kim Moyer & family

Linda Netemeyer
Albert Norris
Jewell Painter
Russ Parchman
Mary Lu Persinger
Kay Posten
Alyce Powers
Abby Prevost
Treva & Johnna
Primm
Grace Quinn
Sondra Roddy
Tracy Schmittou
E.G. Sims
Earleen Smith
W.L. & Martha Smith
Randall Spencer
Kitty Stamps
Carol Stephens
Bettye Tidwell
Katelyn Van Beber
Donnie Wallace
Kevin Wann
Maylee Wilshire
Pam Wilson
Kathy Witt
missionaries,
law enforcement
officials,
first responders,
school staff,
our students,
our youth,
our military,
our nation,
our world.

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Finally, our **Mode of Worship**. I have been blessed to experience a wide variety of modes or styles of worship. From very high church to low church; from very liturgical to very Pentecostal. And after all these years I don't have a definitive answer to the question, "How are we to worship God?" I may not, but God does. You see though physical worship styles may greatly differ what really and truly is the only "authorized" mode of worship is "spiritual worship," worship gifted to us by the Holy Spirit. God instituted many ways to worship Him, but He also gives us great Christian liberty to expand on his way as long as they do not distract us from God Himself.

The corporate discipline of worship is critical to the life of the church, and the life of the church is the life of the believer. Therefore, "**Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker**" (Ps 95:6).

Brother John

Urban Ministries Sunday-August 16th



Items Needed:

Vienna Sausage
Instant Potatoes
Applesauce
Breakfast Items (Pop Tarts, Oatmeal)

You may drop your items off at the church office and they will be delivered.

YOUTH NEWS

The youth lock-in scheduled for July 24th has been postponed until August 21st. Please see Taylor for additional updates.



DEADLINES: The deadline for information for the Sunday bulletin is Fridays at 8:00 AM and the deadline for the newsletter is Mondays at 8:00 AM prior to each newsletter mailing.

WORSHIP AND WONDER



Volunteers needed. At some point we will be retuning to our Worship and Wonder program. We have a great team with Martha Rucker, Katie Duke, Ashley Kettle, and Taylor Young. In addition we will need some new people who want to experience worship with children and hear the insightful things they say as you engage the Biblical stories together. If interested, please contact Taylor Young.

The Session meets this Sunday and will discuss church activities/procedures for August. Please continue to check your email regularly.

THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER KITCHEN IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

You may be curious about what's been taking place so we've posted some progress pictures. We have an incredible crew working countless hours to get this project complete. As a reminder, the FLC is currently closed for all activities/events.

New ceiling grid and tiles being installed and stainless steel cabinets/appliances



NURSERY WORKER NEEDED



It is with sadness that we announce the resignation of Katrina Evans from the nursery staff. Katrina will be leaving for UT Martin in August. We are excited for Katrina and her new journey!

Beginning August 1, we will need an additional nursery worker. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position please let Dan Drees or Jessica know. A job description is available in the church office. Hours will be Sunday mornings during the Sunday School and Worship hours.



Flooring in the hallway near bathrooms