

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 9, 2025

Song: **371** – *In the Morning of Joy*

Song: **755** – *Christ for the World We Sing*

First prayer: **Mernie Ray**

Song: **88** – *Jesus Paid It All*

Communion servers: **Shane Upton** & **Jeremy Thomas**

Prayer for giving: **Larry Simmons**

Song: **812** – *Where the Gates Swing Outward Never*

Sermon: “Christianity by Proxy” – **Jerry Brewer**

Invitation song: **737** – *The Way of the Cross Leads Home*

Closing song: **925** – *Beautiful Isle of Somewhere*

Closing prayer: **Mark Brandt**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Jerry & Sherlene – health
- Scott Esk – cancer
- Kim’s cousin’s son (Isaac Wood) – stroke recovery
- Rick Beauchamp and Jerry, Sonya, and Lee Smith (Northpointe) – car accident
- Our nation (1 Tim. 2:2)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David, Mattie

Please continue to remember: Connie Townsend, Lucinda, Vipin & family, India work, Aruna Kavali, Marinda Breeding, Holley Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Dylan Walker

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Spring forward!** Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday March 9th.
- “Precept Upon Precept” is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)

RECORD FOR WEEK OF MARCH 2, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 10 AM Worship – 18 Sun PM – 11 DBR – 5 Wed (3/5) – 11

Contribution – \$1435

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Sunday Bible class: 9am Worship 10am & 12:30pm Wednesday Bible class: 7pm

Matthew 9:37-38 “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.”

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ABSENCE IS A SYMPTOM

Fever is an easily discernible symptom of a disorder somewhere in the body. The primary problem may be a hidden infection that would not otherwise be noticeable until it was in an advanced stage. The presence of fever, however, reveals that the infection exists. The fever is a symptom of an underlying cause.

This does not lessen the significance of fever. Hospitals check a patient's temperature every few hours because the temperature gives such insight into the condition of the body. Sometimes a patient is kept in the hospital several days after he feels well because of a lingering fever. The fever indicates that "feeling well" can be deceptive and may not reflect a person's true condition.

Unnecessary absence from worship services is a fever-like symptom. It invariably is an indication of a more basic spiritual infection or disorder of some kind. The primary problem may be deeply hidden.

As a fever may possess a man who does not know what causes it, even so a man can neglect worship without being aware of the problems that cause him to do so. He can easily camouflage his lack of concern for worship by involvement in his work, his family, or some other interest. This is especially easy when his other interest is a worthwhile one. He is then better able to rationalize that his neglect of worship is reasonable behavior under his circumstances.

Deliberately missing a worship service is always spiritually significant. It is significant because it reveals the presence of a wound, an infection, a

depression, or some other primary spiritual disorder. Furthermore, the fact that a person "feels well" about his spiritual life is not a guarantee of spiritual health.

Although the church should be more interested in causes than symptoms, it cannot avoid the implications of continued absence from worship services. This would be like a parent ignoring a high fever in his child. The fever is a symptom, but the primary cause may take the child's life if the fever is ignored. Absence may take a spiritual life if it is ignored.

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ALL HE ASKS IS ALL WE HAVE

Why do so many people fail in living the Christian life? While many answers have been offered, I believe there is one overriding reason that fits every case. People have failed either to understand or have been unwilling to surrender to the central requirement of faithful discipleship: Jesus must be absolutely first in our lives.

He has made plain the preeminence He must have. We must love Him more than material things (Mat. 6:19–24). This means we must not neglect our service to Him in order to amass wealth. Also, we must generously support His service with our wealth. Further, we must not seek wealth by dishonest or dishonorable means.

He told us plainly that we must love Him even more than our dearest ones on earth (Mat. 10:34–37). This means that one must not yield to family pressures that would cause him to disobey Christ. Even if one's family disowns him for becoming a Christian, he must still serve the Lord.

The basic (and most difficult) sacrifice He asks of us is self. We must present our bodies as "living sacrifices" unto God (Rom. 12:1). Jesus said his followers must "deny [no longer recognize, refuse to acknowledge] self" (Luke 9:23). We must be crucified with Christ so that self no longer lives, but Christ lives in us (Gal. 2:20). This difficult challenge is the major point of failure. A generation that has grown up on a steady diet of "do your own thing" and "if it feels good, do it" does not find it easy to give up its fornication, its alcohol and drug consumption, its materialism, and all of its other selfish sin and shame.

Even some saints care more about their "right" to drink their beer than the hope of Heaven. Our age is convenience-crazy and pleasure-mad. Our world operates like Israel in the days of the Judges: "...every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Jud. 17:6). Men have become vain in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts are darkened, leading them into unspeakable evils (Rom. 1:18–32).

We lament to say that this is true of many of the elect. If you doubt it, consider how many church members attend worship, Bible classes, and other spiritual activities of the church only when they please and do what they please otherwise, with hardly a passing thought. Consider how many are still "stiff-necked" about giving generously of their money, in spite of the numerous strong Scriptural examples and demands. Worldliness among the saints is winked at in many, if not most, congregations. The sad truth is that many of us do exactly what we want to do in both doctrine and practice, just like the world. We can never be faithful to Christ until we understand that what He asks of us is all we have.

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What Must I Do to Be Saved?

1. [HEAR THE WORD](#)
Romans 10:17 – "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God."
2. [BELIEVE IN JESUS](#)
John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." **John 8:24** – "...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."
3. [REPENT OF YOUR SINS](#)
Luke 13:3 – "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." **Acts 17:30** – "And the times of this ignorance God overlooked, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." **2 Corinthians 7:10** – "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."
4. [CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD](#)
Romans 10:9-10 – "if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Also **Matthew 10:32-33**; see **Acts 8:37** for an example.)
5. [BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS](#)
Mark 16:16 – "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved"; **Acts 2:38** – "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."; **Acts 22:16** – "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord"; **1 Peter 3:21** – "...baptism doth also now save us..."
6. [REMAIN FAITHFUL](#)
1 Corinthians 15:58 – "Therefore...be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord"; **Colossians 1:23** – "...if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard"; **Revelation 2:10** – "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."