### ORDER OF WORSHIP May 4, 2025

Song: **11** – *Praise Him! Praise Him!* 

Song: **65** – A Wonderful Savior

First prayer: Larry Simmons

Song: **946** – Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Communion servers: Shane Upton & Geremy Thomas

Prayer for giving: **Brian Zumalt**Song: **631** – *How Great Thou Art* 

Sermon: "Are Sins of Omission as Bad as Sins of Commission" - David Ray

Invitation song: **411** – *Just As I Am* 

Closing song: 389 – When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Closing prayer: Mark Brandt

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Jerry & Sherlene - health

- Kim's cousin's son (Isaac Wood)-hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)

- Our nation (1 Tim. 2:2)

- Our members with health issues: Kim, David

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- "Precept Upon Precept" is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)

#### **RECORD FOR WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2025**

#### **ATTENDANCE**:

Bible Class – 12 AM Worship – 15 Sun PM – 11 DBR – 6 Wed (4/30) – 13

Contribution – \$1412

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**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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## GIVE ME THE BIBLE

In a world where religious confusion is rampant, it is refreshing to read and study the Bible. In an obvious effort to elevate himself, man has complicated religion that what most people seek to pass off as devotion and service to God has little similarity to what is written in the Bible. It is appalling to hear today's theologians as they seek to justify such things as homosexuality, sexual promiscuity, same-sex marriages, and a host of other fleshly gratifications. It is disgusting to hear those who claim to have spent a lifetime studying the Bible go through the motions of giving Scriptural approval to such innovations as women *pastors* and female *worship leaders* in the church. How much more discouraging to hear those who have in the past called for "book, chapter, and verse" for all that we do, now adding to the work of the church innovations where no "book, chapter, and verse" is given. We say, give us the Bible instead of:

#### **Human Creeds**

Human creeds are just that—human. They did not originate in the mind of God and are thereby merely inventions of men. Peter says, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Pet. 4:11). Any doctrine or teaching that cannot be shown to have the approval of God is not to be embraced by men. Man is finite. He cannot lift himself out of that fact. He cannot raise himself above himself. He cannot save himself. "For all have

sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23), and man is powerless to devise some means to relieve those sins. Human creeds are divisive, and they do not even agree with one another. They breed prejudice, discord, and disunity. These human devices have never once solved even the most basic of man's needs. We say, give us the Bible.

#### **Human Wisdom**

Wisdom is correctly defined as applied knowledge. It is the ability to take what one has learned and apply it to a given set of circumstances to bring about the best result for all concerned. Human creeds are the result of human wisdom. Paul says that what he taught came from God, not some human devices:

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew (1 Cor. 2:1-10).

#### He concludes:

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

It is arrogant and self-assertive for man to think that by his own man-made inventions, he can bring salvation to his kind. We say, give us the Bible.

#### **Human Emotion**

Far too many of today's religious practices are based on a person's emotions—how he feels about a matter. The popular entertainment-type worship services in today's so-called churches are little more than a way to tickle the hearers' emotions and generate high emotional responses. Such worship is more for man than for God. Emotion is important, but not as a guide. Emotion does not produce religion, but religion will produce emotions. In Acts 8, the Ethiopian certainly did "go on his way rejoicing," but it was not the rejoicing that produced his salvation; it was the salvation that produced his rejoicing. Emotion must subordinate to faith. We say, give us the Bible.

#### **Human Tradition**

Many people are what they are because that is what their parents were. There is no true faith in that kind of reason for religion. Personal faith is just that—personal, and it comes by "hearing the word of God" (Rom. 10:17), not by hearing what your grandfather taught you. Far too often, the tradition in religion is maintained because it is comfortable and convenient. The religion of the father or mother is most likely the easiest to embrace because it has been around in the family for a long time. Yet, human tradition cannot be trusted; it allows too much and demands too little. True religion is personal—it is not inherited but is a calculated response by a person to what he has learned from carefully examining the Word of God. We say, give us the Bible.

#### **Human Opinion**

"Every man has the right to his own opinion" is a common expression, but it should not apply to man's salvation. Opinion is a proposition held as true that falls short of being provable. Opinions are not only dangerous when applied to salvation; they are not allowable. Listen to religion in general: "It doesn't make any difference what you believe, just so long as you're honest and sincere." Now listen to Jesus:

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven (Mat. 7:21).

That statement by Jesus destroys forever the idea that opinions relating to salvation are acceptable. One who holds a mere opinion about his salvation can never be sure. We say, give us the Bible.

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#### What Must I Do To Be Saved?

- 1. HEAR THE WORD Romans 10:17
- 2. BELIEVE IN JESUS John 3:16; 8:24
- 3. REPENT OF YOUR SINS Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; 2 Corinthians 7:10
- 4. CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD Romans 10:9-10 (cf. Acts 8:37)
- 5. BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- 6. REMAIN FAITHFUL 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 1:23; Revelation 2:10