### ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 13, 2025

Song: **44** – Blessed Be the Name

Song: **34** – We Freely Lift our Hearts to Thee

First prayer: **Brian Zumalt** 

Song: 547 - He Bore it All

Communion servers: Larry Simmons & Geremy Thomas

Prayer for giving: Chrishawn Thompson

Song: **822** – *Lift Him Up* 

Sermon: "The Wrong Way & Right Way to Practice Bible Authority"-Jerry Brewer

Invitation song: **431** – O Hear the Voice of Jesus Say

Closing song: **166** – How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts

Closing prayer: Mark Brandt

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Shane and Alyssa - traveling

- Kathy Ray (Mernie's sister-in-law) – eyesight

- 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:**

- We rejoice with **Alyssa Upton** in her decision to be baptized into Christ!
- "Precept Upon Precept" is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)

#### **RECORD FOR WEEK OF JULY 6, 2025**

#### **ATTENDANCE**:

Bible Class -15 AM Worship -17 Sun PM -15 DBR -5 Wed (7/9) -13

Contribution – \$3983

# Yukon Church of Christ THE LABORER

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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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# IS GOD EASY?

Some seem to think that dealing with God is easy because He is a pushover who extends "cheap grace" to all mankind while demanding nothing in return. However, Romans 1:18-32 disproves this fallacy immediately. We dare not make God in our image because Psalm 50:21 clearly enunciates the premise that our Creator is on a higher plane than puny men. When there is no reverence for the Almighty in our hearts, certain ruin awaits us (Rom. 3:18). What a tragedy it is when the creation mocks its Maker (Gen. 1:26) and foolishly proclaims, "There is no God!" In Ezekiel's day, some suggested that Jehovah could not see them while they engaged in spiritual infamy. Still, God knocked a hole in the city wall so the prophet could precisely see the misconduct of a flippant society. Proverbs 15:3 cogently reminds us, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Beholding the evil and the good." Those today, who suggest that morality is so relative that it does not really matter how we conduct ourselves, forget that heaven has decreed that we live "soberly, righteously and godly in this present world" (Tit. 2:12). A famous spiritual song alerts us:

We praise Thee for the radiance, That from the hallowed page, A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

Situation ethics may corrupt a generation of rebels. Still, such will never be the standard for those who keep the Lord's eternal truths as "the apple of thine eye"

(Pro. 7:2). God is not easy. Still, the way of the transgressors is hard (13:15). Some who would pervert the will of the Father regarding marriage and divorce leave the impression that the Lord is so merciful that just about anything goes in the marital realm. But that violates clear Bible teaching. He, who gave marriage as the first divine institution way back in the second chapter of the Bible, carefully guards the mandates of that relationship. Malachi 2:16 bluntly affirms that God hates divorce. Therefore, anyone lightly treating the subject will realize that Jehovah is not easy but rather exacting about what heaven has joined together (Psa. 127:1).

Our Creator is not easy regarding the challenge placed before every Christian. We are commanded to do the following:

Grow Spiritually (2 Pet. 3:18)
Contend for Truth (Jude 3)
Be an Example (Phi. 2:15)
Expose Error (Eph. 5:11)
Be like Christ (Gal. 4:19)
Share the Gospel (Mark 16:15)
Love our Enemies (Rom. 12:17-21)
Pray Fervently (Jam. 5:16)
Study Ardently (2 Tim. 2:15)
Live Joyously (1 The. 5:16-18)

The most challenging life, by far, is that of a genuine Christian. Yet, the happiest person on earth ought to be the most genuine soldier of Christ. Someone has well stated these words: "The sad countenance is by no means the badge of pity." Verily, happy are those people whose God is Jehovah (Psa. 144:15). Those who say Christians can have no fun are warped about what constitutes good times.

When Jesus made sacrifice and surrender a badge of discipleship, He did all of us a favor (Luke 9:23) because anything worthwhile demands the best we can perform. Pity not the Christian, but shed tears for the libertine who pursues easy street for convenience and winds up in eternity with all the undisciplined folk who never accomplished anything! Brethren who avoid pulpits that challenge them while they seek the congregations who entertain will have an eternity to review their sad mistakes. Those who think of God as a bellhop who can be summoned upon our whims to shower our mundane existence with trinkets from "Big-Rock Candy Mountain" will have a rude awakening on Judgment Day.

Those who only call out to God when they have a temporary need, when loved ones die, or when a storm scares them will find their lives empty and their futures bleak.

Yes, God is love (1 John 4:8), but that is not all His dimensions or facets. It takes effort to go to heaven (Mat. 7:13-14), but it is easy to go to hell!

Johnny Ramsey

## A SHORT STORY ABOUT NOBODY

Fred Somebody, Tom Everybody, Pete Anybody, and Joe Nobody were neighbors, but they were not like you and me. They were odd people and hard to understand. Their lives were really strange. All four belonged to the same church, but you could not have enjoyed worshiping with them.

**Everybody** went fishing on Sunday mornings or stayed home to visit friends or relatives who would drop in. **Anybody** wanted to go to worship, but he was afraid that **Somebody** would not speak to him so he just stayed home to avoid that problem. **Nobody** went to church.

Really, **Nobody** was the only faithful one of the four. Nobody did visiting. Nobody worked on the church building. Nobody could be found doing what was needed to be done. Once they needed a Bible class teacher. **Everybody** thought that **Anybody** would do it, and **Somebody** thought that **Everybody** should. Guess who finally did it? That is right...**Nobody** did!

It happened that a fifth neighbor (an unbeliever) came to live in their community. Everybody thought Somebody should try to teach him and win him to Christ. Anybody thought that Everybody should try, and Somebody thought that Anybody could do a better job. But guess who finally won this man to Christ? That's right...Nobody did!

Author Unknown

#### 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