ORDER OF WORSHIP July 27, 2025

Song: **715** – *I Stand Amazed*

Song: **590** – O Worship the King

First prayer: Mernie Ray

Song: **92** – When My Love to Christ Grows Weak

Communion servers: Shane Upton & Larry Simmons

Prayer for giving: Adam Bentley

Song: **859** – Where the Soul Never Dies

Sermon: "Protectors of the Flock" - Jerry Brewer

Invitation song: **420** – Come to the Feast Closing song: **602** – There is a Habitation Closing prayer: **Chrishawn Thompson**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Holly Brewer upcoming surgery on her thumb
- 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:

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

RECORD FOR WEEK OF JULY 20, 2025

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>:

Bible Class – 12 AM Worship – 12 Sun PM – 13 DBR – 4 Wed (7/23) – 15

Contribution – \$1452

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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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DO NOT DISTURB

A while back, as Janie and I checked into a motel after a hard day's travel, I noticed several "Do Not Disturb" signs hanging on door knobs up and down the hall. A lot of people, I thought, have that sign hanging on their hearts and minds. They do not want to hear the gospel; they do not want to change their nice, tidy, little lives. **Do Not Disturb!**

Churches get letters and calls from people asking them to remove their names from the bulletin mailing list. Frequently they say something like, "We have our own church; so we do not really want a paper from another church." It is funny how often this happens after the printing of an article on a controversial Bible doctrine such as baptism or denominationalism or a hot moral issue (often with social and political implications) such as abortion or homosexuality. **Do Not Disturb.** My mind is already made up.

Then there are the worldly or secular people. "No," they say, "I am not interested in studying the Bible. I have got too many other things to do." Or they say, "I have heard that you think you are the only ones going to heaven." Or as they often put it, "Would I have to give up (here they name a favorite thing) if I became a Christian?" I have had folks ask me about everything from beer drinking, to wearing makeup, to playing tuba in a

German polka band—you name it. My usual reply is, "Would you not be willing to give up whatever is necessary to please God and go to heaven?" In essence, many people reply, "**Do Not Disturb.**"

Unhappily, I run up against the same barred doors among unfaithful Christians. They have quit worshiping God and studying His Word. They have gone back to loving the world again, and they have hung a **Do Not Disturb** over their hearts. They reject offers to study with them. Some of them would not even talk with us over the phone. We try to set up appointments with them only to hear excuse after pitiful excuse. Many of them we can catch only by dropping in on them unannounced. It is sad when God's children, who "have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" become "again therein and overcome." This "latter end is worse with them than the beginning" (2 Pet. 2:20).

But saddest of all are those who remain nominally faithful, but will not get vitally and fruitfully involved in God's work. They talk a good game. They attend most services, love to sing, and "Amen" all the prayers. They tell the preacher, "Good sermon, brother," and then do exactly nothing about it.

When someone preaches on personal work, they respond, "Tell 'em preacher. But you know I just cannot remember all those Scriptures. Anyway, that is your job preacher." **Do Not Disturb.**

After a lesson on giving, it is "Do you not know how tight things are? Why, the bottom may fall out any day now." **Do Not Disturb.**

Let someone teach on disciplining wayward brethren, and it is, "Let somebody else do that; I am not very good at talking to people," or "Do you not know that it is just going to cause trouble?" **Do Not Disturb.**

If the elders demand some real Bible study, some hard digging, again and still it is "I do not have the time to study like that. I have to earn a living, you know." **Do Not Disturb**.

Some preachers hang **Do Not Disturb** signs over their hearts. They do not want to get involved when a couple has marital problems (almost always stemming from sin), so they huff and puff about not being junior marriage counselors. Meanwhile, the couple continues in marital misery, with possibly one or both of them on the way to hell because of the sin that caused their problems in the first place.

Some preachers use their work as an excuse to abandon their families. They do not want to give themselves too deeply to their wives and children, so they say, "I have got another meeting tonight, or I have got to play golf to unwind, or..." **Do Not Disturb.** This is a subtle sin, because we can do it in the name of the Lord—or can we?

Do Not Disturb is a dangerous sign to hang over our hearts. At a motel it keeps the maid from rousing us out of our early morning snooze. But in life, it can keep out Christ, our family, and the neighbors we are to love. Now ask yourself: Have I hung a **Do Not Disturb** sign over any part of my life?

Jim Ward

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."