

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 3, 2025

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

Song: **710** – *More About Jesus*

First prayer: **Mark Brandt**

Song: **93** – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Communion servers: **Chrishawn Thompson** & **Mernie Ray**

Prayer for giving: **Chrishawn Thompson**

Song: **86** – *Sing to Me of Heaven*

Sermon: *“The Preaching of the Christian Minister”* (2 Cor. 4:1-7) – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **430** – *God is Calling the Prodigal*

Closing song: **691** – *Farther Along*

Closing prayer: **Larry Simmons**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Pat Craig – health
- Holly Brewer – recovery from 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:

- Happy birthday to **Debbie Brandt** (Aug. 5th)!
- “Precept Upon Precept” is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)

RECORD FOR WEEK OF JULY 27, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 13 AM Worship – 16 Sun PM – 16 DBR – 5 Wed (7/30) – 14

Contribution – \$1561

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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HOW TO REMAIN A CHRISTIAN

To remain Christians, we must lead Christlike lives. Our code of morals must be in harmony with him who “spake as never man spake” and “in whose mouth was found no guile.” Our lives must be consecrated to righteousness and spirituality. We must remember that the carnal mind is enmity toward God. The Christian life is a life of sobriety. It is a life of denying “ungodliness and worldly lusts.” It is a life of true devotion. To remain a Christian, one must be faithful in every good work. One must possess the spirit of Christ, which means to love that which is right and to despise that which is evil.

One cannot remain a faithful Christian without faithfully attending church services. Regular worship of God is a spiritual **must** in Christian life. *“Not forsaking the assembling,”* says the Holy Spirit. And how brethren can become so limited in their thinking to think that this service, when we commune, is the only one we are required to attend is more than I can see. If we ate one time a week from our tables, the fleshly man would soon perish. If we feed upon the Word of God, the bread of life, just once a week, we are soon spiritually weak.

I cannot see why we should invest thousands of dollars in a meetinghouse that is only necessary to be used once a week. Nor can I understand how we figure a once-a-week service can be counted as a sacrifice on our part, at least upon the part of most of us. Yet, our bodies must be presented as a living sacrifice.

We cannot remain Christians by serving the Lord only when the weather is favorable. Why do we let cold or heat, rain or snow, mud or ice hinder church attendance? We do not let these things hinder us from our daily labors, but we let them hinder us from church attendance. Why?

We must also share our prosperity with the Lord if we are to remain faithful Christians. We are to “give as prospered upon the first day of the week” and to give “cheerfully.” If brethren were all giving cheerfully, as prospered, there would be enough money in the church treasury to feed and clothe all our needy and to establish congregations and build meetinghouses wherever and whenever needed.

Too much centralization of power and wealth among the Lord’s people is not conducive to real Christian growth. But the sharing, the helping of brethren in places where they need help to get to a better work for the Lord, is more blessed because “it is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Then, too, to remain a Christian, one must spend much time in prayer. A fish can no more live out of water than a Christian can live out of the atmosphere of prayer. Much time should be devoted to secret prayer. The more we pray, the harder we should work, and the harder we work, the more we pray. Prayer, apart from work, is like faith without work. It is dead. The Lord helps those who work.

C. D. Plum

THE REACH OF YOUR INFLUENCE

You may not know it, but you are influencing somebody right now. And, your influence is either good or bad. Consider the following illustration:

A young man was killed in an automobile accident while driving under the influence of alcohol. His grief-stricken father raged against whoever sold his minor son the alcoholic beverages. He demanded that the police find and punish the man! Imagine the father’s compounded grief when he opened his own liquor cabinet to find the following note from his deceased son: “Dad, I took a bottle of your liquor. I hope you don’t mind.” (*My Favorite Illustrations*, 84)

Parents influence their children in the most mundane, ordinary ways. Parents’ words, attitudes and actions help shape their children’s minds and lives. The way you set before them is often the road they travel (Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:3-4).

Christians must be influential. You are the salt of the earth, flavoring an otherwise tasteless world, full of wicked attitudes, repugnant speech and abusive conduct (Matt. 5:13). If you let the world influence your thinking, values and conduct, then your godly influence will become “good for nothing”. Be on guard: You are either influencing others for good, or you are being influenced by evil.

Influence is powerful. It moves people to think and to act in ways they otherwise would not (1 Cor. 15:33). Therefore, guard your influence and be sure it advances godliness. Some will choose to sin in spite of your godly influence. But, let it never be said they chose to sin due to your sinful influence.

Joe R. Price

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

- [HEAR THE WORD](#)
Romans 10:17 – “So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”
- [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.”
- [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.”
- [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.)
- [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...”
- [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.”