

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 10, 2026

Song: **232** – *Heavenly Sunlight*

Song: **180** – *We're Marching to Zion*

First prayer: **Larry Simmons**

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

Communion servers: **Brian Zumalt & Chrishawn Thompson**

Prayer for giving: **Shane Upton**

Song: **65** – *A Wonderful Savior*

Sermon: **Ron Cosby**

Invitation song: **424** – *Hark! The Gentle Voice*

Closing song: **240** – *Have Thine Own Way*

Closing prayer: **Adam Bentley**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Mernie, Mark, Debbie, and Davd – traveling
- Kim – upcoming procedure
- Jerry – voice (Jerry & Sherlene – back pain)
- Pattie Hutchinson & Bruce Shive (Sue's siblings) – health concerns
- Tony Lopez, Starlyn Cooper, Carmen Lawson, Kim Nguyen – cancer
- Marjorie Trammel (Alyssa's friend) – cancer
- Fannie Ray (Mernie's sister-in-law)
- Kim's cousin's son (Isaac Wood) – hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy anniversary to **Larry and Annette Simmons** (today)!
- "Precept Upon Precept" is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)
- www.youtube.com/@churchofChrist

RECORD FOR WEEK OF MAY 3, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 11 AM Worship – 11 Sun PM – 14 DBR – 3 Wed (5/6) – 10

Contribution – \$1527

Yukon Church of Christ

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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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SILENT CITY OF THE DEAD

During a Gospel meeting in a small town in West Texas, the local preacher took me out in the country to an old cemetery near the ruins of a once-booming community. He explained that when the railroad moved elsewhere a century ago, the promising village faded, and even a new college decided to close its doors and find another location. The shell of a once magnificent college auditorium stood as a stark reminder of misplaced goals and shattered ideas. Indeed, the best plans of mortal minds are often frustrated. Splendor can turn into dust in such a short period of time, but in the meantime, we face reality. "For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again" (2 Sam. 14:14).

The visit to that cemetery, and the college, reminded me that the foundations of grand schemes decay, and buildings are never finished in the shifting sands of earthly lore. That college was to be a leading conservatory of music. Twenty grand pianos had been brought there by wagon train from St. Louis. But today, only the hull of the campus building echoes the futility of human minds and grandiose dreams. At the gate of the nearby cemetery is a Texas State Historical marker with this poem on the marble slab:

As fades the leaf and morning flower
So fade our lives each passing hour,
As dews melt before the sun
So pass our lives one by one

It was evident from the tombstone that both rich and poor were buried there. Some elaborate memorials were as fancy and expensive as anyone could see among the elite. Others were simple reminders of poverty and loneliness. Death plays no favorites, and the upper crust of society is often interred beside the very people they scorned in life. As Edgar Guest wrote, so it truly is:

One day we will all stand
With empty hands,
And wonder what we are worth.

Balaam desired to die as a righteous man (Num. 23:10), but he died as he lived. So shall we. A professional preacher may “preach us into heaven,” but he will not oversee our destiny. Only those who live in Christ are eternally blessed by God (Eph. 1:3). Only those who live in Christ can die in Christ and walk the golden street of glory (John 8:21; Rev. 14:13). Whether rich or poor, black, or white, educated or not—the Word of the Lord will reveal our future (John 12:48).

As I left that journey into the past and observed the decaying remains of an old college and the solemnity of that rural graveyard, I recalled the vivid truth that our life is just a vapor that swiftly fades into nothingness (Jam. 4:14). Why, then, do we put so much emphasis upon houses, clothes, cars, jewelry, social pressure, and other vain matters? Why can we not learn?

Did not Solomon, in his pomp and glory, admit such lifestyle was “vanity and a striving after wind” (Ecc. 2:11)? Remember the rich man in Luke 16, who fared sumptuously in life and was in despair and torment thereafter? The rich fool of Luke 12 never got to enjoy the productivity of brilliant plans for materialistic pleasure! In Nehemiah 2:20 and 13:31, we have two contrasting epitaphs. Which one will adequately describe our status on Judgment Day? What phrase would best describe our marker?

“You have nothing precious to remember.”
Or
“Remember me, O my God, for good!”

The way we live now will determine where we will spend eternity.

Johnny Ramsey

WHY ARE YOU SO BITTER?

If someone asks us this question, and they are “right on the money,” then we had better take a long, hard look at ourselves and our mental outlook. Whatever unpleasant experience we have had to endure, however we may have been mistreated, whatever disappointment we have had to cope with, **there is no justification** for being an unkind and bitter person.

Other people’s treatment of me really has nothing to do with my personal attitude. The same goes for the abundance of blessings that others might enjoy but are missing in my life. No, my attitude – whether I will be bitter or not be bitter – **that is a matter of choice**.

I cannot control every single circumstance that exists in my little part of the world, but I am responsible for controlling my disposition or outlook. **I choose** the attitude that I will demonstrate.

Be honest with yourself. Are you bitter about something from the past or present? Are you still holding a grudge about something that happened long ago? Are you still bitter against your parents because they refused to let you participate in certain activities when you were growing up? If you are carrying bitterness in your heart for these or other petty matters, then you need to get over it!

Repent of your bitter spirit, and lay it aside forever. Go to the one(s) against whom you have been so bitter, confess your wrong, and try, as much as possible, to make amends and be reconciled with them. **Surely** none of us wants to become a “bitter old man/woman.”

The truth is, there is no place for a Christian of any age to be eaten up with bitterness. **Which would you rather do:** go through life as a bitter person, or go to heaven? That is a serious choice, is it not? The crown of life awaits those that love the Lord out of a pure heart (James 1:12; 4:8). Such a heart has no room for bitterness in it.

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