

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 3, 2026

Song: 232 – Heavenly Sunlight

Song: 16 – Holy, Holy, Holy

First prayer: Adam Bentley

Song: 67 – At Calvary

Communion servers: Larry Simmons & Mark Brandt

Prayer for giving: Chrishawn Thompson

Song: 271 – Faith is the Victory

Sermon: “The New Man: in the Family & the Workplace” (Col 3:18-4:1) – David Ray

Invitation song: 462 – Why Do You Wait?

Closing song: 144 – Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

Closing prayer: Mernie Ray

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Those traveling this week: Mernie, Mark, Debbie, David
- 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)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy anniversary to **Chrishawn & Mattie** (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 APRIL 26, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 7 AM Worship – 11 Sun PM – 6 DBR – 3 Wed (4/29) – 13

Contribution – \$1306

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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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SMALL THINGS

Jesus likened the kingdom of Heaven to a mustard seed and leaven (Matthew 13:31-33). The mustard seed is incredibly small, smaller than many other seeds, yet it grows into one of the largest plants in the garden. When making bread, very little leaven is needed. Reaching back to the Book of Daniel and thinking of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, the statue was destroyed by a stone, but that stone grew into a great mountain and filled the earth. Looking through the New Testament we can see this came to pass. John the Baptist and Jesus came preaching, “Repent, for the kingdom of God is near.” Peter was given the keys to the kingdom, the church (Matthew 16:18-19), which he used to open the door to Jews (Acts 2) and Gentiles (Acts 10). By the time of the writing of Colossians, the kingdom, whose coming arrival was preached in Judea, had come and had been preached in the rest of the world (Colossians 1:3-6).

So, remember that when we evangelize, it is rare to convince people immediately. Rather, we plant a small seed inside their minds, and, if watered and tended, it has the potential grow and to transform lives.

Thomas Baxley

AVAILABILITY

I once heard it said that one of the most important abilities needed in the Lord's church is availability. Seeing that God has given all of us different talents, and those talents have a place to be used in the kingdom, the issue isn't if we can serve but whether we're willing to serve. That God has a place of service for all of us is seen in Paul's words in Ephesians 2:10. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (NKJV). It's part of God's eternal plan for us to serve. Our place in the kingdom should be one of obedience and of using our talents to His glory. "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen" (1 Peter 4:11).

We remember those in Scripture who gladly wanted to be active in serving God. Understanding the glory of God, Isaiah eagerly accepted God's invitation to serve (Isaiah 6:8). Matthew freely gave up being a tax collector to become a disciple of Jesus (Luke 5:27-28). John recorded that we will serve God in eternity (Revelation 7:15). Of course, even our Lord humbled Himself to serve God on our behalf for our salvation (Mark 10:45). One can't leave the pages of Scripture without understanding God wants us to be active in His kingdom.

There are many places of service available in the Lord's church. Teachers are needed in Bible classes; Bible correspondence courses, prison ministries as well as encouraging individuals we know personally with the Word of God are just a few of the opportunities of Christian service available to Christians. There are sick people who need to know that their brothers and sisters care for them. There are those spiritually weak who need to be strengthened. Financial contributions are needed to fund many good works, as well as to support others working to spread the Gospel here and abroad. There's something we all can do to reach out to the lost with the Gospel and to support each other to abide in salvation (James 5:19-20).

So, how available are you for Christian service? God wants us to serve, gives us abilities to use in serving, and has a place for each of us to serve in His kingdom.

If so many people of faith throughout Scripture willingly served, and even Christ humbled Himself to serve, what about you? Paul penned, "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13). The grace and the mercy of our Lord should be an encouragement to do our best for Him, not an excuse to exempt ourselves from service. We died to ourselves when we obeyed the Gospel, or did we? We seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, or do we? We let nothing come between us and God, or have we? Are we standing on the promises or just sitting on the premises?

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). If we only do what we want to do, have we really obeyed Him? Do we genuinely love Jesus? If so, be available and serve with the talents and the strength God supplies! His blessings will be yours, now and eternally. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21 NKJV).

Robert Johnson

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."