

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 31, 2026

Song: **714** – *The Lily of the Valley*

Song: **710** – *More About Jesus*

First prayer: **Mark Brandt**

Song: **787** – *Low in the Grave He Lay*

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

Prayer for giving: **Adam Bentley**

Song: **673** – *Sweet By and By*

Sermon: **Ron Cosby**

Invitation song: **447** – *Someday You'll Stand at the Bar on High*

Closing song: **141** – *Blessed Assurance*

Closing prayer: **Larry Simmons**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Those traveling – Rena, Mernie, Debbie, David, Elliott, Declan
- Ralph Ashley (Alyssa's uncle) – cancer
- Kim – upcoming procedure June 17th
- Jerry – voice (Jerry & Sherlene – back pain)
- Pattie Hutchinson & Bruce Shive (Sue's siblings) – health concerns
- Tony Lopez, Starlyn Cooper, Carmen Lawson, Kim Nguyen – 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:

- “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 24, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 11 AM Worship – 13 Sun PM – 9 DBR – 4 Wed (5/27) –

Contribution – \$1576

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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“AS WAS HIS CUSTOM”

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read (Luke 4:16).

We are familiar with the question. It is one that I am sure all of us have asked, especially when we were children. However, people of all ages and varying degrees of faith still ask this question: “Do we have to go to church?”

The simple, straightforward answer is “Yes.” The reason we go is that Jesus went to *church*. The Bible tells us that Jesus regularly attended the synagogue, which was the equivalent of the **church** in the Old Testament. Moreover, He did not simply go to church once or twice a year; He went weekly. We could say, “He went all the time,” or “Every time the doors were opened.”

Luke 4:16 states that Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was His **custom**. *Ethos* means “behavior based on law or tradition, to be accustomed—one’s habit or manner of life.” The *Cambridge Dictionary* defines it as the set of beliefs, ideas, practices, etc., about a person or group’s social behaviour and relationships. Quite simply, Luke is telling us that Jesus not only attended church every Sabbath but also valued worshipping God and being with His spiritual family—the **church** (assembly).

Since Jesus went to **church** and is our example for spiritual living, we, too, go to church to worship God. We go because Jesus went to **church** to worship God. What other reason does one need to go to church? While many understand that Jesus is their example for living, they nonetheless refuse to follow His example by going to church. A generation ago, there was a famous slogan: "What Would Jesus Do?" The question today is, "What Did He do?" He went to church, of course, and so should you!

Jesus placed a high priority on attending church because it was the place where Scripture was read and preaching and teaching took place. He thought it was good for people to study the inspired Word of God, because it was how people could draw closer to God. It was a place to go to speak with God and to share one's heart with their Creator. It was a time to sing songs of thanksgiving for His grace and mercy. Worship is about sharing love with God and for God—and for one another. How difficult can it be to set aside a mere **hour** each week to go to church and honor God? Did not Jesus set aside His life for you? Is it not reasonable, then, to make going to church a priority? Make His custom your custom and your family's custom. The first day of the week (Sunday) comes around once a week.

"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps" (1 Pet. 2:21).

Doug Post

THE DANGER OF GODLY INFLUENCES

Is that title correct? Could there actually be anything negative about having a godly influence in your life? Let's look at Scripture and see.

The books of the Kings and Chronicles, while giving us the history of the monarchs of the nations of Israel and Judah, give us many good lessons that we need to learn. One such lesson has to do with influence.

King Joash is known as having been one of the better kings of Judah. You can read about him in 2 Kings 12 as well as 2 Chronicles 24. Unfortunately, we learn in 2 Chronicles 24:17-22 that he was only good in the sight of God as long as

Jehoiada the priest was alive; once Jehoiada was dead, Joash fell away from God.

Likewise, Joash's grandson Azariah (also called Uzziah) was known as a good king. He followed God in the same way his grandfather did (i.e., partially). 2 Chronicles 26:5 says that he *"sought God in the days of Zechariah."* But skip to verses 16-21 and we find the details of his apostasy after Zechariah was gone.

Jehoiada and Zechariah were obviously very righteous men. Certainly nobody would disagree that Joash and Azariah were greatly blessed to have the influences of these two men in their lives. But it also seems evident that these two kings *relied on* these two righteous examples to a fault.

It *is* possible to trust too much in others, even faithful brethren. No human is perfect. You can't rely solely on any godly influence. What happens when he or she is gone, either by death or figuratively by apostasy? Each one of us has to develop his/her own faith in God based on knowledge of His word. Each one of us must study to show himself approved (2 Tim. 2:15), because each one of us **will** *"appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad"* (2 Cor. 5:10).

Who are you allowing to influence you? And *how much* are you allowing yourself to be influenced? Whoever influences you, positively or negatively, will not stand with you in the judgment. He won't be there to answer for *your* actions. *"Every one of us shall give account of himself to God"* (Rom. 14:12). Are you ready?

David Ray

[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