

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 4, 2026

Song: **780** – *We Praise Thee, O God*

Song: **22** – *Be With Me, Lord*

First prayer: **Adam Bentley**

Song: **100** – *The Lord's Supper*

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

Prayer for giving: **Mark Brandt**

Song: **783** – *Hold to God's Unchanging Hand*

Sermon: "Abiding in Christ" – **Brian Zumalt**

Invitation song: **462** – *Why Do You Wait?*

Closing song: **859** – *Where the Soul Never Dies*

Closing prayer: **Larry Simmons**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- David & Declan – traveling
- Shane – deployment
- Mimi, Ashley, Monica – studying with Lucinda
- Gloria Hendrix – health
- Talisa Thompson (Chrishawn's mom) – surgery recovery
- Ralph Ashley (Alyssa's uncle) – cancer
- Pattie Hutchinson & Bruce Shive (Sue's siblings) – health concerns
- 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, Mattie & baby

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
(www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495); www.youtube.com/@churchofChrist-

RECORD FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 8 AM Worship – 12 Sun PM – 6 DBR – 5 Wed (9/27) –

Contribution – \$1541

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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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THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Forty years ago I heard a man, posing as a gospel preacher, pound the podium and proclaim with a loud voice and a red face that "there had to be something wrong with a Christian who ever felt a need to hear that we should 'fear God'." In the same congregation, the "youth director" advised the young people that they should not think in terms of "fearing God" at all, just concentrate on the positive. After all, it is all about love. It is my perception that most, if not all Christians who would classify themselves as moderate, contemporary, or progressive (liberal?), would consider it politically improper, and for sure negative, to even mention the need for Christians to "Fear God." It's all about love. It's all about being positive.

However, the same brethren would be quick to agree that to seek wisdom would be a very positive thing to do. It is considered positive to "be wise" and have understanding. There are 234 occurrences of the word "wisdom" in the Bible indicating the importance of seeking and possessing wisdom.

In the introduction to the book of Proverbs, Solomon begins to tie "wisdom" to "the fear of the LORD": *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction"* (Prov 1:7). Proverbs chapter 8 is written with "wisdom" speaking in the first person. Beginning in verse 12: *"I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate."*

He says the fear of the Lord is to hate evil. If you refuse to fear the Lord, what evil is it that you do not hate? If God hates it, we must hate it also. Verse 13 clearly states:

- (1) If you have wisdom, if you are wise, you will hate evil
- (2) The fear of the Lord is to hate evil

LOGICAL CONCLUSION: You cannot have wisdom without fearing the Lord. We can also bring Prov 1:7 back into the equation and conclude that anyone that does not fear the Lord is a fool.

Proverbs 9:10: *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.”* It seems to me that fearing the Lord is a very **positive** thing to do!!

NOTE: It is not within the scope of this article to define and discuss what it means to “fear the Lord.”

Mernie Ray

DISCIPLESHIP

Sometimes we think that when we obeyed the first steps of the Gospel, we have done all that is necessary to attain heaven. Some believe that having obtained membership in the Lord’s church, our salvation is certain. However, there is a big difference between becoming a “member of the church” and becoming a disciple. It is discipleship that the Lord wants, and without that, nothing else matters very much. Without discipleship, there is no salvation.

Discipleship was better understood in the first century than it is now. In those days, before the existence of universities and trade schools, if one wanted to become learned in a certain field or skilled at some craft, one found a scholar or master craftsman and became his “disciple.” The disciple often lived with his master. He and the master became intimate friends. The disciple not only learned the information available from his master, but he also patterned his life after him. He ate and drank with his master. He traveled with him. He emulated his master’s words, actions, and attitudes. He tried to become like his master, believing him to be worthy of such imitation. There was a personal relationship of

friendship and trust, in which the master shared what he knew with his disciple and the disciple patterned himself after his master.

We ought to seek that kind of relationship with Christ. He wants us to follow Him and learn from Him, to become His friends. He wants us to “walk” with Him, to live with Him day and night, absorbing His skill in living and adopting His way of thinking. He desires that we become so devoted to Him as our Master that it becomes the height of our ambition to be just like Him. And doing that is a far more personal thing than we often make it out to be. It is more than the dry and dusty obligation of doing what He demands. Instead, it is the privilege of learning life from the Lord of life in a relationship of closest intimacy. Discipleship is not a hoop we have to jump through to gain heaven. Even in the here and now, the requirements of discipleship are a blessing.

Without genuine discipleship, the thing many people call “Christianity” is worthless. Many have thought that having their names on the roll of some faithful congregation assured their entrance into eternal glory. But the Gospel that saves is the Gospel which produces disciples (Mat. 28:19).

Doug Post

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.”