Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 95:1-2
Song #103 He Has Made Me Glad
Song #532 All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Prayer

Song #337 Hallelujah! What a Savior

Communion and Contribution

Song #2 We Praise Thee, O God
Scripture Psalm 117
Song #282 Oh, Praise the Lord
Message: "Calls to Worship and Praise"
Song #909 There's a Fountain Free

Elder's Prayer
Song #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
Song I Am Happy
Song #962 Were You There?

Prayer

Scripture 1 Timothy 1:15-17
Song Great Are You Lord
Song #587 Sing and Be Happy

Message "Why Pray for Peace?"
Song #945 Kneel At the Cross
Song #991 This Is My Father's World

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Bill's Blog

BY BILL ALLEN

Many folks commented about our worship assembly this past Sunday. Interspersing Scripture readings from the Psalms with some of our hymns and songs that have been taken from those specific psalms was a great encouragement to us and enhanced our worship together. I hope that as we go through this series you will be encouraged to read the Psalms, sing the Psalms, and pray the Psalms.

This Sunday we focus on four psalms that can be considered calls to worship and to praise our great God. In fact, I think I’ll just include the whole of Psalm 117 in this article.

**Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.**

Yes, those two verses are all of Psalm 117, which is not only the shortest psalm, but the shortest chapter of the Bible. Contrast that with Psalm 119, the longest chapter, which has 176 verses!

While this psalm calls on all nations and all people to praise and worship the Lord, it also gives a reason why: because of the Lord’s love and faithfulness.

What this psalm affirms is that we do not worship the Lord and give Him our praise to receive some kind of blessing from Him. We worship and praise Him because of the blessings we have already received! We worship Him because of the love He has already given and the faithfulness He has already shown.

The psalmist understood that, and appreciated God’s blessings. That understanding propelled him to worship this loving and faithful God. The writer of the book of Hebrews recognized that we have something even far greater to move us to worship God: we live in the shadow of the cross.

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. (Heb. 2:1-3)

See, there is a lot in these two short verses in Psalm 117! Aren't you glad I included the whole psalm in this article? However, I wouldn’t expect the same treatment when we cover Psalm 119 next week...

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Donnie's Desk

WHAT MOVES YOU?

Beau’s (my youngest grandson) favorite movie is Turbo. When he comes over, he asks, “Can we watch Turbo? I love it!” It is about a snail that wins the Indianapolis 500. There is a part where Turbo (the snail) races around the famous track for the first time and there is some upbeat music on the sound track. Beau loves that song because he jumps down and stands in front of the TV and starts dancing. I guess you could say he is “moved” by that part of the movie because he always does it!

When he did that last night, it made me think of how we need to be “moved” in our spiritual lives too. I’m not saying we need to start dancing like Beau does. I am saying that something needs to “move” us before we usually get involved. Jesus was moved with pity when he encountered the leper (Mk. 1:41). Jesus was also “deeply moved” when he came to Mary and Martha after Lazarus’ death (Jo.11:33,38). Jesus had compassion on a crowd of people because they were like sheep without a shepherd (Mk.6:34). So, my question is, what does it take to move you to help the helpless? What does it take to move you to reach out to the grieving? What does it take to move you to be concerned for the lost? Kingdom work takes work, sacrifice, and the most precious of all, our time. What does it take to move us? Paul said the Thessalonians worked by a faith that was fueled by their love, and they were steadfast because of their hope in Heaven (1 Thess.1:3). We are moved when it comes from the heart, He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things (Psa.107:9).
Thanks!
Thanks to all who were a part of the All Church fellowship this past Sunday night. We had a great turnout and enjoyed some great dips and Homemade Cookies! Thanks to David Hammond and crew for making it happen and also to Cathy Hallman & crew for those great cookies!

Bible Class
Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will begin a new study from John and Acts. The title of our study is “God Building His Kingdom” The lesson this week... “Living in the Spirit?” from John 15, 17 & 2 Peter. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from 2 Peter 1:3-4 "3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires."

Upcoming Events
Join us for our next Summer Speaker on Wednesday, June 15, John Cannon from Texarkana.
West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, June 20.

Ladies! You are invited to a bridal shower
honoring Lindeey Bowins,
bride-elect of Chase Mink, son of Lee and Camille Mink
on Sunday, June 12, 2016 from 3:30 - 4:30 in the FLC.
Selections are at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Excerpts of a letter from G.W. Cliver—
...As of August, I was planning on moving to Russia to work there. (Valentina’s) father lives in a little village of about 250 people….I will go there and in the larger village we will rent a place to teach English as a foreign language and hold classes and worship to teach the truth of God. I am asking for your prayers in this. I am going to have to put my house up for sale, sell all the things I have...I just returned from India and had both my knees replaced. I wanted to thank you all for the prayers that I know you have offered. All is well and I am getting better each and every day...You have been in our prayers as we feel that West Erwin is our ‘home’. Until later...
Your servant, G.W. Cliver
Copies of the complete letter are at the Information Center.

DEVO TONIGHT
There will be a devo tonight for all 6th-8th graders. This includes our INCOMING 6th graders that promoted last week. Please bring $3 for food. The devo will go from 6-8pm, and BRING YOUR BIBLES.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY MISSION TRIP – JUNE 20-23
This year, our Middle School Mystery trip will be a little different. It will be a mission trip, but all of which being a surprise, a “Mystery Mission Trip”. This trip is open to our incoming 6th graders through those who will be entering the 8th grade. The dates of the trip are next week, June 20-23. Parents, please see Eric for details of the trip (most of you should have received an email detailing the trip), and students can sign up in class. The cost for the trip is $50, and the deadline to sign up is THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

NEBRASKA – MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, BUT PREPARE NOW!
For all those who are attending Nebraska this year, there is an informational meeting next Sunday at 4pm in the Youth classroom, if at all possible, that those who are coming to Nebraska need to be at. We’ll go over the schedule for the trip, as well as what you need to bring and the other things we’ll be doing. BUT, in the meantime, PLEASE GET STARTED on your lessons and room preparation with your teaching group. Don’t wait until 3 weeks before we leave to begin! Get together with your team (call, text, whatever), and figure out when you can all meet together to work on everything. You’ll be reminded of this in class constantly, and we want this to be a great trip, but we need you to do the work to make that happen! The building and workroom will be open today at 3:00pm for those who need to get in this afternoon to work on their decorations.

VBS is June 23rd!
Planning Meeting
With Bruce Bevers
June 12th 4:30 p.m.
Room 403
of the Office Complex
GET INVOLVED!

Summer Speaker Series

PLUGGED INTO HIS POWER
2 Peter 1:5-11

June 15th
“GOODNESS”
John Cannon – Texarkana

June 22
“KNOWLEDGE”
Chris Vidacovich – Kilgore

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
“Calls to Worship and Praise”

Introduction: As we begin to look at individual psalms, we begin with psalms of _________. These psalms and many more like them are ideal to be used as a call to ____________.

Psalm 117
Call to ____________ praise

Psalm 95
Come before Him with _______ and ____________.

Psalm 96
“Sing to the Lord a _____ song!”

Psalm 100
Come before the Lord with _______.

Conclusion: What would you say are the ____________ refrains so far?

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Prayer & Care

Sympathy:
Our love and sympathy is extended to Norene Ingram and Donny Ingram in the death of Norene’s son and Donny’s brother, Bobby Ingram. Services were last Tuesday. We are also saddened by the death of Alice Thompson’s sister, Ruth Mitchell. Services were last Sunday. Our sympathy is also extended to Mary Adams in the death of her infant great-nephew. Services were last Tuesday.

Updates:
- Brealyn Lindsey will have a tonsillectomy in Dallas on Monday. Her appointment with the neurologist will be at a later date.
- Pat Lewis will have leg surgery on June 15th at Louis & Peaches Owen Heart Hospital. Pat’s son, Brad Lewis, will be undergoing tests on his heart.
- Ira Groom is in rehab. They have asked for no visitors.
- JoAnn Snell, Danny Snell’s Dad’s wife has stage 3 colon cancer.
- Jon Murry is home now.
- Kalli Huff is home now.

West Erwin Family:
- Norma Durham
- Pat Lewis
- Janice Hardaway
- Charles Rachui
- Ruth Moore
- Kalli Huff
- Clinton & Louise Culpepper
- Elmer Miles
- Forest McFadden
- Brice Sustaire
- Winona Shankle
- Millie Tomlin
- Joann Davis
- Nella Ware
- George Richardson
- Ira & Esther Wilson
- Charles Harris
- Bob May
- Jess & Charlotte Hopkins
- Ruby Cliver
- Tommy Parrish

Family & Friends:
- Leon Welborn
- Mildred Barnwell
- mother of Linda Marts
- Larry and Randy Davis
- brothers of Shirley Denman
- Betty Holt’s sister, Frances
- Tommy Konczak
- former member of W.E.
- Shannon Mabray
- daughter of Glynn and Fran Starnes
- Mike Watts’ mother, Maygene Watts
- Keith Skender’s brother, Doug

THANKS!

We would like to thank you for the prayers and the 100+ cards Davy received during his illness. God has certainly answered your prayers and it’s so good to be back and serving with our church family.

Davy & Sonja Carter

Dear West Erwin Family:

We are so blessed beyond comprehension at the love of all our brothers & sisters in Christ. I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the prayers, incredible food, cards & phone calls during & after my surgery. Me, Ken, Wendy, Eamond, Clinton & Louise could not face the daily challenges that we have, without your thoughtfulness & consideration. I love you all so much! We are so grateful to be a part of this church family.

Because of him,

Cathy & Ken Culpepper

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Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday
Don Ingram
903.253.4600
Please call if you need transportation.

Our Records
| June 5 |
| Bible Class | 245 |
| Worship a.m. | 374 |
| Worship p.m. | 158 |
| Wed. p.m. | 157 |
| Contribution | $23,987.78 |
| Weekly Budget | $25,444.00 |

The Elders of West Erwin are available to meet with our members at mutually agreeable times for counsel, questions and general information. You may make an appointment with one or more of our elders by seeing them at any of our church meetings or by a phone call at the numbers listed below:

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