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Worship Breakdown

The last couple of months we have been filming our Sunday morning worship services for Zach and I to get a better grip on what we are doing well and what we aren't doing so well. It certainly has been eye opening to be critical in that way, but I believe our worship will be enhanced because of it. I thought it might be helpful for you to know some of the things I am seeing on video during our most routine worship elements.

Greeting: In a church like ours (size, demographics, etc.) the meet and greet is a critical beginning. We are promoting a church that is familiesque, and people will find out quickly how seriously we are taking that moniker. If a visitor is alienated during this time their discomfort will taint their worship experience here. A line of members should form around any new face ready to greet them. Don't tell Zach, but just forget about singing the first song to make sure all are welcomed around you.

Music: God has blessed us with a talented choir and musicians, and we take that for granted. There are very few churches in this entire world (I mean that literally) who can match our music week in and week out. Look at the joy in our choir and tell me you would trade them for anyone. I know I wouldn't. Also, it is worth noting that the congregation usually sings out well especially when we sing acapella. Keep lifting your voice up high.

Sermon: I do my best to let the text speak for God and define the sermon. Each week should be Spirit-filled, applicable, palatable, and timely. Sometimes it all works together and other weeks it doesn't. Either way, I assure you I am watching the film to see what works and what didn't.

Response: This is one area I hope would gain more life (that is why I give you so many options). It seems as though 99% of us are mindlessly singing during the invitation waiting on lunch. There should be lots of activity during this time. Not just new members coming to the front, but seasoned members offering up to God what is owed him. Change needs to happen here starting with our attitudes.

Announcements: This is a necessary commercial break. Sunday morning worship is the time we must get information out since we are all together. Announcements, in their own way, are God's reminder that worship happens beyond the sanctuary, and that you have a duty to serve God through the church. I pray we take these as seriously as the rest of the service.

Grace, Love, Fellowship: Just as with the greeting, this is a perfect picture of who we are trying to be as a church. When we join hands across the aisle, we are telling God, and the world, that we want to be a unified body of believers worshiping together as family. Even if it doesn't always happen that is our desire and what we strive for by the grace of God.



"You are my strength when I am weak,
 You are the treasure that I seek;
 You are my all in all!"

-Dennis Jernigan (from the song "You are My All in All")

I love the lyrics to this song. They are simple, yet profound. These lyrics testify to the intimacy of Christ, how He dwells within me and calls me His friend. Although this song relates to me on a personal level, it also serves as a unifying anthem that binds the church together. It is hard to believe that a song using personal pronouns such as "I" and "me" can serve as a congregational hymn of praise, but it does in a powerful way. These types of hymns along with others such as "I Surrender All" and "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" use what a good friend of mine calls the "plural I". The "plural I" displays the unification of the church. Instead of individual believers singing about their personal dedications, it is a song of the Church (one body) declaring her love for her groom. There is something powerful about Christians gathering together as one. Scripture talks about a bond of love binding together a "unity of the Spirit" (Ephesians 4:3 & Colossians 3:14). The Holy Spirit in our midst turns our "we" and "us" into "I" and "me". I am not saying that songs with personal pronouns are not important for individual devotional or quiet times. I am also not saying that hymns using "we" and "us" are not useful in congregational worship. I am simply saying that all of the hymns we sing on Sundays and Wednesdays are meant for unity. Yes, you may have a personal encounter with The Lord while we worship, and I pray you do EVERY time we gather; however when we sing, know that you are participating in something bigger than yourself. Give all you have to offer, and allow God to speak to your heart as you join with the body of believers proclaiming the majesty and glory of Jesus Christ.

Zach

It's that time again!!!
 September 20th - Noon
 3rd Sunday Lunch
 Get your appetite ready.



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Weekly Bible Study

Subject by subject study through the bible
 such as Church, Salvation and Creation
 Starting Monday, September 14th at 6:30 pm
 to be held at Rick & Kenita Fendley's home
 733 Cox's Oak Valley Rd.
 Child care if needed.
NO HOMEWORK!!!!
 Call Rick for more information at 936-537-7505.

September 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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			1 K.I.C. 6:30 pm Monthly Alzheimer's Support Group 10 am	2 Senior Adults 10 am	3 Nathan Mala	4 Matt Pirko
		Beverly Drake				
Nursery Volunteers Deborah McKinney Monica McCormick 6	 7 Labor Day	8	9 K.I.C. 6:30 pm	10 Senior Adults 10 am	11	12 Hannah Clark
Nursery Volunteers Wendy Skopik Lauren Skopik 13	14	15	16 K.I.C. 6:30 pm	17 Senior Adults 10 am	18	19 Bill Bright Michael Pipkin Melissa Ragsdale
Deacon's Meeting 4 PM Church Council Meeting --5pm Ray Guest Larry Skopik	Barbara Collier					
Nursery Volunteers Jane Hall Barbara Sauls 20	21	22	23 K.I.C. 6:30 pm	24 Senior Adults 10 am	25	26 John Larpenner
3rd Sunday Lunch	Avianna McMurtray	Corey Bright	See You At the Pole			
Nursery Volunteers Kim Meredith Amy Johnson 27	28	29	30 K.I.C. 6:30 pm	 Men's Prayer Breakfast Every Thursday Morning 6:30 am		
4th Sunday Game Night 6:00 pm Nancy Cunningham Jennifer Monroe		Brad Szanto	Mary Beth McKamie Dee Ann Weaver			
Deacon Lock-up September-Lawrence Bright October- Derrell Smith			Deacon's Meeting Sunday, September 13th - 4:00 PM	Church Council Meeting Sunday, September 13th - 5:00 pm		



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BACK TO SCHOOL, FALL IS ARRIVING, AND THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE AIR.

Are you ready to FALL for Jesus? We have lots of exciting things planned for the children this school year. Please mark your calendars for the following dates. August 30th will be Promotion Sunday, we will meet the Sunday School teachers and have refreshments. September 2nd will be the first day of KIC which will be on Wednesdays from 6:15-8:00 pm. There will be a meal provided on Wednesdays for the participants starting at 6:00 pm. Also on Wednesdays from 7:15-7:30 pm is PreK-2nd grade choir and 7:30-8:00 pm is 3rd-5th grade choir. Please note the time change, pick up for PreK-2nd will be at 7:45 and pick up for 3rd-5th will be 8:00. September 6th will be the start of a new Sunday School year and we have a lot of exciting and fun activities planned. Please join us for all of these wonderful events. God is working in our church and in our children.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Psalms 95:1

Jeannie



4th Sunday, September 27th



Memory Scriptures:
Romans 10:9
Matthew 22:37-40
John 6:28-29
John 3:16

Wednesday Night Menus

Menu Can Change Without Notice
Sept. 2---Grilled Cheese
Sept. 9--Pancakes
Sept. 16-Chili Dogs
Sept. 23--Spaghetti
Sept. 30--Taqitos
Sign-up sheet for meal donations in fellowship hallway.

Thank you to everyone who helps us get this together each week. We couldn't do it without you.

Philippians 4:6-7 New International Version (NIV)

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

As school starts up again, and we build a new routine, it is easy to become anxious and worried about the unknown. Not knowing can be scary, and we start playing "what if" situations through our mind. We become so absorbed with the "what if" that we lose track of what is going on around us. But look at what the scripture says. God tells us that we can pray and bring our worries to him and he will give us peace. So if you're worried about new friends, or new classes, bring it to God. Matthew 6:34 tells us not to worry about tomorrow because it can worry about itself. We have too much to do to spend time worrying. Why keep it all bottled up inside? Cast your cares at the foot of the cross and find peace in our Savior.

Caleb

Valley Mission Trip July 2015

KEY PRESENTATION TO THE PARTIDA FAMILY



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