

Faithfully Yours

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Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Isaiah 60:1-2

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What is the purpose of worship? That question came to me recently by someone who attends church occasionally (not ours). He continued, It doesn't seem that God would need us to sing to him.

The word worship conjures up many thoughts in many minds, not all of which are accurate or healthy. When you think of worship, what do you think of?

Outdated songs poorly sung? Dramatic prayers egotistically offered?

Irrelevant sermons carelessly delivered? Meager offerings grudgingly given?

Near-empty auditoriums and meaningless rituals?

What is worship?

The definition is in the book of Psalms.

Honor the Lord, you heavenly beings;

Honor the Lord for his glory and strength.

Honor the Lord for the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. (Psalm 29:1&2)

The essence of worship is simply this: giving God the honor he deserves. To worship is to applaud the greatness of God.

The ancestry of the English word for worship reflects this understanding. This term comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *worthscipe*, which was modified to *worthship*, and finally to *worship*. *Worship* means “to attribute worth” to someone or something.

In the context of Scripture, worship is both an attitude and an action. A view of the heart and an event in life.

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)

This is worship in a lifestyle. Every deed and duty done in such a way that God receives credit and applause. Worship begins as an attitude. But worship deepens as an action.

The action of worship was on the mind of David when he wrote “*Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs*” (*Psalm 100:2*)

And oh how we need it! We come to worship so bent out of shape. So sold on ourselves that we think someone died and made us king. Or so down on ourselves that we think everyone died and just left us.

We worship because we need it. But this is the secondary reason.

The main reason we worship has nothing to do with us; it has everything to do with God. He deserves to receive it!

Bob

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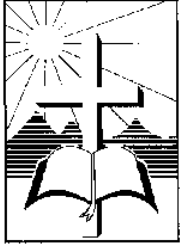
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			1 <i>B. Dani Jones</i>	2	3 <i>B. Karen Feikert</i>	4 <i>Bible Study w/John Furniss 10AM</i>
5 <i>Worship 10:15 AM Communion Coffee Hour: Jones, Spence, Kunz</i>	6	7 <i>A. Jason & Amy Cochran</i>	8 <i>B. Kaylee Shattell</i>	9	10 <i>B. Dick Cochran</i>	11 <i>Bible Study w/John Furniss 10 AM A. Paul & Amy French</i>
12 <i>Worship 10:15 AM Coffee Hour: Cochran's B. Ryan & Seth Cochran</i>	13 <i>B. Melea Lung B. Carroll Gray</i>	14	15 <i>B. Jane Iutzi</i>	16	17 <i>B. Barb Foster</i>	18 <i>B. Denton Kunz</i>
19 <i>Worship 10:15 AM Deacon's Donuts B. Arlo Sinele</i>	20	21 <i>B. Molly Cochran</i>	22	23 <i>B. Marc Cochran B. Michelle Miller</i>	24	25
26 <i>Worship 10:15 AM Coffe Hour: Egan A. Rob & Amy Coyle</i>	27	28	29	30	31 <i>B. KayFloyd</i>	



Bible Study. Can't do that, its boring, I don't understand the Bible or I'm not interested! I have used these excuses myself over the years. At the Saturday morning study no big, heavy words are used, just easy understanding of God's word. Please join us for an informative and enjoyable hour. August 11, 2018 @ 10:00 in church lounge. with John Furniss. Bring your bible and your coffee! Extra bibles are always available.

Cody James Ministries presents: Praise in the Park

Where: Rand Park Pavillion

When: Saturday, August 4th @ 7PM

Free Concert Featuring "The Cody James Band"

Free will offering will be taken to directly support CJM jail tours. Cody has been reaching out to the people of the Tri-State area for over 10 years, sharing his testimony and the life changing message of Christ. He ministers in every jail in the state of Minnesota as well as 5 county jails here in the Tri-States. Bring a lawn chair and please join us for an evening of music!

cody@codyjames.org



BETHEL CHOIR

Bethel Choir will be beginning practice September 5th @ 6:30 pm. The first performance will be Sunday, September 9th. If you have a desire to sing with us or if you are breathing, please contact Glenna Egan.



**Deacon of The Month
"Mary Beth Lung"**

August Birthdays

- 1 Dani Jones
- 3 Karen Feikert
- 8 Kaylee Shattell
- 10 Dick Cochran
- 12 Ryan & Seth Cochran
- 13 Melea Lung/Carroll Gray
- 15 Jane Iutzi
- 17 Barb Foster
- 18 Denton Kunz
- 19 Arlo Sinele
- 21 Molly Cochran
- 23 Marc Cochran/Michelle Miller
- 31 Kay Floyd

August Anniversaries

- 7 Jason & Amy Cochran
- 11 Paul & Amy French
- 26 Rob & Amy Coyle

August Coffee Hour

- Aug. 5th: Jones, Spence, Kunz
- Aug. 12th: Cochran
- Aug. 19th: Deacon's Donuts
- Aug. 26th: Egan



Thank you to all the people who helped during the Kirking O' the Tartans and the Corn Boil. Thank you to Karen Austin who put so much time into this event. Thank you to Dick & Thelma Cochran for the delicious corn and to everyone who brought a dish to the carry-in. Thank you to Kevin Spence for cooking the corn to perfection. We welcomed our guests in true Bethel style. We had 81 people in attendance that filled the fellowship hall with conversation and a good time.

GIVING STATEMENTS

Quarterly giving statements were sent out Thursday, July 27th. If you feel you made a donation and did not receive a report, please contact the Bethel office @ 217-847-2516.

PRAYER LIST

Sharon Anderson
Dane Buschling (head injury)
Jackie Weigand Cooper
Kathy Courtois (Kevin's sister, cancer)
Shay Sewell Darnell (liver cancer)
Erik Diderikson
Matt Fleck
Amy French
Paul French
Ruth Henze (Glenna's aunt)
Mary Holmes
Ethan Jones
Samantha Jones (Nicole Dadant Jones'
daughter) (cancer)
Megan Kelly (cancer treatment)
Shelby Kite (cancer)
Tom Kraushaar (heart attack/stent)
T.J. Lunt
Sue Marson
Marlene Piggott
Patricia Potter
Marie Spence (illness)
Dave Stark
Mary Starman (Glenna's Mom)
Ethel Thomas
Patty Thrush
Ashley and Laura Toler
(daughter/granddaughter of Carol
Wagner)
Duck Whitaker
Hayden Wheatley

- Montebello & Facilities

Katie Martin, Mabel Lee VanAusdall,
Enid Marshall, Kay Schmitz (River
Hills)

- PRAYERS FOR MILITARY/OTHERS

Amber Froman, Brandon Matlock

The Hamilton Food Pantry

Monetary donations can be made payable to:
"Hamilton Food Pantry" and mailed to:



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Other items are also accepted, such as toiletry
items: soaps, detergents, personal hygiene
products, etc. May God bless you for all of your
continued community support.