

Oaks-West Church of Christ

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The Power of Worship

by Ken Weliever

“The church doesn’t need more workers; it needs more worshipers,” once quipped Howard Hendricks.

I found that quote in my “worship” folder apart from the greater context. However, I doubt that Hendricks was diminishing the importance of working for the Lord, or minimizing the role of ministry, but rather elevating and emphasizing the power of worship.

Heartfelt worship is incredible. It lifts us up to a higher level of spirituality. It challenges us to be more than we are. It inspires us to deeper intimacy with the Lord. It creates within us a greater desire for holiness, righteousness, and godliness.

Of course, attending a worship service is not the same as really worshiping. If we just go through the motions, without much thought or little feeling, our

“worship” becomes rote, ritualistic, and mundane. If that becomes the norm, then there’s little incentive to leave the building enthusiastically humming, “I want to be a worker for the Lord.”

It’s often been said in various ways that we become what we worship. “There is no doubt,” wrote Rick Atchley, “that whom you worship determines who you are.” When we know who God is and seek to worship Him “in spirit and in truth,” we become more like Him. Thus, we seek to serve Him.

Possibly, Hendricks is suggesting that when we worship as God directed it motivates us to greater service. Maybe when we magnify the fervor of our worship, then the challenge to find more workers will automatically take care of itself.

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I wonder, could worship that's more engaging, energetic, and enthusiastic result in greater commitment? Deeper devotion? Stronger faith? Reinforced hope? Wider love? More meaningful ministry? And increased evangelistic outreach?

As you ponder these thoughts, consider the connection between fervent worship and faithful service from the lyrics of this Philip Bliss hymn.

More holiness give me,
More sweetness within,
More patience in suff'ring,
More sorrow for sin,
More faith in my Savior,
More sense of His care,
More joy in His service,

More gratitude give me,
More trust in the Lord,
More zeal for His glory,
More hope in His Word,
More tears for His sorrows,
More pain at His grief,
More meekness in trial,
More praise for relief.

More victory give me,
More strength to o'ercome,
More freedom from earth-stains,
More quest for the throne,
More fit for the kingdom,
More useful I'd be,
More blessed and holy,

More, Savior, like Thee.

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Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.



Upcoming Ladies' Bible Classes - Next class April 13.

Services - The elders have decided to continue with the current service times of 10:45 am Sundays and 7:00 pm Wednesdays through the month of April. We will reevaluate in April. Thank you for your support and encouragement as we make these difficult decisions! --DT for the elders

Mark Your Calendars - our spring meeting with Tim Stevens is scheduled for April 25-28

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.



Please remember the following individuals in your daily prayers:

Jack Wilson
Jerry & Nancy Richardson
Ron & Sue Stanberry
Karen Hallmark
Morgan O'Hair
Dinah Williams
Bobbie Gibbons
Tyler Hairston
Don & Alene Simmons
Dorthy Steadman

And continue to pray for each other

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

We have many that face challenges on a daily basis and need your prayers as well.

“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”
(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)

NOTES

ABOUT US

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord’s body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord’s will.

We are not a part of any larger organization – we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 A.M.
Worship 10:45 A.M.
Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.