

Tidings From Timothy

Christianity is an all or nothing proposition. We need to keep this in mind when we decide to serve God. He wants us to be good, yes, but more than that He is looking for complete commitment. We will study on that this morning. Tonight, we will have some Lord's Supper reflections.

Rejoice!: Jason Goode was restored this past week. Amber Walden was baptized into Christ. We just keep on trucking here at Mt. Gilead.

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Please update your directories.

In Need of Prayer: **Bernell Emberton** is in the local hospital in very poor condition. Pernie Chandler is out of the hospital. Your prayers are requested for Freda Crowe. IC Short is in the nursing home now. salvageable.

Gospel Meeting: There is a Meeting starting at Willette church of Christ today.

God Is On The Throne, Not On Stage

The God we serve is an august, spiritual being both deserving and desirous of our deepest respect. Though described in Scriptures as a friend to man (Isa. 41:8; James 2:23), He is not some sort of "good buddy" to joke with or about. Our God is still on the throne (Psalm 45:6), His ways remain higher than our ways (Isa. 55:9), and his authoritative Word still promises to judge us in the Last Day (Rev. 20:12).

No measure of self-appointed, flippant familiarity with the God of heaven detracts one bit or whit from His inherent majesty. Our God is eminently worthy of our reverence, thus we must serve Him "*acceptably with reverence and godly fear*" (Heb. 12:28). Truly, reverence is the "**very first element of religion**" [Charles Simmons].

Moreover, our periods of public worship should express this spirit of reverence. "*God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all {them that are} about him*" (Psa. 89:7). Worship performed "*in spirit and in truth*" (John 4:24) suggests a demeanor of awe and reverence.

We agree that our worship services should be permeated with expressions of joy and thanksgiving -- they should not come to resemble a congregational visit to the dentist; but neither should the reverent worship of our heavenly Father be confused for a carnival or a rock concert. Whether our worship is that offered during Sunday morning service, that which involves a lectureship assembly, or that which is engaged in by a zealous throng of young people attending a youth rally -- regardless where, when or by whom the worship is performed -- it must be characterized by reverence and decorum. "*Let all things be done decently and in order*" (I Cor. 14:40).

The worship assembly is not the proper setting for screaming, whistling, clapping, and stomping the feet in response to the speaker's message. We do not gather to pay homage to men, but to worship God. We do not come together as to a football game or a stage-band concert; we come to worship God. We do not assemble with the intent of being entertained or sensually excited; we come to worship God. Any assembly of saints with the intent of worshipping and praising the God of heaven should reject that which emphasizes the carnal emotions and minimizes the spiritual man. An outsider should be able to attend one of our Sunday assemblies, or one of our many youth gatherings, and see a marked difference between the worship of God and the Johnny Carson show.

In the realm of worship, "*zeal without knowledge*" paves a dangerous road toward pagan, flesh-oriented, and riotous assemblies.

Most of our denominational neighbors have long gone this route, with services geared more toward entertaining man than worshipping God. May we learn to temper our joy in Christ with a Christlike reverence for things holy. And may we teach our children so.

Remember,

OUR GOD IS ON THE THRONE -- NOT ON STAGE.

--Dalton

Key--

What must I do?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Birthdays:

Bryan Gerald	11/11
Abbie Strode	11/11
Kerra Gerald	11/13
Tim Gill	11/14
Jane Hagan	11/14
Kendall McPherson	11/14
Tonya Anderson	11/15
Brayden Gearlds	11/15
Jersey Joe Page	11/15
Betty Page	11/16
Becky Rhoton	11/17
Daytona Brown	11/18
Burley Brown	11/18

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Verses for the Lord's Supper: Matthew 10:34 - 39 ³⁴Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; ³⁶and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.'
³⁷He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.
³⁸And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

Bible Study...

9:30am

10:05am Morning Worship...
6pm Evening Worship...

Wednesday:
7pm

Bible Study...