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# MARK'S MESSAGE

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WORSHIP?

What is worship? *"To pour out adoration towards another"; "A feeling of profound love and admiration"*. To worship God is to recognize His worth or worthiness and to acknowledge in all appropriate ways the value of what we see. The Bible often calls this activity "glorifying God" or "giving glory to God", and views it as the ultimate end, not a means to an end. The Bible also teaches that it's the whole duty of man (Ps 29:2; 96:6-9).

True Biblical worship should so satisfy us that we don't have to shop around for man-made substitutes. William Temple made this clear in his definition of worship *"For worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness; the nourishment of mind with His truth; the purifying of imagination by His beauty; the opening of the heart to His love; the surrender of will to His purpose—and all of this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centeredness which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin."*

I've heard so many times from Christians who neglect the assembly "But I live right". As if to say "Why do I have to come to worship if I'm living right?" As Christians we live a life of sacrifice and service. However; we must never think or even imagine that our lives lived for Him or our labor in the world is a substitute for our worship to Him and direct fellowship with Him. God is looking for "true worshipers"....for the Father is seeking such to worship Him" (Jhn 4:23-24). As important as it is to worship God in the right way, it's just as important to understand what worship is and to be an active participant. The question that we all must ask ourselves is "Have I worshiped today or did I attend worship today". There is a difference.

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## Tanner's News and Events

### FOCUS/5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/LEADERSHIP YOUTH TRAINING/MELODY MAKERS

**January 30th we will have our end of the month FOCUS service on the topic INFLUENCE, then we will have a fellowship meal and enjoy dining to the inspirational gospel singing of Danny Dodson & his acapella group, The Melody Makers. We will conclude the day with a short 30 minute period of worship led by our young men. That's a lot in one day! Hope you can be a part of it!**

### A CHECKLIST FOR WORSHIP

Why do we worship? Do we think about what we're doing and the seriousness and joy of it? It's easy to come to worship out of just habit and not think about what we're doing and therefore not truly worship. Here is a list that will help us keep worship in the right perspective.

- Am I coming before God to worship Him with a sincere heart? (Jn 4:24)
- Am I allowing my relationship with others serve as a stumbling block in keeping me from the proper worship of God? (Mt 5:23,24; 1 Jn 4:20)
- Am I drawing near to God in purity and holiness, or am I allowing sin to be a barrier between God and me? (1 Jn 1:6-10)
- Am I really trying to focus my full attention on God? (Ex 20:4-6; Rev 5:9-14)
- Am I fixing my vision on the Lord of glory to such an extent that my hungering desire is to draw near to Him? (Mt 5:6; Jam 4:8)
- Am I singing enthusiastically, praying fervently, giving cheerfully, and lovingly remembering Jesus during the Lord's Supper? (1 Cor 14:15, 11:23-28; 2 Cor 9:7)
- Am I coming to God in worship with a full knowledge that the only reason I have such precious access to God is because of what Jesus did for me at Calvary? (Mt 27:51; Acts 4:12)
- Am I worshipping to solely see what I can get out of it, or is my heart's desire to offer praise, thanksgiving, and glory to my Lord and King? (Rev 4:8-11)

May we always seek to worship Almighty God in spirit and in truth.

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## BETTER IN 2022

We often joke about breaking resolutions. Jokes about New Year's resolutions, however, may be an indication of a more serious problem. It may point to our fear and lack of determination to persevere, to achieve, and to grow. We need new beginnings. We need the opportunity to start over. Since we are looking at a measure of new time which has an element of the unknown in it, let us make or renew one important resolve – to be **BETTER** in 2022 than we were in 2021. We are in a Sermon Series entitled **BETTER** where we will look at how we can grow & become a better version of ourselves in several specific areas. **Pick up your program of the topics & dates.** Let's resolve to be **BETTER** in 2022!

- Today—Better Worship to my God
- Next Sunday—BETTER Church Family Member

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We extend our deepest sympathy to Jimmy & Lois Malone & family. Their granddaughter, Beth, lost her husband, Adam Moon last week. His funeral was last Sunday.

### Directory Update

Robert & Maria Uthlaut  
13250 Hidden Valley Dr  
Madison, AL. 35756

**CYC 2022:** Tanner is paying the individual registration fee of \$35 for everyone and \$200 towards each motel room. If you're going you will be responsible for gas, eating, and anything above \$200 for hotel room. A special THANKS to our elders for their support





## *Tanner Family Special Concerns*

### **CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Melvis Adams Athens Nursing Home & Rehab across from the hospital. His address is 611 W Market, room 43A , Brett Agee, Drew Bennett, Grant Beverly, Jean Bond, Matthew Chandler, Colin Coan, Stephanie Cooper, Caleb Crowe, Faye Davis, Louise Davis, Beverly Haney, Heath Hartley, Freddie Hays, Judy Hogan, Qution Hogan, Ed Hysaw, Gary Hillis, Russ Housman, Adam Howard, Brandon Howard, Adam Jones, Sue Lemay, Tom Lemay, Carol Lewis, Marie Malone, Craig Marshall, Sis Martin, Susan McCluskey, Teresa Mitchell, Debra Patrick, Lynn Patrick, Emmalice Patrick, Ann Poyner, Allison Scroggins, Dana Bailey Shores, Joe Stewart, Philip Taylor, Curtis Trotter, Miranda Turner, Sherri White, Dusty Williams, Rodney Wilson, Bill Bryant, The Kirby family (friends of the Bates), Jose Guerrero (our Hispanic minister), Kim Mills (Andy Shoults step daughter), Chad Carter, Eladio Martinez (Carlos father)

### **In Need of Prayer**

- Phillip Taylor is recovering well from his recent surgery
- Bobby & Ashley Ray have been sick with Covid
- Jean Bonds daughter-in-law, Jeanette Stewart (Michael's wife) has been diagnosed with lung cancer. She will begin radiation & chemo soon
- Robert, Faye & Brittany Hall have been sick with Covid
- Melody Eaton rescheduled surgery on a torn meniscus for Jan 18th. She will also begin radiation treatments on a cancerous spot Jan 25th
- Rhonda Ferguson has been sick, but is feeling better
- The Agee's neighbor, Dan Totter is in Huntsville Hospital in serious condition
- Tony Anderson has been sick last week, but is doing some better
- Russ Houseman was recently diagnosed with COPD
- Melvis Adams is cancer free!
- Rick Chandler is sick with Covid
- Luke Little & his fiance, Baylee have been sick with Covid
- Carolyn Williams will be having a CT scan on her legs on the 19th
- Additional—\_\_\_\_\_

## **BETTER in My WORSHIP to God**

### **SOUL SEARCHING QUESTIONS (Do you dare ask yourself?)**

- What do you do during worship? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why do you come to worship? \_\_\_\_\_
- In order to have better worship I must be a better \_\_\_\_\_
- Define Worship: \_\_\_\_\_
- Scriptural examples of worship \_\_\_\_\_

### **John 4 & Worship**

1. Better Worship Begins with a Better \_\_\_\_\_
2. Better Worship Begins with \_\_\_\_\_. Example: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Better Worship Begins with \_\_\_\_\_. Jn 4:24 Example \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Heart is involved in every act of our Worship**

Singing— \_\_\_\_\_  
Prayer— \_\_\_\_\_  
Lord's Supper— \_\_\_\_\_  
Giving— \_\_\_\_\_  
Conclusion— \_\_\_\_\_

**WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE TODAY! WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD AND TO CONNECT PEOPLE TO LIVE THE LIFE OF A JESUS FOLLOWER. WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND THE WORSHIP TO BE IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND COME BACK AND BE WITH US ANYTIME YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY. LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN COME ALONG-SIDE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND GET YOU INVOLVED IN WHAT THE LORD IS DOING THROUGH US.**



### **Regular Schedule of Services**

Sunday AM Classes.....	9:30
Sunday AM Worship.....	10:30
Wednesday Evening Classes.....	7:00
Sunday Worship/Bible Study @ Summer Manor in Decatur .....	2:00

### **Evangelists**

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Jose Guerrero (Hispanic) 256-777-3181  
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### **Elders (Shepherds)**

Henry Carter.....256-867-5458  
Robert Hall.....256-431-1175

### **Deacons**

Gary Conner.....256-206-1076  
Paul Jones.....256-777-8888  
Johnny Malone.....256-431-1292  
Carlos Martinez.....256-233-0275  
Lamar Meals.....256-777-2395  
Scott Sandberg.....256-874-5897  
Larry Thrasher.....256-509-1660



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FACEBOOK AT  
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### **There you can:**

- **Stay connected to your Church Family**
- **Stay up-to-date on what's going on**
- **View our weekly Classes and Sermons**
- **Get our weekly Bulletin**



**YOUR WEEKLY  
OFFERING can be  
dropped in the  
plate at the audito-  
rium entrance or  
mailed to the  
Church address**



**The Lord's Supper**

The prefilled com-  
munion cups are  
available in the foyer

### **Birthdays**

Maria Uthlaut—17th  
Dee Dee Butler—18th  
Cheryl Reed—19th  
Carlos Martinez—20th



### **Anniversaries**

