

Family Worship

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What are your New Year's resolutions? Have you ever thought to make a resolution on the behalf of your entire household?

A 2003 survey done by the Barna Group revealed that 85% of parents believed it was their primary responsibility to provide religious/spiritual teaching for their children, but the majority of these parents leaned entirely on the church to do the training.* Though time has passed since this survey, the reality surely persists that most Christian families could spend more dedicated time in worship to God. Could yours? Consider resolving to spend time in family worship.

What are the elements of family worship? Growing up, our family was by no means the perfect model of worship at home. However, I fondly remember periods in which we followed this nightly pattern: (1) **Read** the Bible, (2) **Sing** a hymn, and (3) **Pray**. A simple pattern like this would demand no preparation from your or your family, only the initiative of a spiritual leader.

What if (like me) you are not a parent? The practice of family worship is not exclusive to those with children. When Peter speaks about mutual prayer in the home, he specifically addresses husbands (1 Pet 3:7). If a husband honors his wife, the two will pray together.

Why family worship? The greatest reason is this: **God is worthy of your family's worship** (Psa 78:1-8). As if this isn't motivation enough, author Donald S. Whitney writes of seven more motivations for the practice.**

- What better way to speak the gospel into your children's lives each day?
- What better way to provide your children to learn the things of God from you?
- What better way to provide your children with an ongoing opportunity to ask about the things of God in a comfortable context?
- What better way for you to transmit your core beliefs to your children?
- What better way for your children to see the ongoing positive spiritual example of their parents in real life?
- What better way to provide workable, reproducible examples to your children of how to have a distinctly Christian home when they start a home of their own?
- What better way for getting your family together on a daily basis?

Husbands and fathers, let us refuse to neglect our duty as spiritual leaders in the home. Wives and mothers, heed the strong example of Lois and Eunice, women credited for Timothy's spiritual training (2 Tim 1:5).

Let each of us resolve as Joshua did, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Jos 24:15b ESV)

Caleb Boggs

* Barna Research Group (May 6, 2003), quoted in *Current Thoughts and Trends* 19, no. 7 (July 2003), 21.

** Donald S. Whitney, *Family Worship*. (Wheaton: Crossway, 2016), 58.




Pam Babb, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Edwin and Vera Cornell, Erma Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Mary Deffenbaugh, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe and Teresa Freund, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Becky Matthews, Cheryl Neilans, Dale Privett, Susie Tomlin, Edith Toney.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Ruth Ann Wilson**. She passed away Saturday. Her funeral will be on Thursday at 10:00 at Clark's Funeral home in Neosho. Visitation will be Wednesday from 5:00 - 6:00.

Rejoice! We are so happy that Kinley Wilson made the decision to be baptized on Saturday. Kinley has grown up in this congregation and we are proud to call her our sister in Christ. We rejoice with her and her family.



Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we are helping a member with some expenses. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts is every Tuesday morning at 7:00 in the activities center. Come and invite your friends! 



Thanks to all who helped deliver **meals-on-wheels!** Your service to the community was appreciated.

Bob Murray's **Wednesday night class** that meets in Room 21 will begin this week studying his book, *The Spirit World*.

Your **recommendations** for elders need to be returned by this Sunday to one of the current elders. Please use the form you received in the mail. There are extra forms on the welcome desk. Continue to pray for this important process.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *What's Church Got To Do With It?*
(Danny Boggs)

P.M. *Why People Quit (Or Never Get Started)*
(classes)

Our **Sunday night study** began of the book, *The Church of Christ* by Tim Alsup. There were some good discussions in our groups. Continue to pray for and invite those who need to learn the value and truth of the Lord's church. There are additional books on the welcome desk for friends and family.

HOPE Group for 7th-12th grade girls and their moms will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. this Thursday at Bethany Boggs's. Bring snacks and let Bethany know if you are coming.

Senior Saints will have a pot luck lunch at noon on Saturday in the fellowship room.

The monthly **Saturday singing** is this Saturday at 7:00 in the foyer. Bring snacks. Drinks will be provided.

7th-12th graders will leave the Hillcrest parking lot at 5:30 a.m. this Saturday for Snow Creek Ski Area in Weston, MO. Bring your money for skiing with you. Lunch will be provided.

Our next **Bible Bowl** will be after services this Sunday. It will cover Luke 7-12. Come participate, watch, or be a scorekeeper. Study guides are available in the office if you would like one.

Our **third Wednesday night family meal** will be January 15 in the activities center. The hostess groups of Amanda Flint/Bobbie Wolgamott and Carla Murray/Jessica Boggs will provide a chili dinner. Please sign up in the foyer.

Hailee and Antonio Webb are expecting a **baby boy** very soon. You may "shower" them with gifts by placing them in the basket that will be in the foyer starting Sunday.

Thursday morning **ladies Bible class** will begin January 16. The topic will be forgiveness. See Danny to get a class book.

We're having a **men's dinner** and meeting in the activities center at 6:00 Saturday night, January 18. Plan to join us. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we can make arrangements for food.

Challenge Youth Conference is in Dallas, January 17-19. The van will leave at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, January 17. Bring money for two meals.

On Sunday, **Wayne Douthitt** announced that he is stepping down as an elder after faithfully serving this congregation for thirty years. He and his wife, Vera, have provided us with an abundance of care and support. Thank you, Wayne, for shepherding the flock. You have blessed this congregation.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, January 12:

- AM Opening: Darren Pierce
- AM Closing: Carl Thomlinson
- PM Opening: Todd Murray
- PM Closing: Bryan Reiboldt

Wednesday, January 15:

- Opening: Josh King
- Closing: David Fehring

RECORDS	1-5-20	1-6-20
Bible Study	170	153
AM Worship	183	190
PM Worship	187	128
Wednesday	149	132
Contribution	\$9,732.19	\$8,105.33
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37