

We live in a time when there is much diversity of opinion about what constitutes Biblical worship. The problem is that it is difficult for some to separate tradition from truth. We focus on forms and not facts. We confuse message and methodology. It appears the methodology has become the message in many places. One fact that is certain is that men by nature are worshippers. Our real need is to get in the presence of God where we can listen to Him speak. Let's look at ...

1. Traditions in Worship.

- a. Determined by Culture .**
- b. Determined by Consumerism .**
- c. Determined by Color .**

2. Truth in Worship.

- a. The importance of Scripture .**
- b. The importance of out Spirit .**
- c. The importance of the Sovereign .**

3. Transformation in Worship.

- a. It convicts us.**
- b. It changes us.**
- c. It challenges us.**

Are You Worshipping in Spirit and in Truth?

Who Is God, Anyway?

When listening to folks talk about God, it turns out we're all over the map. In the West, we still live in a hangover from our Christianized past. There was a time when you could say "God," and people would immediately think of the God we read about in the Scriptures and see in Jesus Christ. Most people would even come to the same basic conclusions about this God. That time has long since gone the way of the earth.

Today, when I say "God," you might think any number of things, depending on your country of birth, language, religion, church experience, background — and, of course, whether or not you have cable. All of this brings us to the question: Who is God?

In his book, **God Has a Name** by John Mark Comer, he states that he's not writing his book to prove that God exists. He says, "If you're an atheist, welcome to the table. We're glad you're here. Just know that I won't go into a litany of reasons that I'm right and you're wrong. There are a lot of people way smarter than me — the kind with extra letters after their name — who've already had a crack at that.

"I can only speak out of my own life, and, for me, God's existence was never the question. I've been down the road of doubt, had a crisis of faith — a few actually — thought long and hard about Jesus, and had a list of questions about the Bible stretching to Florida and back (I live in Portland — it's a long trek). But for me, the question was never whether God exists. The way I'm wired that was axiomatic and self-evident."

Comer goes on to raise some far more interesting questions like, "What in the world is God like?" He asks, "Is God a he? Or a she? Is God a they? Or an it? Is the tree in my front yard full of the divine? Am I? Is God even a person? Or is he/she/they/it/the tree/maybe-even-me more of an energy force or a state of mind?

"Or is God just a myth? A carryover from a world that all smart, thinking people have moved on from? Now that we have science and technology, 'we know better.' Let's assume for now that there is some kind of an invisible-but-real being who made everything, and for now let's call this being 'God.' If so, what is this God like?

"Is He Kind, or cruel? Close by and involved in my life, or far-off and aloof? Strict and uptight like a fundamentalist preacher, or free and easygoing like a good, educated progressive? Does he vote Democratic? Or is he a Republican? Maybe Green Party?

"Or how about this one: Is God even good for the world anymore? Fewer and fewer people answer yes. What if God and religion are just an endless source of violence and hatred and bigotry and hypocrisy and really bad music? Who is this "God" we love, hate, worship, blaspheme, trust, fear, believe in, doubt, cuss in the name of, bow to, make jokes about, and most of the time just ignore? I would argue that how you answer this question will define you."

Well, before you declare me a heretic for even sharing such thoughts, hear me out. The twentieth-century writer A. W. Tozer made a stunning claim: "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." Really? Absolutely. Here's a truth that cuts across the whole of the universe: We become like what we worship. Put another way, what you think about God will shape your destiny in life.

So what/who are you worshipping? Is there only one Lord of your life? Are you able to "Seek first the Kingdom of God" and trust Him to provide for all your needs? Won't you walk in His ways daily?

God Bless You!
Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Kirkpatrick, Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Service.....6:30 pm

Monday, October 22—Tuesday, October 23

Missouri Baptist Convention

Wednesday, October 24

Prayer / Bible Study.... 6:30 pm

Worship Team 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 25

Food Pantry Day

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Nice, Fred Kerns, Don Sharp

Alternate: ????

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No Evening Service....6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 31

Prayer / Bible Study ...6:30 pm

Worship Team 7:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

October 22-23 — Missouri Baptist Convention

Annual Meeting, Springfield, MO

November 1 — Senior Adult Event 10 am

Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church

November 5 — Food Kitchen 5:30 pm

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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Sunday Nights

We *will* have Sunday night service tonight. Please join us. Don't miss it!

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

Prayer is such a vital part of everything a church does. Please come as we pray for the direction of our church.

Also, we have been viewing a **Spiritual Gifts** study by Ken Hemphill. Hope to see you this Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

October is... **Pastor Appreciation Month**

If you haven't already, please let Pastor Allan and Ellen know how much they are loved and appreciated.
Our church is truly blessed!

SJBA SENIOR ADULT EVENT

November 1, 10 AM

Frederick Boulevard

Baptist Church

Diversicare Nursing Home October 28, 2018 at 2:30 pm

Please join us as we minister to those who can no longer attend their own churches.

Food Kitchen

We will serve Monday, November 5, at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to join us

as we show the love of Christ and minister to those in need.

Thank You

We appreciate the food items you donate to our food pantry. Your support means a great deal to me.

*Cheryl Meeks
Patee Park Food Pantry*

For the Record-

Attendance: October 14, 2018

Sunday School.....	25
Visitors.....	2
Total.....	27
Contacts Made.....	6
Morning Worship.....	43
Sunday Night.....	8
Children's Worship	6
Wednesday Night	5

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 960.00
Long Family –Sept. ...	\$ 75.00
MMO	\$ 1,781.00

Offering Received by Mail:

October Counting Team:

Don Beavers and Jordan Lane

October Van Driver:

Joe Coats
Remember to call 232-3747
before 8 am if you need a ride.

October Birthdays:

03...Don Hart
08...Brigida Winans
09...Gina Harr
10...Fred Kerns
10...Jaden Schottel
14...Dillon Burgess
18...David Schottel
19...Caitlyn Schottel
22...Angie Liechti
25...Tom Lefevere
28...Ellen Lane
28...Marie Hren

31...Tim Izer

October Anniversaries

Mike and Martha Green
October 1, 2005

Prayer Requests ...

Sandy and Stanley Wilson
Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery
Mike Green—surgery November 23rd
Brendan Conner—Swymeler's Grandson
Ruth Anne Bush—healing
Sharri Duty—Jerry Garcia
Linda Huff—cancer treatment
Jim Winans—recuperation
June Fritchle—recovery
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings
Arlette Duty—strength
Donna and Bill Dunn—health
Jack and Flo Conard
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health
Karissa and Matt Long and family
Stephanie & Jason Terpack
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister
The Waters Family Betty Campbell
George Ferbert Kevin Duty
Nellie Reynolds Ann Riddle
Don Beavers Tim Izer
Kathryn Beavers Keon McKahan
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty
Pat Means Buddy Means
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett Curtis Conard
Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane
Carolyn Houts
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people

Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
