Worship 7: House of the Lord!

Ps. 122

- I. Why is this man excited to be going to the house of the Lord?
 - a. It is good to go and be in God's presence.
 - i. Ancient Israel believed in the omni-presence of God.
 - ii. But they also believed that God had chosen to manifest his presence in a special way in Jerusalem.
 - iii. The New Testament Christians believed the same thing.
 - iv. God is anywhere where his people are gathered for worship.
 - b. It is good to go and be with God's people.
 - i. God could have commanded special times of worship in the closet.
 - ii. God understood that we draw strength and joy from corporate worship.
 - iii. Ps. 42:1-4.
 - iv. The Psalmist's spirit is longing for an experience with God's people.
- II. Why do we do this?
 - a. God commands it.
 - i. God is more concerned with our hearts and our wills than he is with our feelings at any given moment.
 - ii. Worship is actually an act that develops feelings for God.
 - b. God knows that worship is good for us.
 - i. I know that this has happened in your life.
 - ii. Powerful things happen when God's people gather in
- What happens in corporate worship? Lesson 1 briefly mentioned these points. Let's come full circle.
 - God's name is honored.
 - i. We are reminded of our identity in corporate worship (Lord's Supper and Baptism).
 - ii. We remember our story and who we are.
 - God's family is strengthened and healed.
 - i. Ps. 122:3.
 - ii. 12 tribes become one.
 - iii. Ps. 95:1-7.
 - iv. There is something unifying about corporate worship.
 - v. If we focus on God, we will stop focusing on ourselves.
 - God's voice is heard.
 - Jerusalem is where the king, prophets and priests usually lived.
 - ii. Ps. 73:16-17.

Conclusion: Two more questions as we think about worship:

Do we have a sense of anticipation?

Do you expect to leave better than you were when you entered?

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Song Leader: Wayne Fenter

Call to worship: 89 – He Has Made Me Glad

Welcome: Bryce Taylor

Songs: 10 – Awesome God

57 - Holy Ground

58 - Holy Ground

63 - Come, Thou Almighty King (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Communion Song: 330 – Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Communion Thought: David West

Song: 26 – I Sing Praises

Sermon: Doug Austin - "Psalm 122 - House of the Lord"

Invitation Song: 292 – Into My Heart

Closing Song: 536 – Heaven Came Down

Closing Prayer: Phil Sexton

Sunday Morning Bible study (9:00 a.m.)

Sermon on the Mount - Doug Austin (Rm. 25) The Psalms – Tim Dunnahoo (Rm. 27)

"Now That I'm a Christian" – Oscar H, Quinton F, Jesse M (Small F.)

Revelation (Spanish Class) – Mynor Vasquez (Rm. 22)

Jr. High/High School – Thomas Beard (Teen Room – Rm. 26)

JL 4th – 6th grade – various classrooms, look for blue flag

JL 1st - 3rd grade - various classrooms, look for red flag

4's, 5's & Kinder – Amy Joy (Rm. 12)

2's & 3's - Rachel & Mattie McCarty (Rm. 3) Nursery up through age 2 – Various teachers (Rm. 1)



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Sunday Bible Study (9:00 a.m.) Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)

Groups (Various Locations)

Doug Austin

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Elder Chairman of the Month:

David West

Prayer Requests

- Alicia Bennett had an MRI in Albuquerque on Wednesday. She will undergo surgery in Roswell on Tuesday.
- Alan Warboys had a check-up in Texas on Wednesday.
 We are delighted to report that his blood work looks great!
- Sara Perkins is being induced this morning. Please pray for a safe delivery & healthy baby!

Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O'Neal, Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Wanda Walker, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Kathleen Sherman, Chris Bertola, Joyce Preston, Doris Rodriguez, Lauren Simons, Lindal Nelson, Alicia Bennett, Delpha Moody

From the Mailbag

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers, the cards and food prepared by your hands during the loss of John's father, Armando. Some here at the church knew him. You never fail to show your love and compassion to those in our community in need of healing. For that we will always be thankful.

With love,

The Matta's

Those Scheduled to Serve

Deacons on Duty: Dan Montgomery, Jose Baeza, Brandon Cometti, Brian Houghtalin

Men on Duty: Brian Doyle, Kevin McCormack, Thomas

Beard

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class	99/93
Sunday AM	181
Weekly Contribution	

Life@CCR

- Congratulations to Justin & Kameron Dorrance who are the proud parents of a baby girl! Izabella Paige was born on October 13th. Both baby and mom are doing well.
- Our Recharge meal this week was provided by the Dunnahoo's! Special thanks also to Lynda Woody & Mary Salyards for their help with serving & clean up!
- We are currently gathering frozen foods & casseroles to make for some easy meals for the Bennett's. If you would like to prepare a frozen dish, you can drop it by the church building any time! The frozen meals will be delivered all at once at a later date. Please do your best to keep the meals low in carbs and avoid using white flour and sugar if possible.
- If you are willing to provide a decorated trunk & pass out candy at our upcoming Trunk or Treat, a sign-up sheet is located on the foyer table. We will need lots of trunks & lots of candy! The Trunk or Treat will take place on Sunday, Oct. 30th from 4-6 p.m.
- If we have an individual or several individuals who
 would be willing to deliver a Recharge meal to some of
 our shut-ins, please give the church office a call! We
 have had a couple of requests and would love to provide
 this service, if possible!

"God meant for the Bible to be bread for our daily use, not just cake for special occasions."

Week @ a Glance

Celebrations & Happenings

16 th	Bible Class @ 9 a.m.
	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM,
	Facebook Live & YouTube.
17 th	Joe Baeza's b-day.
18 th	Zelia Santos' b-day.
19 th	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m.
	Recharge @ 5:30 p.m.
	Wednesday evening bible class @ 6:30 p.m.
20 th	Oscar Hernandez's b-day.
21 st	Loretta O'Neil's b-day.

Study Guide

Text: Psalm 122

- 1. What are some of your observations about this Psalm? Is this Psalm only about worship?
- 2. Why is David rejoicing in verse 1?
- 3. Define the omni-presence of God. When are we in the presence of God?
- 4. What have you felt when worshipping God? Should you feel something? Should you always feel the same thing?
- 5. While worshipping, who do you focus on more: God, others, or yourself? Is it wrong to focus on all three?
- 6. How do we hear the "voice of God" during worship?

 Does everybody hear the voice? What exactly do we expect when we hear the voice of God?
- 7. It is easy to get distracted while worshipping. How do we handle these distractions?