

Foothills Church of Christ



"We treat you like family."

October 9, 2022

Who are you talking to?

I was sitting in class some time ago during my undergraduate study. It was common practice for the professor of this course to ask someone from the class to lead a prayer before a test. The gentleman that was asked bowed his head and began with saying, "Hey Dad, it's me again." A couple of weeks later I heard a similar expression used during a prayer in chapel. After hearing these addresses towards the Creator of all things, I found myself thinking more critically at the attitudes of our prayers. This lack of reverence toward our Maker is nothing new.

"And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the Lord of hosts."
(Malachi 1:8)

God is pointing out the issue that people have in their attitudes in worshipping Him. God makes the comparison that if they were doing this to an important person in their life, that person would not accept their lack of effort. How important is God to you? Is He not as important to you as your boss? Your parents? Governors? Presidents? How much reverence and respect is the Lord of Hosts worth to you?

Our God is Holy

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." (Matt. 6:9)

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Jesus models a prayer speaking to God the Father. Jesus, being the Son of God, and equal to God (John 10:30-33) believed it necessary to address the Father in such reverence as to call His name “Hallowed” from the Greek *hagiazō* meaning, “to make holy, to consecrate” (Strong, 1890). If Jesus decided it was appropriate to show reverence to the Father, who are we to do anything different?

*“In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.”* (Isaiah 6:1-4)

These magnificent, powerful creatures are in full and total submission to God. In 2 Kings chapter 19, a single angel is called to utterly destroy 185,000 Assyrians in a night. How powerful is the being that these angels cry, “Holy, holy, holy” in His presence? Similarly, Isaiah had a strong reaction to being the presence of God.

“Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.” (Isaiah 6:5)

When Isaiah, who had communicated with God numerous times at this point, realized the power of being in the presence of God, he couldn’t help but humble himself in His presence. We find a similar scene in the New Testament. While Christ was on earth, John is called the disciple whom “Jesus loved” and is seen resting his head on the chest of our Lord (John 13:23). That same disciple has a different approach to Christ when faced with His glorified state.

“And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last” (Rev. 1:17).

John’s attitude toward Christ changed to that of humility and reverence to the point of falling to the ground as dead in His presence. God’s power and His greatness is one that we need to recognize and honor with due reverence. Next time we bow our heads in prayer, next time we sing songs of praise to our Lord, let’s remind ourselves of the reverence that must be shown to the Lord God of Hosts.

– Jon Alexander

Announcements

Birthdays This Week

Kelly Alexander (October 11)
Jon Alexander (October 13)
Josh Alexander (October 13)
Jerry Dailey (October 15)
Roger Bruce (October 15)

Come Learn New Songs

Our second-Sunday new song singing will be today at 5:30 before our evening worship.

Pumpkin Patch

A group will be meeting at the church building at 1:30 on Saturday, October 15, to go to the pumpkin patch at Peebles Farm in Augusta. This group event is open for all who are interested. The entrance fee will be subject to a group discount.

Pancake Dinner

There will be a pancake dinner for the college and young professionals group on Sunday, October 16, after the evening worship service.

Fall Fellowship

Our Fall Fellowship is planned for Saturday, October 29, starting at 5:00, at the property of the Scribas.

For the Record

Attendance Last Sunday: 145
Contribution Last Sunday: \$4,331

Prayer Concerns

Current:

Jackson Bruce
Carrie Herrmann
Heather Holden
Randell & Etta Holden
Lewis Family
Joyce Murrell
Ray Petty
Robyn & Mary Roach
Blaine Thomas
Glenda Warren

Ongoing:

G. David (India)
Bristol Garner
Jimmy & Billie Gibbins
Nellie Hardin
Etta Holden
Danny Langer
Doris Pruitt

Assisted Living:

Donna Brewer
Ann Flippin
Cloe Jordan
Doris McCoy
Dorothy Pensoneau
Gladys Widner



“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”
(Colossians 4:2; NKJV)

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

	October 9	October 16
<i>Announcements</i>	Jason White	Jason White
<i>Song Leader</i>	Jeremy Sciba	Paul Anderson
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Larry Eubanks	Jerry Griffin
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Andrew Ross Mason Sciba Case Sciba Jaden Zerby Jon Alexander	Andrew Ross Mason Sciba Case Sciba Jaden Zerby Bob Lyons
<i>Presiding</i>		
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Marshall Halliburton	Micah Heavin
<i>Sermon</i>	Leon Brown	Leon Brown
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Bruce Lemieux	Sam Yeager

Sunday Evening

<i>Song Leader</i>	Bruce Lemieux	Mason Sciba
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Paul Anderson	Caleb Young
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Marshall Halliburton	Micah Heavin
<i>Sermon</i>	Leon Brown	Leon Brown
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Andrew Ross	Jaden Zerby
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Paul Anderson	James Libby

Wednesday

	October 12	October 19
<i>Auditorium Class</i>	Leon Brown	Leon Brown
<i>Devotional</i>	Paul Anderson	Jon Alexander
<i>Song Leader</i>	Mason Sciba	Reese Cartwright
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Paxton Davis	Ethan Falconer

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Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Study..... 9:30 am
 Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
 Evening Worship.....6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 pm