

God Is The Audience

By Mike Riley

In the more “progressive” churches of today, members think worship to God should take on the aura of an entertainment spectacle rather than a humble, respectful, and solemn worship to our Creator.

In the April 22, 1958 edition of the Firm Foundation publication, Brother Frank Pack made the following observations about our worship:

“Many people regard going to church as they would attending a play on the stage. Because they are so man-centered, they think of themselves as spectators, with the preacher as the main performer, and if God is anywhere in the production, He is on the sidelines. How unfortunate and how different from true worship! God is the audience, the congregation is the actor, and the preacher should be only a prompter to help all to draw closer to Him from whom all blessings come (James 1:17; cf. John 3:27). Worship for the Christian is offered to God the Father through Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit.”

Brethren and friends, when we offer our worship to God, do we realize our part in the service to God that we are rendering, or do we consider the service as we would a common lecture or concert?

Do we not realize that when we meet with God, we should consider “the place” whereon we stand as “holy ground?” (Exodus 3:1-5; Joshua 5:13-15; cf. Acts 7:30-33).

If we are among those members who believe that our worship of God is just something “common” that we offer, let’s be willing to change our mindset, acknowledging God as the audience instead of ourselves. (cf. Psalm 95:1-7; Acts 17:24-29).

Let’s think about it!



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** Lyle Russell
Communion- Travis Rogers **Closing Prayer-** Phillip Simmons
Sermon- Don DeLukie

November 3rd

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Opening prayer-** Gary Harris
Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

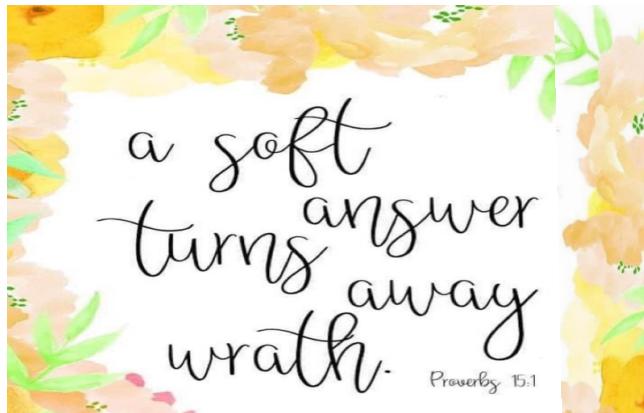
—Ladies Day: Jackson Street Church of Christ is enviting all ladies to attend a Ladies Day on November 2nd from 8:30-1:00 pm. See the flyer in the foyer for more details.

—Question & Answer Series: Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—Children's Home Collection: Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



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Please Pray For:

Glenda Wells, Crissy McDaniel, Donna White, Verlinda Gooden, Brenda Fricke, Tommy White, Christopher Fowler, Debbie Grice, Joyce Moses, Larry Randolph, John Ray, Cliff Lawrence, Louella Jacobs, Gavin Martin, Carolyn Jones.

Bereaved: Families of Zack Hamilton.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Brigg DeLukie, Carol Granger, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Ronnie & Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Renee Gee, Bobby Simmons, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays

2 - Rick VanLoon	18 - Randal Freeman
7 - Joyce McDonald	24 - Jean Delukie
12 - Barbara Wheeler	27 - Charles Fricke
14 - Kathy Manning	31 - Bobby Barker
15 - Chuck Boyer	



October Anniversaries None