For the Record

450- Sunday Morning	81- Life Group
274- Sunday Classes	129 - Wednesday Evening
NC- Sunday Evening	

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Bringing God our Best Sermon Notes – March 1, 2020

Question: Is our worship generally more than that of or less the worshippers we read about in the Bible?

Bringing God our Best...

- Come for God.
- Come ready to
- Make your praise

Make your voice

Feelings are !

ELDER TO CONTACT

Elder to contact in March with prayer requests: Gary Turner 479-361-8115

REGULAR WEEKLY MINISTRIES

Life Group - Sundays at various homes and times Granddad's Devo - Tuesdays at 10:00 am in R5 Ladies Bible Class - Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Rm FC 4 Women's Grief Support - Febuary 9 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm in R5 Single & Parenting Class - New Session September 2020 **DC4K** - March 1, 2020 in Rm. G13 DivorceCare - March 1, 2020 in Rm. R1 Financial Peace - January 22 at 6:00 pm in Rm.B2 Celebrate Recovery - Thursdays at 6:30 pm (Meal at 6:00 pm)

🕅 Grow. Reach. Glorify.

Robinson Avenue this week

WELCOME TO WORSHIP **MARCH 1, 2020 TODAY'S FOCUS Praise Him. Praise Him** Call to Worship We Praise Thee, O God Hallelujah Praise Jehovah **Bible Reading** Prayer Joyful, Joyful, We **Adore Thee** Holy, Holy, Holy Communion Wonderful Story of Love **Dismiss Children** We're Marching to Zion Sermon: Bringing God our Best Sanctuary **A Wonderful Savior Closing Prayer**

Our Offering

When I was a child growing up in a small town in East Texas, Sunday morning church was spectacular! People would always put on their "Sunday Best" and the service would be full of spring hats, bright suits, and shiny jewelry. However, there was something more in that small church that has stood out to me over the years...the hearts of those people. These people not only loved dressing up, but they loved coming together. It was my first experience at seeing how the heart of a church can be an offering to God in worship.

These where people that came together to be with God. They were not rich people by any means, nor did they have a lot to give other than factory and farmer wages. These wonderful people had something greater to give each time we came together; heart's that were full of love for each other and God. There seemed to be no distracting them in bringing to God and each other the very best of themselves.

I have often wondered over the years how hard that simple focus was for each of them? I come so many times to worship with distractions and

The Bible in a Year

Monday 2 Numbers 18-20 Tuesday 3 Numbers 21-22 Wednesday 4 Numbers 23-25 Thursday 5 Numbers 26-27

concerns of the world that have either been forced upon me or are a product of my own undoing. In the end, I feel pulled during worship between what is going on in my mind and what is going on in my desire to worship.

Each week, as we sing during worship, this church takes me back to that old small church. As our praise and passion begin to spill over in song, comments, readings, and communion, that tension I feel lessens and I am reminded of the blessings we are to each other and the blessings we bring to God. Praise, passion, generational spans, and diversity are the offerings we seem to all bring to God each week. These offerings inspire and empower us to come with joy before God with offerings of ourselves: People that love each other and God and desire to proclaim it! I pray that any tension you may feel between the concerns of the world and your worship to God come together today and be your offering to God.

Trent

Daily Reading Schedule (Chronological Order)

Friday 6 Numbers 28-30 Saturday 7 Numbers 31-32 Sunday 8 Numbers 33-34

Adult Education

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes: The Character of Christ

Singing Class: Trent Arnold, In the gym

Discipleship Class: Sabino Rodriguez

Wednesday Night Adult Classes:

FUEL: 2 Samuel for LTC, Various Teachers WPW Sessions: "In His Image"

Tuesday Granddads' Devo: 10:00 a.m. Open discussion, coffee and donuts.

Futrell and Chappell Wedding

Everyone is invited to the wedding of Olivia Futrell and Kyle Chappell. It will be March 7 at 4:30 pm at Robinson Avenue. There will be a reception to follow in the Family Life Center.

Family **Hispanic Congregation**

The Spanish congregation will have a Fajita fundraiser March 15th after morning worship. All proceeds will go to help the youth go to the RNJ (Spanish National youth Rally). Donations are optional. We would love to have everyone come out and join us for some fajitas. Thank you for all your support! God bless!

Family

Review of Feb.23 Elders Meeting

Responded to a requested prayer Finalized the 2020 budget Decided on staff appraisals Put a team together to review church website Considered some expansion options Reviewed hosting the May 7 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Men **Men's Retreat**

10th Annual Treat: March 6-8 at Lake Ft Smith State Park. Join us for an awesome weekend of fellowship, spiritual growth/renewal, and relationship building. Our speaker, Mac Sandlin, will take us deep into God's word as we dig into what it means for "Those Who Have Ears Let Them Hear" in regards to leading ourselves, our families, the church and bringing Glory to God. Invite your neighbors, your brothers, your dad, and if you have a son you need to bring him with you too. Contact Brent Roach for more information.

Youth Ministry Caleb Says...

Mar. 3 – CRAVE with Cornerstone COC

Apr. 10-12 – LTC Convention

Jun. 13-18 – Uplift

Jun. 26-Jul. 2 – Colorado Camping Trip

If you're reading this, there's a good shot that you are wondering where all of the women and children are this morning! No, there was not a mass exodus or a natural disaster that you are unaware of. This year, CHRISTeens and the Ladies' Retreat lined up on the same weekend! This morning, 50 teens and adults are wrapping up in Russellville and around 75 women are enjoying the last morning of their retreat as well. I don't know about you, but I really love how much enthusiasm there is at Robinson Avenue to be together. It's good to be part of this family.

Our study of 2 Samuel continues with Chapters 13 and 14. For the first ten chapters of the book, David and God built a beautiful relationship of mutual respect and love. To paint a picture for you, what they built together was like a beautiful building or a really awesome bridge. Nothing like it had ever existed. Last week, we learned about the time that David took a wrecking ball to the building/burned the bridge down. Now, we get to see the aftermath.

God calls out David for what he did: "Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own." God is a forgiving god, but he's not the type to let sins go unpunished.

From the time that God tells David what will happen in chapter 12 to the end of chapter 14, a lot happens: David's newborn son dies, his firstborn son and heir to the throne rapes his sister, another son takes revenge and murders his brother on behalf of the sister who was raped, the murderer flees the country, and after years the son who fled returns to start a coup against his dad, King David. And that's only a few chapters! This stuff continues for several more! The point is that David is suffering for what he did. God's punishment is swift and powerful. The inspiring thing is that when God gets David's attention, David locks his eyes on God again. The punishment still comes, but David's admiration, respect, and submission to God is strong. Psalm 51 was written after God declares what punishment is in store. In full knowledge of what was to come, David had these words to say and I think they're powerful and applicable for us today: "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise."

Family Time

SUNDAY 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship

WEDNESDAY

6:00 рм Worship

7:00 рм Bible Study

Sympathy

Mona Crawford, the grandmother of Keith Kilmer and also related to Harry Ware, passed away Sunday evening. The funeral service was Friday in Waxahachie, TX.

Family

Illness and Recoverv

Brenda Ball will see a lung doctor on March 11 for a spot on her lung.

Alex Richey Barens is at WRMC with prganancy complications. She is only 34 weeks pregnant.

Joan Pense is recovering from having a pacemaker put in.

Family

New Members

Victor & Heather Pribislavski

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Kyle Chappell

3508 Scott Ave. Springdale, AR. 72762 Kyle: 479-727-5631

Family **Southern Christian Home**

The Southern Christian Home Truck will be here March 10. They need cold meds, diapers, all types of canned goods and noodles.

Our **Praver List**

Names will be printed on this list for up to 4 weeks at a time unless further updates are received in the office.

Family/Friends

Elizabeth Bernecker, the sister of Ben and Tommy Kilpatrick Kenny Bohannon, the nephew of Milton Ball Blonzie Campbell, the uncle of Vanessa McBride Kerry George, friend of many at RACOC. Brandon Harrison, grandson of Lester Harrison Sonny Harrison, nephew of Lester Harrison Tanya Reams, the twin sisiter of Tammy McCain Byron Todd, son of Gerald Todd

Those Shut In

Pauline Cantrell Beth Clem Dee Dearman Cleo Drevs Hazel Fletcher Glenda Garrison Donna Gaston Dan Hash **James Price Roberta Simpson** Verna Tackett **Elsie White Dorothy Yeager**

Continue to Remember

Danny Allen Mary Allen Lucy Allen **Beth Clem** Lee Pense Joan Pense **Scott Phillips Speedy Williams Melba Watts** Linda Wray

Those **Battling Cancer**

Mary Allen **Mark Elmore Charlean Howell** Peggy Huckeba **Freida Hughes Ajeanna Kernes Robert Kernes** Seth Mohorn Salina Wilson