

Those to Serve

(B) Doug Pruitt
(FV) Mike Mallett
(O) Jack Wall
(A) Jorge Garza
1st prayer Judd Wall
2nd prayer Calvin Burks
Announcements: Calvin Burks
Singing: Kevin Grant

November 28th

Thanksgiving Day

December 1st

Mission Fund

December 7th

Pearl Harbor Day

Happy Birthday

Calvin Burks Nov 26th

Linda Houts Nov 28th

Sarah Vann Dec 7th

Lynette Vann Dec 14th

Virgina Lovell Dec 19th

Kevin Grant Dec 24th

Letha Sheldon Dec 25th

Will Vann Dec 26th

Prayer List:

Pringle Family
Mike Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement

**Judy Grant's brother
Willis Hughes has started
chemo treat. Please keep
him in your prayers**

Quotes & Sayings

- *"Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"
Abraham Lincoln*
- *"If you ever injected truth into politics you have no politics."
Will Rogers*
- *"Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn." -
Benjamin Franklin*
- *"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." -Dr. Seuss*

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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4 Simple Steps to Improve Your Worship

By Adam Faughn

For nearly anyone, worship can become a bit rote at times. Although we know it is invaluable, we are human; thus, we struggle at times to stay truly engaged and thoughtful throughout the time.

But some seem to think that it would take some major thing to get out of the rut or to make worship more meaningful. Tragically, some stop coming. Just as tragically, some think they must change God's pattern (or worship where that pattern is not obeyed) and have bands, light shows, and more just to "up" the experience.

But there are far simpler steps that each person can make to improve worship for themselves, while still making certain they worship "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). Today, I share four that you can make this Sunday.

1. Prepare Beforehand. I know Sunday mornings are busy. It is remarkable we have any sanity by the time we make it to worship. But could we not take even 5 or 10 minutes on Saturday night to sing a song and pray so that our mind is headed in the right direction? What about laying out clothes so that the Sunday morning rush is less crazy? On Sunday morning, on the way to the building, listen to some worship music or talk about what you are excited about concerning the opportunity you are getting ready to take part in! Just this one step, I promise, will revolutionize worship.

2. Arrive on time (or a little early is even better). If you are constantly late, you are not even "settled in" before worship is partially over. When that happens, you spend the rest of the time playing catch-up in your mind. But if you are present on time, or a little early, and have visited with a few fellow Christians and had a chance to "settle" a bit, your mind is fresh and ready to worship from the first moment.

3. Sit closer to the front. I have sat in the back before. I have sat in a balcony before. Let me just put it this way: it is a whole different world! It's not a sin to sit in the back; after all, by definition, someone will be "in the back." That said, if you are trying to get out of a rut, or are just struggling to stay engaged in worship, you will be completely amazed how much easier it is to stay focused if you just move up a few rows. There are fewer distractions (because there are fewer people between you and the leaders) and just the change of scenery is sometimes enough to trigger your mind to be more focused.

4. Remember that God is the Audience. In the end, your goal is to give your best for Him; not just to see what you can get out of the worship time. If your mind is truly focused on that singular fact, your worship will improve, since you will be constantly striving to please Him with every action and every thought.

None of those things changes God's pattern for worship. Further, none of them requires a major overhaul on your part. Still, these four steps will change your worship for the better. Why not try them, even this Sunday, and just see if worship is not more encouraging for you than it has been in a long, long time.

"...worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness" (Psalm 29:2b)

A Hairy Reminder

by Roger Shouse

A person between the ages of 20—30 has about 615 hair follicles per square centimeter. A person 50 years of age has around 485 hair follicles per square centimeter. Typically, most people have somewhere between 100,000—150,000 hairs on their head. By the way, the average hair loss for an individual is 50—100 hairs per day. As a result, there is no way you can tell accurately how many hairs you have (in fact, unless you are going bald, most of us don't really care). But God knows.

Jesus said: "Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows" (Matt. 10:29-31). This passage reveals three interesting truths.

First, **God knows more about us than we know about us.** That is a humbling thought. When we sometimes feel like no one understands us or grasps our situation, we forget that God does. God knows your personality. God knows your strengths. God knows what motivates you. God knows when you stumble. God knows what you like and don't like. God knows the real you. Therefore, when God declares something worthwhile, He knows what He is talking about. When God warns about danger, He knows what He is talking about. When God tells us that we should do something, we need to do it, because He knows us better than we know ourselves.

God is a God of detail. How insignificant are hairs and sparrows to us. Yet God is aware of them. He is a God of details. The motives, attitudes and heart behind our actions are as important to Him as the actions themselves. It does little good to give, if you have left out the detail of being a cheerful. Singing fails if we neglect thankfulness in our heart. Let us be a people of details, as God is.

God cares about you. This is why Jesus referred to sparrows and hair. We are of value to Him. Christ was not sent to save the whales, the environment, or the endangered species, but mankind. Man has value! Stress and worry often make us wonder if God cares. These two simple illustrations remind us that He does.