

Those to Serve

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

1 Corinthians 11:23-28 KJV

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Prayer List:

Virginia Lovell
Janell Houts Hall
Odell Mallett
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Please keep Mark & Breta Kirby in your prayers. Mark has been diagnosed with stage 4 Melanoma in the torso/ abdomen area. It has metastasized, so no surgery .

July 25th

Noon Fellowship

August 1st

Mission Fund

August 29th

Noon Fellowship

Happy Anniversary

July 25th

Valerie & Jorge Garza

Happy Birthday

Jack Wall August 20th

Cindi Wall August 26th

Vernon Houts Sept. 24th

Judy Grant Sept. 28th

Autumn Vann Sept. 29th

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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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“Why don’t you use instrumental music?”

Frequently we are asked about our practice of observing a cappella music in our worship services. Folks are curious. They want to know why we don’t have instrumental music. Our practice is different - we’re not like the majority of other religious groups. What is the reason? People really want to know. So they ask, “Why don’t you use instrumental music?”

With no intention to be flippant, we might very well respond with a counter-question: “Why should we?” That’s fair, isn’t it? Those who think that instrumental music is right and proper ought to be able to tell us why they think so. When we ask this question, the typical responses are:

“We really like instrumental music.” Be careful here - - remember that our goal is to please God, not men, not even ourselves (Gal.1:10).

“Well, everyone else is doing It” Anyone who thinks that this proves the real acceptability of a thing needs to be reminded that Jesus said the majority of people (even the majority of “religious” people) will be condemned in the day of judgment. Read Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23.

“God gave certain people musical talent, and they ought to be able to use it” If this logic works, then the fella who is a talented mechanic would be justified in rebuilding a car engine during the worship services, too. And the surgeon who wants to glorify God could do an appendectomy before the assembled congregation. Surely we can see the flawed thinking behind this argument.

“They used instruments in the Old Testament” True, but we are no longer under that law (Col. 2:14-16). We need to find our authority in the New Testament - and there is none.

In the final analysis, everything we do religiously must be based on the authority of the Lord (Col. 3:17). If we cannot defend a practice by appealing to the Scriptures, then we ought not to do it. There is simply no New Testament authority for the use of instrumental music in our worship. That settles it!

- by Greg Gwin

Muddy Water

A few years ago our family decided to leave the helter-skelter of big city living and relocate on a small Missouri farm, seven miles south of nowhere. Because of some business obligations which kept me in Phoenix for a few weeks (and some adroit footwork), my wife drew tile responsibility of finding our "dream home" and making the necessary arrangements for the move. One of the "vital" requirements of the "new place" was that it have a good fishing pond not far from the back door. (I'll let you figure out whose requirement that was.) As usual, my better-half performed the impossible and found the ideal home on a few acres with a nice pond (the house even had indoor plumbing ... I think). Now about the pond . . .

This little body of water was about fifty or sixty feet wide and you could see the bottom for about three feet from the shoreline, then the water was muddy towards the center. When the kids and I fished we always cast our lines to the middle because - as all great fishermen know - the big ones are in the deep water. Summer came and went and the Missouri cold cast its lid of ice over our little fishin' hole. The kids soon wanted to play on the ice, which caused us "city slickers" some concern. What if the ice wasn't thick enough? What if they fell into the deep water? So we waited, and we waited until the weather had frozen virtually everything (including me) and then gave our permission to go and play on the pond.

The next spring the ice melted and my adventurous son decided to see just how deep the water was. To all our surprise, he waded across our miniature Lake of the Ozarks without even getting his hip pockets wet. We had made a false assumption that led to all kinds of uncalled for actions and concerns. We figured that the water was deep because we couldn't see the bottom.

Now the point! This story reminds me of some preaching I've heard. Because I couldn't see to the bottom, I thought it was deep. But, you know what? It might just have been muddy! The Bible is a marvelous book. It is designed to be understood, not to be deep just for the sake of depth. There isn't one single piece of information in the Bible which is necessary to salvation that cannot be understood by the common man. That is why Mark 12:37 says, "the common people heard Him gladly." When some preachers infer that to be faithful you must become experts in Greek, Hebrew or the like, just take a step back and beware. When you hear men say, "I know that is what it says, but the Greek changes the meaning," don't you believe it! Ask yourself, "Would God give us a commandment upon which rests the destiny of our soul and not provide us the clearmeans of understanding?" The old adage about the Book remains true: **"It says what it means and means what it says."**

- by Ken Leach