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GRACE CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC
Saturday July 16
at Penrose State Park

FROM THE PASTOR

Larry

Worship God." (Rev 22:9)

There are 112 usages of “worship” in the Bible. In the Old Testament most of those originated in the Hebrew for “*bow down*”. The word allows for almost no other variation in meaning.

I don’t bow down too often but when I do I notice that I can’t do much else. I can’t tie my shoe, kick a football, eat a meal, or balance my checkbook. Well, perhaps I could do so with some gymnastic prowess I don’t currently possess. So what is the intent of “worship” in the Old Testament? It must have something to do with giving my complete, undivided and humble attention to that to whom I bow down. At last count that was and remains – **the Alpha and the Omega, the Great I Am, the Creator, the Redeemer and a thousand squared etceteras.**

Small wonder that after all the mysteries in John’s apocalyptic book of Revelation his very special angel reminds him in the last chapter that only God is to be worshipped, Rev 22:9 . Not angels, not assets, not health, not friends, not relatives, not nation, not anything. First Commandment – “Thou shalt have no other gods before me” John ends his first epistle with “**Little children, keep yourselves from idols**”. *Continued p. 2*

- It is only when men begin to **worship** that they begin to grow. *Calvin Coolidge*
- For the Christian who loves God **worship** is the daily bread of patience. *Honore de Blazac*
- The man who does not habitually **worship** is but a pair of spectacles behind which there is no eye. *Thomas Carlyle*
- He who neglects **worship** neglects that which separates man from the birds, the animals, the fishes, the insects. *Hugh Blair*

GRACE ANNUAL

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

THREE WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN THE PARK

GREAT TEACHING!

GREAT SUBJECT!

GREAT COMPANY!

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It’s what we were created to do.

We all do it all the time.

But who (or what) is our focus?

What IS Worship?

Gracers will explore this together Wednesday Nights in July

7PM

Gig Harbor City Park @ Crescent Creek
BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible—CHAIR TOO!)

More Info? Talk to Annie ????

And what greater Calamity Can
fall upon a nation than the loss
of worship. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

From the Pastor continued

Other Hebrew and Greek origins of the word worship center in “service” and in “work”. It would seem one would have to get up off the ground to do either of those effectively. Worship appears then with those definitions to be a lot of things -- maybe just about everything. Full time employment for the believer! At least if we are to take seriously Paul’s take on the matter in *Romans 12:1,2*

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is your spiritual service of worship.* And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

PLEASE MARK OFF THE REMAINING THREE SUNDAYS IN JULY AND JOIN GRACERS FOR AN EXAMINATION OF A BIBLICAL VIEW OF “WORSHIP”. ANNIE WILL BE SHARING HER INSIGHTS

- From a wide perspective in God’s Word
- From her own experience in building worship services tightly around the fullness of God’s counsel in His Word
- From wisdom gathered in the work and writing of her mother, Karen Carlson, who served decades as minister of music and choir director in several churches



PRAYER REQUEST FROM DAVE WILLIAMS

As I sat in a restaurant a dark skinned Arab looking man came in and sat at a table next to mine. His friendliness drew me into a conversation that has led to a significant friendship. His mother tongue is a tribal language that has some similarity to ancient Hebrew... but he also speaks Arabic fluently, albeit a variation from the Arabic of Syria and Lebanon that I’m most familiar with. Nevertheless, we communicate pretty well and he’s even made an effort to teach me some phrases from his ancestral tongue. Yesterday as we met together I read him the story of the rich man and Lazarus from Luke 16. Minutes later our conversation compelled me to read to him about the deeds of the flesh and the fruits of the spirit found in Galatians 5. He was quite amazed at the deep wisdom found in our Bible. ***Pray with me that my mountain friend will be led to the Lamb of God.***

The past two nights I’ve been up way past midnight. I’m not given to carousing around during those hours but frankly many locals will meet quite late at night for dinner, then go somewhere else for coffee or tea and this may last a few hours as well! God has given me favor with a group of businessmen and they invite me to sit with them. Of course, like Paul in Athens I’m bringing a strange teaching. They are curious about me in that they tell me I’m very different than others from western culture whom they know. That makes me sad and it should also warn us of a struggling (especially) European culture where Biblical values and holy living... as viewed in the eastern mind... no longer exist. In a positive sense, however, they view me with a great deal of respect. One of the men even spoke of me to the others as being a prophet. Of course, I view myself as being a bearer of Good News... a messenger, an ambassador for Christ. Our discussions have continued and our God who is not willing that any should perish has given me the privilege of speaking openly and even reading from our Holy Book. I desperately need your prayers as they have NEVER in their lives heard of the Redeemer we know from the Bible. Often I’m given such open doors at times in the day (or night) when my physical body is at the end of its strength... yet I’ve again and again seen His miraculous intervention to grant me necessary strength and alertness when called for

Please pray for these men for whom Jesus our Savior died. My sincere thanks for your prayers!



***PICNIC at
PENROSE***

***PLEASE COME AND JOIN THE
CAMPERS any time Saturday, July 16 or
all day***

***HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS
Provided***

NOTE: Cost to get into campground is \$11.50

HOWEVER...

You can park nearby at Kerstings’ home and we can set up a shuttle back and forth. We will need to coordinate. SO ...if you are so inclined to beat the system contact Pastor Larry (253) 208-6386 or McKinneys (360) 271 6435.

Worship is pictured at its best in Isaiah when the young prophet became aware of the Father; aware of his own limitations; aware of the Father’s directives; and aware of the task at hand. David Julius

ROLE MODEL FOR PATIENCE:

“They should have known that He was God. His patience should have proved that to them.