

MISSIONS

Passion, Worship & Missions

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developing missionaries
who share the love of Christ
with our community & beyond

Beyond These Walls

Today it is our privilege to pray for SERVE Saturday. Our church family will take part in service projects in Manatee County in various areas of outreach. Pray for those who are giving their time and those receiving assistance as we share the love of Christ with our community.

SERVE SATURDAY

Save the date! Nov 11 is our first Serve Saturday event. Our church family will take part in service projects in Manatee County including: Palmetto schools, parks and City of Palmetto; Anchor House comfort bags; reaching out to Spanish-speaking neighbors through laundromats; collecting food for Meals on Wheels at a grocery store drive; car wash; and addressing home repair and lawn care for friends and families in need.

Thank You!

Pastors Phillip, Kel, Scott, Todd and Nic wish to express a heart-felt thank you for the thoughtfulness and generosity of this wonderful church during Pastor Appreciation Week.

MORE men's ministry

meaningful outreach
that is
relational & effective

Men, save the date and join us on Saturday, Nov 18, from 11 am-2 pm in the gym for this M.O.R.E. men's ministry event featuring fun, fellowship and good old-fashioned BBQ. Our guest speaker will be Steve Shenbaum from game on Nation. Tickets are complimentary and are available after each worship service in the Rotunda and the Fellowship Hall.

Fall Family Festival

Thank you to all who gave their time to make this year's Fall Festival a success at Sutton Park. 132 volunteers assisted and over 1,270 attended the festival.

MISSIONS 2018

Please begin praying about how God would have you involved in the 2018 Missions Ministry and budget. The following outlines the budget as proposed by the Global Outreach Team:

Total 2018 Budget: \$271,980

Missions Outreach: \$56,230

Costa Rica (June): \$5,400
Guatemala (July): \$6,480
Barcelona (July): \$10,800
Baltimore Church Plant Support: \$4,800
Carpenters for Christ: \$2,400
Youth Camp: \$14,000
CentriKid Camp: \$5,000
Winshape Camp: \$750
Miscellaneous: \$3,600
Short-Term Mission Projects: \$3,000

Local: \$82,000

Youth for Christ: \$4,000
Youth for Christ/Witt: \$5,000
Guardian Angel: \$6,500
Anchor House: \$6,000
CareNet: \$4,000
North River Care: \$4,000
Manatee Religious Services: \$2,000
Misc. Needs: \$5,000
Manatee Young Life: \$4,000
Solve House: \$2,500
El Crucero: \$2,000
Mt. Carmel Resource Ctr: \$4,000
Pack a Sack: \$6,000
Selah Freedom: \$2,500
Serve Saturday: \$5,000
Starks Global Serve Intn'l: \$7,500
Johnsons: \$4,000
Bridge A Life: \$5,000
Palmetto Build: \$3,000

State & National: \$62,350

Annie Armstrong: \$17,850
Maguire State Offering: \$2,000
Future Local Church Plant: \$25,000
Orlando Church Plant: \$5,000
Baltimore Church Plant Support: \$5,000
Mustaine Family/Young Life: \$7,500

International: \$71,400

Lottie Moon: \$55,000
Spatola Family/SEE: \$1,200
Shiwatt Family/Worldteam: \$1,000
Dann Family/Liberia: \$2,000
Asia's Hope: \$2,400
Broken Hearts Ministry: \$1,200
Orphans Heart: \$5,000
Pepper's Wycliffe: \$3,600

Discussion Questions

- What are some examples of cause and effect?
- Why is missions and serving such an important part of our church culture?
- Where was Isaiah when he encountered God?
- Why is the phrase “holy, holy, holy” significant to the worship the angels were doing?
- What is the connection between worship and the presence of God? (see Psalm 22:3)
- After encountering God what was revealed in Isaiah’s life?

Bible Reading Plan

2016-17 Bible Reading Plan
OT, NT & Poetry: Week 95

Monday

- Ezekiel 33
- Hebrews 9:11-28
- Proverbs 9:1-12

Tuesday

- Ezekiel 34-35
- Hebrews 10:1-18
- Proverbs 9:13-18

Wednesday

- Ezekiel 36
- Hebrews 10:19-39
- Proverbs 10:1-15

Thursday

- Ezekiel 37
- Hebrews 11:1-10
- Proverbs 10:16-32

Friday

- Ezekiel 38:1-39:24
- Hebrews 11:11-25
- Proverbs 11:1-8

Monday - Worship His Holiness

By Kel Cunard

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Isaiah 6:3

There are moments in your life that change you forever: the sense of accomplishment the day you start your first real job; the first glimpse of your bride as she walks down the aisle; the moment you hold your child for the first time. But no earthly instant can compare to the moment we are confronted with the reality of a holy God.

Isaiah was a married man and a father ([Isaiah 7:3](#); [8:3](#), [18](#)), and we don't have to imagine what his first day as God's prophet was like. Recorded in chapter 6 is Isaiah's vision of the Lord on His throne and the day his life changed forever. *Read [Isaiah 6:1-8](#).*

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew which used repetition to convey emphasis or degree. When the angels declare God is "holy, holy, holy" they proclaim the measure of His perfection. R.C. Sproul described the implications of their praise:

Only once in sacred Scripture is an attribute of God elevated to the third degree. Only once is a characteristic of God mentioned three times in succession. The Bible says that God is holy, holy, holy. Not that He is merely holy, or even holy, holy. He is holy, holy, holy. The Bible never says that God is love, love, love, or mercy, mercy, mercy, or wrath, wrath, wrath, or justice, justice, justice. It does say that He is holy, holy, holy; the whole earth is full of His glory.

To be holy is to be in a class by oneself. God has no equal and is uniquely holy. His holy character contains the idea of moral purity. He is all that is right and is utterly absent of all that is wrong. Holiness is transcendent purity. It is not just the betterment of the best thing we know. A.W. Tozer said, "We know nothing like divine holiness. It stands apart, unique, unapproachable, incomprehensible and unattainable. The natural man is blind to it. He may fear God's power and admire His wisdom, but His holiness he cannot imagine."

This is the holy, holy, holiness of God Isaiah encountered in his vision. At the sight of the Lord, Isaiah was undone. "Woe is me!" was the only response he could muster. The holiness of God confronts the sinfulness we try to disguise and confounds the sense of self we so carefully construct. When we come face to face with God's holiness, we too are undone and all we do is worship His surpassing worth.

Over the next two weeks, we are going to focus on our purpose as a church: to develop missionaries who will share the love of Christ with our community and beyond. However, our individual and collective passion for missions will never be greater than our passion for worship. We will never reach God's world until we are overwhelmed by His holiness. Please join us over the next two weeks as we discover how missional lives can provide a spark for worldwide worship.

Tuesday - Sales Job

By Cathy Slusser

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

I am a writer. I love to create characters and dialogue, imagine stories and situations. I narrate my own life in my head and listen to other people's conversations. I multitask real life while managing the characters that exist only in my imagination. I am a writer.

What I am not is a salesman. Marketing is not my gift. It is hard enough talking to people in person, convincing them to buy my books, promoting myself and my writing. There is also the added pressure of having a "platform" otherwise known as social media. Keeping a blog up-to-date, making Facebook posts, gaining reviews on Amazon and other book promotion sites takes a lot of time and energy. At the American Christian Fiction Writers Conference, I hired a publicist to help me with the social media. She has included me in a Facebook "party" this month and a "blog tour" next month. That is exciting, but I still have to provide the content, the articles and photographs. I need to be available to interviewers. It all makes my head spin and my stomach roll.

To help this introvert get through all these *extroverty* things, I remind myself that these efforts are not really to promote me. Not even to promote my books. What I truly want is for people to hear the messages contained within those books. How my characters learn that God loves them just as they are. How they chose to walk with God through difficult circumstances. How God's love for us compels us to serve others and participate in social justice movements. I want my books to be lighthouses illuminating God's Word and drawing readers to Him. Not to me.

A lot of people look at evangelism as a sales technique. We have to sell ourselves before we can "sell" people on God. We have to have a gimmick to lure them in. A memorized spiel. A dramatic testimony. We make telling people about God and the salvation provided through Jesus' death and resurrection more complicated than it should be. Our job is to live a life that introduces people to God. To make people want what we have and ask us questions that can only be answered by God and His Word. It is not at all about making them like us. It is about leading them to Him, the One who already loves them.

Read [Romans 5:1-11](#). Notice the progression that leads to hope: suffering, endurance, character, hope. How do you react when suffering enters your life? How could you use suffering not only to find hope, but to also help others find hope? How does your life introduce people to Jesus? Are you prepared to tell them about your source of hope?

Wednesday -Let All People See His Glory

By Nick Molick

"The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory." Psalm 97:6

We live in an extremely divided society and world and it seems to be getting more and more divided each and every day. We are literally inventing new people groups seemingly every hour. Once that group is established it immediately is offended by something someone else has done. We are constantly told that we should focus on inclusiveness and a feeling of oneness. At the same time society tells us that we are all different from each other and we can have no earthly idea what someone else's life experience is. There is one thing out of all of this madness I agree with, I cannot know what your life experience has been without really knowing you and hearing your story. However, I do know one people group that we all have a fallen tie to and that is the group of sinners. We all fall short of the glory of God, but that is not where God leaves us.

The world today continues to blast the dual messages of 'we should be together' but 'we are all different' so let us dictate to you how this works. The church should be about the Good News of Christ and how He came to provide peace and salvation in the midst of all of this. We are all in the same group of fallen sinners in need of a merciful and glorious God who can reconcile us to Himself. When we begin to focus on the small things that divide us and provide wedges between us, we lose focus of the reconciliation, mercy and grace that has been poured out to us by Christ. While we celebrate the ever changing definition of diversity, that celebration should pale in the awesome praise we have for being in a people group who Jesus came to save. Let us celebrate and take that message to everyone in the world!

According to the Joshua Project there are approximately 6,700 people groups that are considered unreached. That translates to 40% of the world's people groups have no community of Christians among them. Dwell on that fact for a moment. Among the new categories of people, there are those who have yet to hear that a Savior has come for them and that Christ offers them forgiveness, hope and a love that surpasses anything they have experienced. This is what should be celebrated and spurs us to be about our Lord's mission of making disciples throughout the entire world. We all belong to the same group and we need the same Savior.

How can you share the glory of what God has done for you with others? What church missions could you get involved in to share Christ's word and love with others?

Thursday - To God Be the Glory

By George Volpe

"...I will not give my glory to another." Isaiah 48:11b

I think it is reasonable to suggest that at one time in our early history all people believed in the one true God. Over the centuries it's obvious that belief has decreased significantly. A survey of 18,000 people in 24 countries in 2011 indicated that about half believed in God, and the other half either were not sure or just plain did not believe in God.

I like to imagine that at one time people everywhere spoke openly of God and His blessings, and how important it was to worship and honor Him. Today our culture does everything they can to silence any discussion about God. We are "allowed" and even encouraged to talk about other "gods", or "objects of worship", but not THE God. Not Jesus. That, we are told, is bigoted, narrow-minded, and discriminatory.

But, the response of people to God should be unashamed reverence and honor. It should be worship.

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are and were created."

Revelations 4:11

"All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name." Psalm 86:9

God alone is worthy to receive all glory and honor. But what are we worshipping? What is most valuable to us? Some worship God's creation: the sun, moon, stars, earth, wind and water. Some worship animals and real or imagined people, statues and images of everything from cars to athletes. Some worship entertainment. Some worship money and resources, houses and lands, power and fame. People are willing to sacrifice time, energy and resources to almost anything except God. To many people, Jesus is just a name.

It is instructive to consider what Jesus said about worship:

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him." John 4:23

God is seeking more true worshippers. He is not surprised by man's misguided worship. So what is God's plan to give people everywhere the chance to know and worship Him? He wants you and me to look for opportunities to share the Gospel with people He puts in our path every day, as well as to participate in outreach all over the world. He wants us to be willing to reach others for Christ. Read [1 Cor. 15:1-11](#).

Friday - The End of the World

By Kel Cunard

"...in order that the Gentiles might glorify God..." Romans 15:9

Almost 80 years ago, the world came to an end. The night was October 30, 1938. The time was 8:00 pm. The place was the Mercury Theatre in New York City. The event was the radio broadcast of Orson Welles' *War of the Worlds*.

As the show began, a voice announced, "The Columbia Broadcasting System presents Orson Welles in 'War of the Worlds' by H.G. Wells." Even with this opening disclaimer, there were those in the audience who had no idea the unfolding drama was fictional. After the introduction and a weather report, an announcer took his radio listeners to "the Meridian Room in the Hotel Park Plaza in downtown New York, where you will be entertained by the music of Ramon Raquello and his orchestra." The music was then interrupted with reports of crashing meteors and the landing of metallic Martian cylinders. The emerging Martian warriors were "large, large as a bear" and "glistened like wet leather" and their "eyes [were] black and gleam[ed] like a serpent."

With colorful prose and dramatic readings by the actors, the conquest of our planet was conveyed with startling reality for the radio audience. Reflecting on that night, one writer noted:

Perhaps as many as a million radio listeners believed that a real Martian invasion was underway. Panic broke out across the country. In New Jersey, terrified civilians jammed highways seeking to escape the alien marauders. People begged police for gas masks to save them from the toxic gas and asked electric companies to turn off the power so that the Martians wouldn't see their lights. One woman ran into an Indianapolis church where evening services were being held and yelled, 'New York has been destroyed! It's the end of the world! Go home and prepare to die!'

When people believed the world was coming to an end, they couldn't help but take action. The sense of impending doom would not allow them to stay on the sidelines. The world did not end that night in 1938, but the end will one day come. God's word communicates both the beginnings of our world and its ultimate end. For many of us, we have reached a point where the reality of our fragility has prompted us to take action. The thought of hell has caused many a soul to surrender to Christ. The specter of eternal judgment also spurs many to get off the sidelines and warn people about the end of the world. Often this is our primary motivation for missions.

However, while the Bible does vividly and dramatically communicate to us regarding judgment and the end of the world, this is not the best reason to make the Gospel known to people across the street and around the world. Read [Romans 15:8-13](#). On the reason for missions John Piper wrote, "Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't... So for the sake of worship all over the world we do *missions*."

Is the worship of your heart reflected in the missions of our life? Do your actions and attitudes declare the Lord's surpassing worth? Are more people worshipping God today because of your missional lifestyle?

Weekend - Our Task

By Kel Cunard

"You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God."

3 John 6

Jesus has called us to be missionaries, to go and meet the greatest need of the world. Both across the street and around the world, He has commissioned us to go and make Him known.

The task is enormous, but Jesus did not leave us to figure it out on our own. He went before us and modeled what it means to be a missionary. Read [Philippians 2:1-11](#). His love was greater than our sin, and He set aside His needs to meet ours. He became a missionary proclaiming the love of His Father so that we could be missionaries to His Father's world. Will we simply ignore the world's needs now that ours have been met?

The size of the task can leave us feeling hopeless. Any individual efforts seem like a drop in an ocean of lostness. However, you should never let what you can't do for all keep you from doing what you can for the one. You are not called to reach the whole world but to be willing to reach anywhere in the world to save one.

There are numerous ways you can share the love of Christ with our community and beyond. Read the book of [Third John](#) and join us this weekend as we see how we can pray, give and go.

Prepare for Worship

As you prepare your heart for worship, read [Psalm 73](#). Can you echo the sentiments of the Psalmist? "But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works."

Pray for the World: Sri Lanka

Located in Asia, Sri Lanka is an Island southeast of India. 9.5% of the population are Evangelicals and Christians and 70% are Buddhist.

Sri Lanka has suffered much in the past generation. From the constant threat of the Sinhala-Tamil conflict to the tsunami of 2004 to the civil war's bloody conclusion in 2009, over 100,000 people have lost their lives, over 900,000 (mostly Tamils) emigrated or fled and over one million are displaced. Points for prayer:

- A resolution of the long-term conflict between Tamils and Sinhalese
- A government that will work toward transparency
- The handling of immense human needs in the aftermath of civil war
- The fight against the plight of children such as malnutrition, selective abortion, abuse and child prostitution

(Taken from www.operationworld.org)

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Deacons of the Week:

Phil Setsma & Ed Williams

Tuesday, Nov 7

7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 8

5:00 pm Family Supper: Baked Chicken

6:00 pm AWANA Clubs

7:00 pm GO Team Meeting

7:30 pm Carpenters for Christ Meeting

Friday, Nov 10

7:00 pm College & Career Game Night

Saturday, Nov 11

7:30 am SERVE Saturday

Sunday, Nov 12

Christmas Shoe Boxes are Due



Nov 18: MORE Mens Ministry Lunch

Nov 19: Next Steps Luncheon

Nov 21: SonShiners Luncheon

Nov 23-24: Campus Closed for Thanksgiving

Dec 3: FBC Quarterly Business Meeting

Dec 8: What Love Is This? at 7 pm

Dec 9: What Love Is This? at 6 pm

Dec 10: What Love Is This? at 3 pm

Children's Volunteers

Week 2: November 12

Preschool Worship: Mary Case, Jake & Leann Durrance (o), Diane Greco, Liberty Hague, Katie LaBarr, Bobby & Amy Manning, Emily Nickerson, Anna Pavon, Tom & Wendy Roland, Annabelle Rosenthal, Sarah Skipper (e), Chrissy Sullivan, Kathy Taylor

Bed Babies: Gloria Carmen, Trish Graham, Kim Harrison, Dallas Rosenthal

Kid's Worship: Jeremy & Sheila Evans

Weekly at FBC

Sundays:

8:00 am Bible Studies

8:00 am Library Opens

8:30 am Worship Rehearsal

9:00 am Coffee Fellowship in F.H.

9:15 am Celebration Service

9:15 am Encounter Service

9:15 am Bible Studies

10:45 am Celebration Service

10:45 am Bible Studies

10:45 am Preschool Worship (3 & 4 yrs)

10:45 am Kids Worship (K-5)

6:00 pm High School Youth

Monday-Friday:

7:30 am WEE World

8:30 am Church Office

2:30 pm King's Kids

Wednesdays:

3:00 pm Puppet Rehearsal

4:00 pm Library Opens

5:00 pm Family Supper

6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

6:00 pm AWANA Clubs

6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:15 pm Middle School Youth

7:00 pm Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursdays:

6:30 pm Encounter Band Rehearsal


encounter
service
Sundays at
9:15 am


celebration
service
Sundays at
9:15 & 10:45 am

SERVE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11

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2017
Christmas
Presentation
An Original
Musical Drama
Featuring
the
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Worship
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Dramatic
Ensemble