

# NSD Notes

*For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)*  
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### Services

- Bible Study ..... 10 a.m.
- Morning Service.....11 a.m.
- Evening Service.....6 p.m.
- Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

### News @ NSD

## WELCOME VISITORS!

### Prayer List

- **Ernest Peeples** - deployed in Iraq.
- **Jason Henderson** – travels often for work.
- **Dema Franklin** – recovering from hand surgery.
- **Martha Holloway** - recurring back and heart condition.
- **Jana Wells** – recurring respiratory condition.
- Marie Adams – will undergo surgery this week.
- Jeanne Lynne – recovering from cancer treatments.
- **Vicki Barton's** mother, Lisa - recovering from surgery.
- **Ken Holloway's** brother, Chuck.
- Please pray for the young members and friends who have recently graduated high school and college as they face new life challenges.
- Also keep **Cassandra Fredrickson** and **Samantha Wilson** in your prayers.

## PUTTING THE “WORTH” IN WORSHIP

Dee Bowman

“Worship” is the English translation of the Greek word *proskuneo*, to make obeisance, do reverence. The word is comprised of *pros*, meaning toward; and *kuneo*, to kiss. Thus it means to lean toward God to pay homage. Our word is from Middle English *worshipe*, worthy of praise or honor. You can see the word worthy in our word worship.

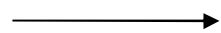
One of the major reasons for the assembly on the Lord’s Day is to worship God, to pay to Him honor and reverence. I have chosen just a few of the many things necessary to render to Him the kind of pious praise He deserves as our Maker, Creator, Sustainer.

### A Clear Mind

Worship starts with a mind devoid of impediments. In fact, one of the greatest deterrents to worship is a cluttered mind. We leave so much stuff in our minds when we come to the house of worship that it’s almost impossible for us to concentrate on Him and His goodness. Worldly stuff clogs up your mind; it becomes sluggish, unresponsive. Pressing problems crowd out our higher and more worshipful thoughts. It’s easy for the mind to wander, to get off course, so to speak. David’s prayer in the 63rd Psalm will help. *“O God, You are my God; early will I seek You. My soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.”* See the kind of preparation David made for worship?

### A Clear Heart

One of the most devastating detriments to worship is our own sin. We don’t care to be too near God when we are steeped in sin. There is no reason to enter into worship in a sinful state. *“We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous” (1 Jn. 2:1)* and we should make use of that advocacy. We should call on him for forgiveness so that we don’t block our worship with our sin. *“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are,*



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All are welcome to our worship  
and study meetings!

... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with  
thankfulness in your hearts to God. **Col 3:16**

Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

Sing out the honor of His name;  
Make His praise glorious.

Say to God,  
How awesome are Your works!  
Through the greatness of Your power  
Your enemies shall submit themselves  
to You.

All the earth shall worship You  
And sing praises to You;  
They shall sing praises to Your name.  
Selah

**Psalm 66:1-4**

We are the branches the Lord is the vine  
We cannot stand alone  
Abide in His words and the strength we will find  
Glory to God is shown

The fruit of the Spirit  
Brings joy to my soul  
The fruit of the Spirit  
Is how we may know  
Christ is within us  
He's showing the way  
Eternal life He will give us  
We'll harvest the fruit on that day

**Dusty Owens**

[Putting the Worth...]

yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (**Hebrews 4:15-16**). There is great peace in the realization that I can approach Him with confidence and boldness and without the tarnish of sin upon my soul.

## A Feeling of Unity

Unity promotes peace and peace promotes good worship. Any kind of animosity toward others inhibits good worship. "If it be possible, live at peace with all men," (**Romans 12:17**). Ill feelings don't promote good worship; they get in the way of devotion and blunt feelings of joy and praise. "If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also." (**1 John 4:20-21**). Let us love one another. To worship with those whom we love and appreciate is one of the true joys of life.

## A Desire to Please Him

It is not enough to extend worship to God; it must be the kind of worship He approves. Nowhere in the New Testament, for instance, does He approve the burning of incense in worship. Nowhere in the New Testament does He approve of merely liturgical mantras as worship to Him. Nowhere in the New Testament does He approve of instruments of music as acceptable worship to Him.

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*  
**(John 4:23-24)**

How foolish to offer just any paltry thing to God and call it worship. It must please Him. After all, that's the object of worship.

Let us be careful of our worship. Let us render to Him the kind of honor, reverence, respect, and glory He deserves by worshipping Him today in spirit and in truth.

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