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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

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A Frank Discussion of Worship (Part 1)

Worship is a subject often avoided because it is controversial. We even have a title for the controversy of the last 60-70 years: the worship wars. Though it is often controversial amongst those in the church it is a controversy typically based on style. Though purpose and content are sometimes discussed, they are usually not the heart of the issue. This is unfortunate because in scripture, style is much less important than purpose and content. We will look at purpose today and then content and style in subsequent newsletters.

What is the purpose of worship? This is an important and foundational question especially in light of our propensity to think of worship as singing songs only. If that were the sole act of worship, the purpose might seem to be to get our minds in a worshipful state. While singing does help in this regard, it is not the purpose. Actually, the word worship comes from the old English word "worthship" denoting the worthiness of an individual to receive special honor. It would follow that the higher the worthiness, the higher the honor. As Walter Elwell states in defining church worship, "To worship God is to ascribe to Him the worth of which He is worthy." Being that God is worthy of our highest worship, it is our purpose as His creation and redeemed people to worship Him continually. It would be safe to say that He is so worthy, that our worship of Him never adequately gives Him the honor that is due Him. Peter gives us an Old Testament picture to correlate with church worship. 1 Peter 2:5 says, "you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." As the people of God we are His priests who are charged with the duty of worshipping the Lord continually like the Levites who served in the temple. In that time, sacrifices were offered continually, every day. This concept extends far beyond Sunday morning. It means focusing our lives on a constant state of worship and honor of God. He should always be our focus as we turn honor from ourselves to Him. In other words, worship is a continual life-style because we are the stones of the temple. The temple goes wherever we go and so should our worship. In a sense we can see Sunday worship as a corporate amplification of the individual worship we practice all week. So, we can ask ourselves as we come to the worship service, "Does my life reflect the worship I experience on Sunday?" We can also ask "How can I worship God throughout the week to bring Him higher honor?" If we ask ourselves these questions and look to the Lord in prayer, we will see our Sunday worship experience improve greatly no matter how long we have lifted up His name!

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At CFBC, we exist to:
WORSHIP the Lord
WALK with Believers
WORK in the Church
WITNESS to the World

Weekly at First Baptist

Sunday: 9:00am - Time of prayer before Worship Service
 9:30am Worship Service - Communion is the first Sunday of every month.
 11:15am Sunday School for all ages

Monday: Office open 8:00am-2:00pm
 Choir at 6:30pm

Tuesday: Office open 8:00am-2:00pm
 Ladies' Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10:00am - Studying "Discovering God In the Psalms"
 Men's Bible Study in Room 106 at 10:00am - Studying Genesis
 Men's Bible Study in the Library at 6:30pm - Studying 1 John

Wednesday: Office open 8:00am-2:00pm
 Youth Bible Study at 5:30pm; Youth Group at 6:30pm
 Awana at 6:20pm
 Ladies' Bible Study in Library at 6:30pm - Studying "*Foundations*" (New Testament) by Rob and Kandi Gallaty

Thursday: Office open 8:00am-2:00pm
 The Elder Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.

Friday: Office closed; Pastors' and Staff day off



First Baptist Church Worship Choir Presents:

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

A worshipful remembrance of the price Jesus Christ paid for our sin

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3 7:00PM

NURSERY WILL BE OPEN AND STAFFED



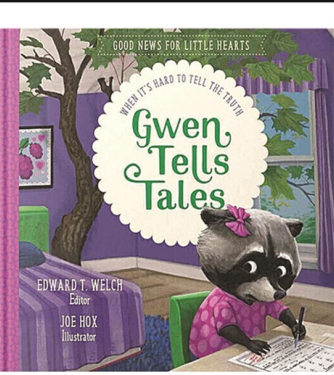
Resurrection Sunday Celebration!

April 5th 10:30am

- Nursery will be open, but not staffed
- No Sunday School
- Prayer in room 107 at 10am

Library Kids' Corner April 2026 Upcoming Events From the Library

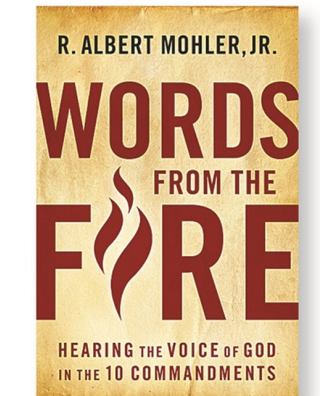
Recommended Reading



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- April 3 Good Friday Service "Journey to the Cross" at 7:00pm
- April 5 Resurrection Celebration at 10:30am
- Youth Photo Fundraiser
- April 11 Men's Breakfast at 9:00am
- April 18 "Women at the Well" time TBA
- April 19 Quarterly Business Meeting after morning service
- April 21 FIGI Fellowship Potluck and Seminar at 6:00pm
- April 24 Carole Brenton presents A Taste of Kenya at 6:00pm
- April 29 Awana Awards Ceremony at 6:20pm

Recommended Reading



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Ministry/Missions Spotlight/Carole Brenton



Carole originally went to Kenya with a two-fold purpose: to share the Gospel of Christ and disciple deaf believers, and to run a small school where she trains deaf women to be emotionally healthy, spiritually mature bakers who are able to support themselves. Most of the women live or have lived with her and for several years, they operated "The Quiet Place," a popular local bakery.

Recently, Carol has been able to partner with two local pastors to mentor and teach future deaf pastors and Bible Study leaders. Their mutual goal is to establish a deaf church that teaches the whole of God's Word in an expository manner. Their first class of three people (two men and one woman), graduated on February 6, 2026.



Carole is excited to be able to spend much of April here in Caldwell and would like to share her ministry with as many people as she can. She would love the opportunity to meet with Growth Groups, Bible studies, and Sunday School classes. Please contact Kande Harris (208-908-3891) to arrange a time for Carole to meet with your group.

Carole will also be presenting "A Taste of Kenya," on Friday evening, April 24th at 6:00pm. She will prepare an authentic Kenyan meal for us and tell us about all the exciting things God is doing through her in Kenya. You will be able to sign up to attend in the Lobby following services through April 19th.



Carole invites the CFBC family to help financially with a special project of purchasing 3x5 file boxes that are large enough to hold 1000 cards. She explains this need as follows. "The purpose I hope to use these files for is this: Many resources are not available for my students. I am helping them identify important words (names of people, places, and other vocabulary) and create a system that they can build to store such information. I've had them make records from Genesis to 1 Samuel and the papers are becoming unwieldy. I hope to transfer the information to 3x5 cards that can be filed in a way that makes the information easily accessible and yet able to be added to." The cost for 15 boxes could be as much as \$340.00.



PRAYER

JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AS WE MEET TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH AND FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE
9:00AM — DOWNSTAIRS IN ROOM 107

MEN'S Breakfast

Saturday, April 11
9:00am

Bound Together

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2026

May 15-17
Quaker Hill Conference Center, McCall

Register today!
Save \$25 through April 12th

Devotion

Poetry from our Church Family

The Love of Christ

*As the whip cracks in the air
I flinch as if I'm feeling
the sting upon my own back,*

*Tears slide quietly down
as I remember why
He endured this pain.*

*With each step He took to the cross
I understand His sacrifice.*

*Soon, a crown of thorns
will be placed upon His head.*

*I can see the darkening skies,
the torn curtain
as His life ebbs away.*

*He gave His life willingly
To save sinners
Like you and me.*

*I know His grace
and soon
We'll celebrate
His risen glory.*

*Then, my tears of sorrow
Will be replaced
With tears of joy.*

Brenda Carver - March 1, 2026

