

## Why Worship Should Be Enjoyable

Praising God with our Christian family should be the thing we find more enjoyable than any other. It should be something we look forward to all week long. It should be our joy and delight.

This is true for the same reason that the night a football team wins a big game, the fans can't wait to talk to one another about the big win. They call each other on the phone, they post about it on social media, and when they see each other in person, they excitedly say, "Can you believe it?! Wasn't that incredible?!" **They enjoy talking about it almost as much as they enjoyed watching the game in the first place.**

Everyone who has ever enjoyed something knows this feeling. When we're on a great vacation, we almost can't wait for it to be over so we can get home, tell people about it, and show them the pictures. When we have a great meal, we can't wait to share with someone how great it was.

In fact, we could say half the enjoyment is found in **expressing our enjoyment**. Isn't it frustrating and disappointing to experience something great, but yet be unable to share it with someone? C.S. Lewis wrote about this, saying,

**"We delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment."**

When we truly enjoy God for who He is then we will be longing, aching, dying to sing out to someone, "Isn't God awesome?!" And when they answer back, "Yes! Yes, He is awesome!" we experience the greatest pleasure available in this life.

If we want to make worship more enjoyable, here is what we do need to change....our hearts! We need to fill our hearts with the "word of Christ" so it dwells within us "richly" and then we'll be able to, "[sing] psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in [our] hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).

When we daily allow God to reveal Himself to us through the "word of Christ," then our enjoyment grows and grows throughout the week, finally being completed when we assemble to, "[address] one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart." (Ephesians 5:19). And this weekly assembly is just the foretaste of the great assembly that will gather around God's throne in heaven to enjoy Him forever! Wes McAdams



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**WELCOME!**

Sunday Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.



**Today's Sermon: *For the Love of God.***

- Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.
- Bulletins are archived on the website.

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**Scripture: Malachi 1:1-5**

**Hymns: 480** Blessed Assurance; **612** His Yoke Is Easy; **586** My Faith Looks Up To Thee; **133** The Love of God; **924** Just As I Am

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class**, Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Darlene will lead the discussion about pages 162-168 of our study book. The December 1<sup>st</sup> class will take place at Darlene's house. Our class has been invited to Beth Wilton's house on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> for the Endwell ladies' final class of the year and their Christmas party.
- **Regional Singing**, here at Valley Cities church, 4:30pm, Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. We will provide snacks and desserts, coffee and drinks.



- Last Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, **Troy VanDyke** and **John Mazzares** were baptized in the Susquehanna River at Riverfront Park. Please welcome them both into the family here.
- Sayre Senior Health Center has started a new program called Adopt a Resident. There is a poster on the bulletin board that tells all about it.
- **Congregational Portrait Today! Smile!**
- We are in need of help with transportation to and from the building on Sundays. As it is, Arthur is making several trips both before and after worship. Thank you to those who helped last week.
- Potluck dinner today following worship. Please stay and enjoy the fellowship with us.

## PRAYERS...

- Pray for the people of Paris and for the families of those who were injured or killed on Friday.
- We rejoice at the good news of the two baptisms last week. Please help John and Troy stay strong in the faith and help us all to encourage them.
- Herm Shiel has started physical therapy for his wrist.
- Pray for Katie Grissies, the friend of Tiffany Cantrell from Prattville, AL, who has cancer.
- Pray for Ron and Parker Moulton to return to the fellowship.
- Darlene Elsbree has several bulging discs in her lower back. She is following a course of spinal decompression treatments. She has also been sick with a sore throat and other flu-like symptoms.
- Linda Hicks needs to have a procedure done on her spine that allows her to self medicate for pain.
- Please pray for Sandy and Arthur's daughter Molly's family in Nicholson, PA, and especially for Molly's husband, José, who has stopped fellowshiping with the church.
- Felicity Hicks needs to have her gall bladder removed.
- Lisa Washburn, a friend to a few of us here, is dealing with depression.
- Pray for our church group here at Valley Cities. Help us to love and encourage each other with the love of the Lord.

