

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, ‘where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him’. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him”. (Matt. 2:1-3)

Every December 25<sup>th</sup> we reflect upon the wonder of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Since that first Holy Night the Christ child has drawn the wise seekers to adore Him. But even as the wise are drawn to worship, there are others who foolishly respond with agitation. As we read the passage, we note the wise men who inquire of Herod for the location of the newborn King. Their intention is so that they might go worship that newborn King. Their worship is a humble submission, even as a dog might humbly bow before their master.

However, king Herod’s attitude toward the Christ was one of trouble. Troubled, in the sense as when the waters are agitated. Stirred and tossed as a storm might turn a lake into a raging sea. How interesting that Jesus Christ is such a person that could either bring a humble soul to worship while driving a madman to such rage as to murder even innocent babes (Matt. 2:16). Jesus said that a man could either honor him (John 5:23), or detest him (John 15:18), but rare is the man who has no opinion of Him at all.

This last November the church celebrated 78 years of continual Gospel ministry. I reflect upon all the ups and downs this congregation has experienced from 1944 until the present day. Though there have been many changes around us, one thing has been steadfast. That is the desire that Christians assemble here to humbly submit themselves to the Lordship of Jesus. One recent Sunday as we sang the congregational hymns, I looked over my book into the faces of those assembled to worship. Sprinkled around the many adults I could see all the teens present, enthusiastically lifting their voices in adoration to the Lord Jesus. How it blessed my soul to know that though Christ may be troublesome to the foolish, even so He draws a new generation to humble submission.

*Pastor Toby Cambron*



O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. Psalm 95:6

## Psalm 63

<sup>1</sup> O God, thou art my God;  
early will I seek thee: my soul  
thirsteth for thee, my flesh  
longeth for thee in a dry and  
thirsty land, where no water is;

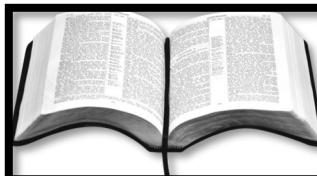
<sup>2</sup> To see thy power and thy  
glory, so as I have seen thee in  
the sanctuary.

<sup>3</sup> Because thy lovingkindness  
is better than life, my lips shall  
praise thee.

<sup>4</sup> Thus will I bless thee while I  
live: I will lift up my hands in  
thy name.

<sup>5</sup> My soul shall be satisfied as  
with marrow and fatness; and  
my mouth shall praise thee.  
with joyful lips:

### Read God's Word



Pray in Jesus Name



Bulgaria Woman Baptized  
*Lifts her Hands in Praise*



Singing Praises to God



Serving Others

### “THE HEART of TRUE WORSHIP”

By: Nancy Mitchell

*‘John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.’*

Worship is defined as the act of honoring and loving a deity, idol or person in a “selfless” manner. True worship will not happen until you first love God (Matthew 22:37-38). A. W. Tozer said, “True worship is to be so personally and hopelessly in love with God, that the idea of a transfer of affection never even remotely exists.” True worship is not confined to what we do in our church, although these are good to do as the bible tells us to do them. The highest form of praise and worship is obedience to HIM and His Word. To do this we must *know* God; we cannot be ignorant of God (Acts 17:23).

People tend to get caught up on where they should worship, what type of music they should sing in worship, and how worship looks to others. When we focus on these, we are missing the point of true worship. We worship from the *heart*, the way God designed it. It is not limited to one act, but is done properly when the heart and attitude of the person are in the right place.

As Christians, we are called to worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). Jesus reaffirms this in a conversation with the Samaritan woman by the well, “You Samaritans worship what you do not know”. They worshiped God half-heartily because their affection was not set on God (even true believers can fall into this trap). The woman was discussing places of worship with Jesus while trying to distract him, because he had already revealed her many husbands to her and the current one she was living with was not her husband. “The Jews worship at Jerusalem, while the Samaritans worshiped at Mount Gerizim,” she said. Jesus refused to be distracted from his lesson on true worship. He replied, “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth...John 4:23.” The lesson on worshipping in spirit and truth is this; first, it cannot be defined to a location, and second, it cannot be regulated by old testament law. With the coming of Christ, separation of Jew and Gentile is no longer relevant and all of God’s children gained access to God through his son, Jesus Christ. Worship became a matter of the heart, not actions. Unless there is a passion for God, there is no true worship. At the same time, worship must be in truth that is properly informed. Both are necessary to achieve true worship.

Lift your voice, raise your hands, or however you choose to worship the *omnipotent King Jesus*, who is worthy of our praise!

## Ruby Hannel shares how the Lord Saved her Soul and He put a Joyful Song in her Heart:

O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1

*My Mom took five kids to church whenever there was a service, but Dad never attended. He had a bad experience at church as a teenager. I joined the church when I was thirteen. I memorized the books of the Bible, the Apostles Creed, some verses, the Ten Commandments, and much more. However, I don't remember being asked if I wanted Jesus to come into my heart, or if I believed Jesus was God's Son, who died for my sins. It was just assumed that at thirteen, you joined the church. I thought I was saved, after all I was a good person; obedient, kind, never cursed, and had knowledge of the stories in the bible.*

*In 1974, a coworker invited me to a tent revival. The speaker presented the Gospel message about how Jesus left heaven to come down to earth as a human-like us, to save us from our sins, and defeat death for us. He talked about the abuse and humiliation that Christ went through with all the beatings and illegal trials. It was to save me! Finally, I realized that I was one of the sinners He came to save, so that night I accepted Jesus. They went through the scriptures explaining them to me, and then asked, "do you want to be baptized"? I replied, "I was baptized as a baby". What a ridiculous answer! However, I did not have a clear understanding of what scripture said regarding baptism, so they suggested I discuss it with my parents.*

*Well, there were a lot of things that happened in my life during the years between 1974 and 1980. Nonetheless, just like Philip and the eunuch went into the water to be baptized (Acts 8:35-36), I also was baptized. I started attending Bible studies with other women who mentored me by helping me grow in my faith. I learned the difference between head knowledge (knowing Bible verses, and Bible stories) and heart knowledge (understanding the Bible and having a personal relationship with Jesus as I trusted Him daily in everything).*

*I love to worship the LORD and praise Him for loving me. I worship Him by letting His love shine through me, whether I am singing, praying, studying my Bible, teaching others, caring for the elderly, or helping others (Col 3:17).*

### Footsteps Discipleship

By: Pastor Toby Cambron

We are well in a new year of junior and senior high discipleship. We call our teen session "Footsteps," inspired from 1 Peter 2:21. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps". Each Wednesday evening, we invite teens from the community for an evening session of games, singing, and Bible study. Ronda and I are the current leaders of this group and wow do we feel old as we play the various sports with the youth.

The teens are generally respectful and always interested in what the Bible has to say about their faith and life. One recent session of Footsteps reassured us that our labor is not in vain. This instance occurred when we announced to the group, that due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we would not have Bible study the evening before Thanksgiving. All at once the entire group let out a big groan and protested the interruption of their Bible study! Though many of the youth are away during the holiday break, we felt encouraged these teenagers value the Bible studies and are disappointed when a session must be canceled. Pray for these precious teenagers that by the Grace of God they will be convinced to "follow His steps."

**Connie N Strawser**, age 58 of Whitehall died suddenly on Friday, November 4, 2022. She leaves behind her husband, John, two sons, and many friends.

Connie began attending Westphal Avenue Baptist Church in 2013 and became a member of the church on May 1, 2016. She loved being with God's people and worshipping the LORD. She loved and prayed for her family, asking the church to join her in those prayers.

But, the one thing that stands out most to me about Sister Connie is how much she *loved the LORD* and was not afraid to express it in her actions or words. I believe Connie has left her mark in this life to all who knew her, and I am looking forward to joining her one day, as we praise the LORD from our new Heavenly home. Hallelujah!

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**WINTER QUARTER EVENTS**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Special Music: Bryan Huston

Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 pm

"Everyone Welcome"

**Semi-Annual Business Meeting**

Sunday, January 29th, 2023 at 6:00 pm

**WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Sunday Adult Bible Class.....9:30am

Sunday Worship Service.....10:30am

Sunday Junior Church.....10:30am

Wednesday Morning Prayer.....11:00am

Wednesday Teen Discipleship.....6:45pm

Wednesday Mission of Faith Bible Club.....6:45pm

Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study.....7:00pm

Thursday Women of Warfare Bible Study.....6:30pm

**Facebook Live:**

Sunday Worship .....10:30am

Wednesday Evening Prayer.....7:00pm

**Have a Story or Suggestion to Share?**

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**Monthly Bible Studies**

Men's and Women's Classes.....9:30am

(2nd Saturday of Month)

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