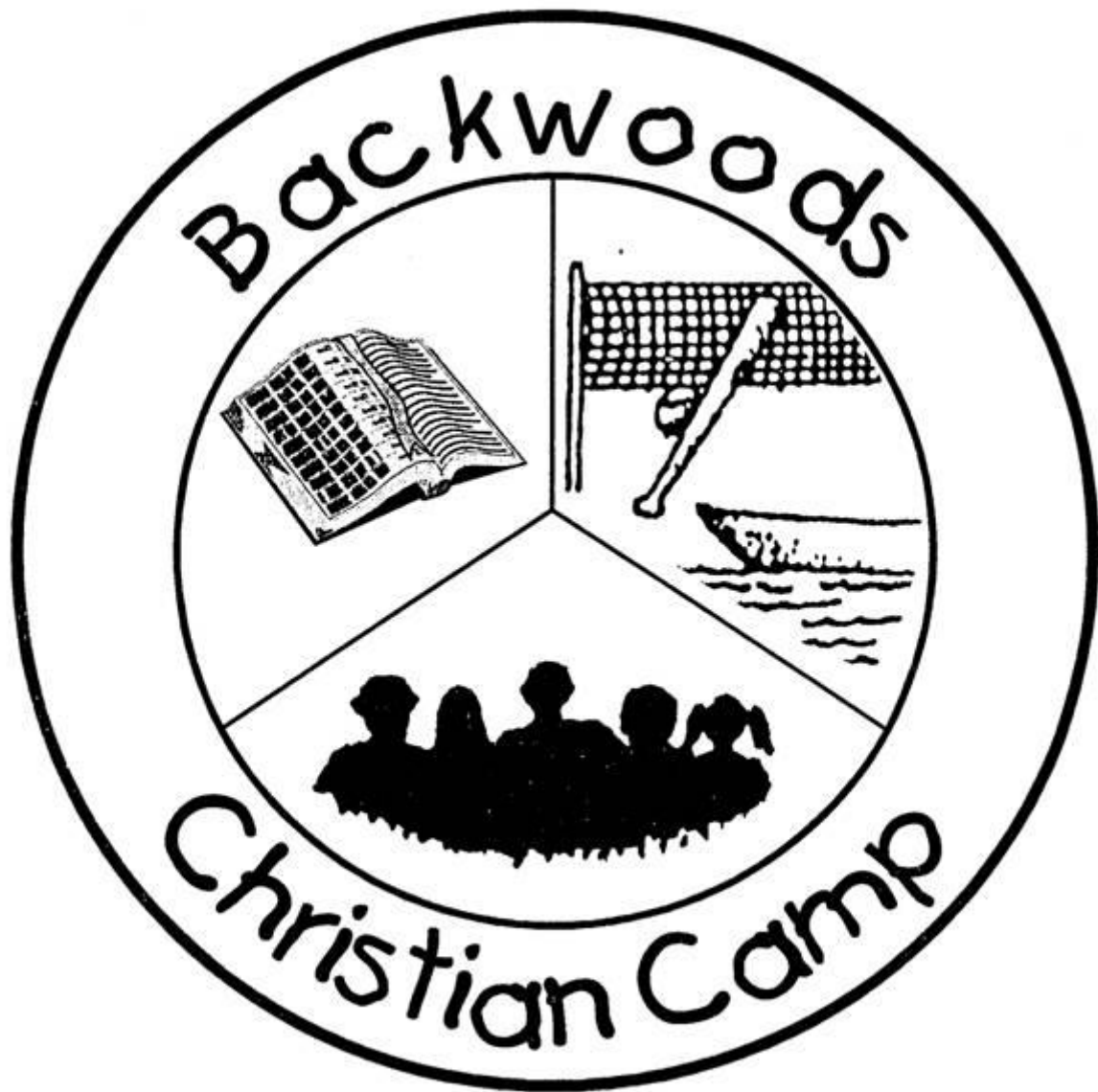


***YOU ARE THE CHOICES THAT
YOU MAKE***

JULY 7-12, 2013



Name _____

“God Bless and Keep You”



WELCOME TO BACKWOODS CHRISTIAN CAMP:

We will do all that we can to make this week at Backwoods Christian Camp great. Can we count on you to help us? Do you know that God wants you to “grow in the grace and knowledge” of His Son? (2 Peter 3:18)

Our theme for Camp this week is *“YOU ARE THE CHOICES THAT YOU MAKE.”* The choices we make determine our happiness here on earth and our eternal destiny hereafter. During this week you will learn how to become a Christian and you will learn about living the Christian life. We will study things that are essential for serving our God and going to heaven. This week can be life changing for you.

This week will be a great time of “studying the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15) Your faith will be strengthened concerning how to become a Christian. Much time will be spent in singing, praying, and studying God's Holy Word. From these activities you will grow in the likeness of Jesus. We pray that your faith will increase and be stronger as the week passes. During the week you will have the opportunity to make new friends and see old ones. You will be able to encourage and exhort one another. (Hebrews 10:23-24) We have confidence that as you learn God’s “unsearchable riches.” (Ephesians 3:8) You can be a blessing to others. Take time to bless someone this week.

Because of Christ and His cross,

Terry Claunch & Charles Box



Name _____

Cabin _____

This study book is very important to my owner. If you are not my owner would you please take the time to return me? It will give you an opportunity to meet a great person. During the week you will have time to become friends. If you need help finding my owner please ask one of the people listed at the bottom of this page. Thank you very much.

My owner cannot do without me this week. I'm very valuable. I am needed for Bible classes and worship times. I have Bible lessons, questions, and study helps for the week. I have special pages that teach one how to become a Christian. I have pages that encourage growth as a Christian. See why I am so important?

At the end of the week my owner will know more about "How to make better choices in life." He will be able to show others what fun it was to learn about God at *Backwoods Christian Camp*. I may not have known my owner long but I know he or she wants to keep me. If I am lost or misplaced I cannot find him. I need your help. Please return me.

Thanks, again. I hope that both you and my owner have a great week at Backwoods Christian Camp!

Class Teachers: _____



Our Schedule For The Week

Sunday

2:00-4:00 Registration
4:00-5:00 Orientation
5:00-5:45 Supper
5:45-6:45 Worship
7:00-8:00 Get Acquainted
8:15-8:45 Canteen
9:00-9:15 Devotional
9:15-9:45 Prepare for Bed
9:45-9:59 Cabin Devotional
10:00 Lights OUT!

Monday through Thursday

7:00 Wake up
7:20 Devotional
7:30-8:15 Breakfast
8:15-8:45 Clean up
8:45-9:30 Bible Classes
9:30-10:00 Canteen
10:00-10:20 Workbook
10:20-11:15 Singing
11:15-11:40 Bible Reading
11:40-11:50 Inspection
11:50-12:30 Lunch

12:30-1:00 Rest
1:00-4:30 Sports/Crafts
4:30-5:00 Get Ready
5:00-5:45 Supper
5:45-6:30 Worship
6:30-8:30 Activity
9:00-9:15 Devotional
8:30-9:00 Canteen
9:15-9:45 Bath Time
9:45-9:59 Devotional
10:00 Lights OUT!

Friday:

7:00 Wake up
7:30- 7:45 Devotional
7:45-8:30 Breakfast

8:30- 9:15 Clean up
Awards 9:15-10:00
Final Charge 10:10-11:00

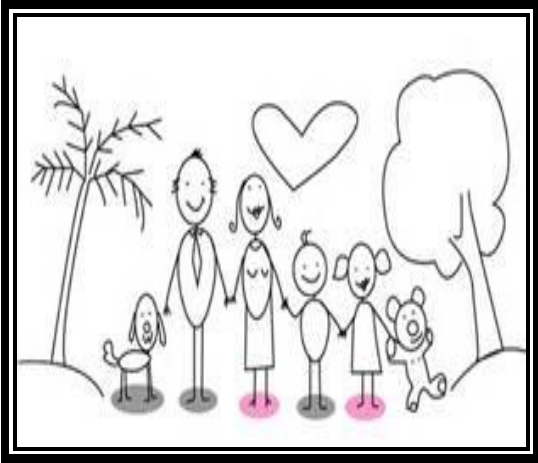
WORSHIP NOTES FOR SUNDAY NIGHT

Song number/title:

Sermon title:

Sermon outline:

YOU MAY NOT
AGREE WITH YOUR
PARENTS'
DECISIONS, BUT
OBEYING YOUR
PARENTS BEGINS
WITH SHOWING
THEM RESPECT!



Backwoods Christian Camp

Monday

July 8, 2013

God Bless You With A Submissive Heart!

My Choice To Honor & Obey My Parents

God created us to be a people capable of making right and godly choices in our life. The choices we make define who we are and determine where we will spend eternity. In the beginning God created man and placed the "tree of knowledge of good and evil" in the garden to give Adam and Eve this power of choice. We read, "And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Genesis 2:15-17)

God sets before us a blessing and a curse and challenges us to "choose life." "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." (Deuteronomy 30:19) The choices that you make have an eternal impact, not only on you, but also on your descendants. Those who choose to obey God also choose to obtain the most happiness possible in this life and they choose to avoid the most misery possible. What choice are you making with your life? Some have made good choices; others have made very poor choices. Young people must choose to obey their parents.

There is a great deal of mutual responsibility in a family. Parents are responsible to provide for the welfare of their children. They are to care for their physical and their spiritual needs. Parents must provide unconditional love for their children. Children must respond with loving respect for their parents. Paul wrote, "But if any provide

*Parents must
love, train and
provide for
their children*

not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." (1 Timothy 5:8) Through the influence and example of parents children are taught values and attitudes that have an effect on their entire earthly life and also on their eternity.

Children must then respond to their parents in loving respect and obedience. Solomon wrote, "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother." (Proverbs 1:8) Children must understand how much their parents have loved and sacrificed for their sake. Love, gratitude and respect are the defining attitudes that determine a child's relationship to parents. The New Testament provides some simple, sober and serious statements concerning the responsibility of children toward their parents. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." (Ephesians 6:1-3)

Children who choose to obey their parents:

Children who choose to honor and obey their parents will respect their teaching and instructions. "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother." (Proverbs 1:8) Children who chose to honor and obey their parents bring joy to themselves and to their parents.

Children who choose to honor and obey their parents will recognize the value of God's commandments and keep them. "Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye." (Proverbs 7:2) You will never go wrong by doing right toward God!

*Choose to Honor
and Obey Your
Parents!*

Children who choose to honor and obey their parents will recognize the value of a good name. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold." (Proverbs 22:1) Do nothing to destroy your good name; work hard, pay your debts, be fair and be real!

Before it's too late:

Before it's too late send your parents a letter to thank them for the sacrifices they have made for you.

Before it's too late show your respect for your parents by spending time with them.

Before it's too late be kind to your parents and see that all their needs are met!

Before it's too late honor your parents by expressing in words your love and appreciation for them.

Some final thoughts as parents and children prepare for eternity

Parents are taught, "And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by

the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”
(Deuteronomy 6:5-7)

Children are taught, "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. (Colossians 3:20)

Those parents and children that appreciate the sacrifice of Jesus must believe in Him (John 8:24), repent of sins (Acts 2:38), Confess Christ as Lord (Romans 10:9-10) and are baptized into Christ for salvation. (Romans 6:3-4) Parents and children should all be faithful to God. Do you, as a parent or as a child, really want to be saved?

Parents &
Children should
Honor God
Together

True or False:

1. _____ God gave people the power of choice. (Genesis 2:15-17)
2. _____ Choices we make have nothing to do with life and death.
3. _____ Children honor God by obeying parents. (Colossians 3:20)
4. _____ Children should *express in words appreciation for parents.*
5. _____ Children must live a life faithful to God. (Revelation 2:10)

Memory Verse: Colossians 3:20

Key Words: Honor, Respect, Love & Obey

Commitment: My choice is to Honor & Obey MY PARENTS!

I _____ choose to honor and respect my
parents. I will be an obedient Son/Daughter.

WORSHIP NOTES FOR MONDAY NIGHT

Song number/title:

Sermon title:

Sermon outline:

IT IS AMAZING

WHAT YOU

CAN THROW

AWAY IN ONE

STUPID

MOMENT!



Backwoods Christian Camp

Tuesday

July 9, 2013

God Bless You With A Sober Heart!

My Choice To Be Drug Free For Life

Those who smoke cigarettes, drink alcohol or use other drugs put their health, their safety and their souls at risk. The temptation to try illegal substances seduces many well-intentioned young people. It takes strong, godly character to remain firm in your desire to avoid substance abuse. Whether the culprit is prescription pills, alcohol or street drugs, knowing how to handle yourself can make it easier to turn away from this destructive habit. Do not go where drug use is taking place. Avoid the powerful influence of peer pressure by removing yourself from temptation. Stand up for God and for yourself when confronted with offers to use drugs. Remember, if they try to get you to do wrong they are not really your friends anyway! Let them know, loud and clear, that keeping your integrity and maintaining your Christian principles is more important than fitting into the crowd. Knowing how to say "no" to evil can empower you to stay true to your God.

What does it mean to be sober?

The Bible says, "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation." (1 Thessalonians 5:6-8) Sobriety is the opposite of intoxication or drunkenness. The only way that you can

live a godly life is to live a sober life! “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 1:13) The problem of addiction is stated simply in Hosea 4:11, “Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.” Christians must be sober.

How does it all start?

*Be Sober and
Live Godly!*

It may seem innocent but addiction to drugs starts with a pill, that first cigarette or that first taste of beer or wine. Sadly, for many it does not stop there. Generally, the first step into illegal

drugs is Marijuana. Marijuana puts you into the drug culture. 100 percent of the people I have personally known who use cocaine or meth were first using marijuana. Alcohol and cigarettes are compromising drugs. They are the first step toward marijuana use. Children are told by others that marijuana is harmless. So called friends encourage them to try it. They enjoy the "high" and want it more often. Then they start having problems at school, on the job, at home and so they use more to escape reality. Then they want a bigger high. They are already using an illegal drug and that drug weakens their judgment and inhibition. Through the use of marijuana they have removed the barriers against stronger drugs. They have become full-fledged drug addicts. Awaiting them is either jail or some institution or an early grave!

Drug use is a sin that does not travel alone!

Drug use is wrong because it tempts those who are involved to participate in other sins as well. Drug users run with other drug users. Most often people begin using because of the influence of others. “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.” (1 Corinthians 15:33) They attend parties where drugs are used; they become companions of people who enjoy illegal activities. They forget verses like Proverbs 20:1, “Wine is a mocker, strong

drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.” Drug users are soon tempted to commit all kinds of sins, including:

-- Lying to cover up drug use. Not every liar is an addict, but every addict is a liar. “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” (Revelation 21:8) Those

*Not every liar is
an addict, but
every addict is a
liar.*

who are sober have an easier time telling the truth!

-- Disobedience to parents - Most people start drug abuse while still subject to their parents' authority, knowing that their parents object. “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right...” (Ephesians 6:1-3)

-- Failure to do ones job or schoolwork. Drug users lose interest or ability to do work or schoolwork. They become negligent, are often absent, make careless mistakes. “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might...” (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

-- Stealing - Many drug users steal to pay for their habit, especially when they cannot get a good job because they have neglected their schoolwork or their job. “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.” (Ephesians 4:28)

-- Neglect of Bible study, prayer, worship and church work. People involved in drug abuse often become involved in all kinds of immoral acts. They lose interest in spiritual things because they feel guilty and because they are more interested in getting high. “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:58) Drug abuse is a failure to avoid temptation.

Honestly answer these questions: Could my drug use cause me and someone else to go to hell? (1 Corinthians 8:13) Will my smoking or using other drugs bring glory to God? (1 Corinthians 10:31) Am I willing to stand before the judgment seat of Christ with this on my record?

*Your Drug use may lead
you and others to Hell!*

(2 Corinthians 5: 10) Honestly answering these questions, along with consistent study of God's word and prayer should provide the necessary tools to discern God's will

for your life in the midst of a drug filled world. To become a Christian: Hear the gospel of Christ (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus (John 8:24), repent of sins (Acts 17:30-31), confess faith in Jesus (Acts 8:37) and be baptized to wash away sins. (Acts 22:16) Please become a Christian and live a sober, Christian life.

True or False:

1. _____ Drug use hurts only the one who is using and no one else.
2. _____ Drug addiction leads to lying, immorality and stealing.
3. _____ Look at your friends and you will see what you are like.
4. _____ If you live drug free you will never have problems in life.
5. _____ Many strong Christians still smoke and drink alcohol.

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Key Words: Honesty, Sobriety, Morality, Work.

Commitment: My choice is to be sober and focused on God

I _____ choose to be drug free for life!

WORSHIP NOTES FOR TUESDAY NIGHT

Song number/title:

Sermon title:

Sermon outline:

WITHOUT CHRIST I
AM SEPARATE
FROM GOD, CUT
OFF FROM HIS
PROMISES; LIVING
WITHOUT HOPE
AND WITHOUT GOD
IN THE WORLD!



Backwoods Christian Camp

Wednesday

July 10, 2013

*God Bless You As You Choose To Be
A Christian!*

My Choice To Become a Christian

Are you lost spiritually? Are you dealing with guilt and discouragement because of past sins? There is only one answer to man's lost spiritual state. Jesus is that answer. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6) The gospel is the good news that Christ suffered sin's penalty in man's place. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Corinthians 5:21) Jesus is our only hope. If we reject Him we will be lost eternally.

Sin is a matter of choice.

Infants or babies do not inherit sin from their parents; neither do they inherit sins from Adam. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him." (Ezekiel 18:20) Satan makes sin so enticing that all have been overcome by its power. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) Sin brings pleasure. But, the pleasure of sin lasts only for a short time. (Hebrews 11:25) We cannot choose to serve God and the world at the same time. Make the right choice and "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil

days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.” (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

Sin breaks fellowship with God.

In Isaiah 59:1-2 we read, “Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.” Sin is often

*Sin Separates
Us
from Our*

taken too lightly by the world, and also by the church. Sin causes God to turn His face from us. The Bible reveals the seriousness of sin by showing its consequences. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) Sin makes it impossible to see the Lord in eternity. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14.) Because the problem of sin is universal, and because man cannot save himself, man should be interested in God's solution to the problem of sin.

Jesus lived a perfect life and gave Himself for the Sins of the world.

Jesus took my place and by dying on the cross satisfied God's wrath. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:6-8) God punished Jesus in our place. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Peter 2:24.) Jesus suffered for sins once, the just for the unjust so that He might bring us to God. (1 Peter 3:18) If it were

not for the death of Jesus, God would have no choice but to punish man for his own sins.

How do we get rid of our sins?

All who are saved from sin must hear the gospel of Christ. Hearing and learning is necessary in order for salvation to be brought about. (John 6:44-45) Those who are saved must come to believe in Jesus as the Son of God. None can have salvation without hearing and believing the salvation message. (Mark 16:15-16) Repentance or a

*Make Your
Choice To
Go To
Heaven*

change of heart that leads to a change in life is a necessity if we are to be saved. "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3) A simple confession of faith in Jesus is a necessary step in conversion. "That if thou shalt

confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:9-10) Finally, at baptism one stops being out of Christ. Baptism will wash away the sins of a believer who has repented and confessed. "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16) After baptism, always walk hand in hand with Jesus so nothing will stand between you and heaven.

Who should be baptized?

The doctrines of men say babies may be baptized. The Bible says those who gladly receive the word were baptized. (Acts 2:41) The Bible teaches that those who repent may be baptized. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38) Men and women were baptized but babies were never baptized. "But when they believed Philip preaching

the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." (Acts 8:12)

Faith Changes Our Heart; Repentance Changes our Life; & Baptism Changes Our relationship With God.

The Bible teaches that baptism is a burial in water and baptism is essential to salvation. Have you been baptized according to the Lord's commands? If not, you should be. "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16)

True or False:

1. _____ You can know God without hearing His word. (John 6:44-45)
2. _____ Believers who are baptized will be saved. (Mark 16:15-16)
3. _____ You will perish if you fail to repent. (Luke 13:3)
4. _____ We must confess that we are sinners. (Romans 10:9-10)
5. _____ Baptism does not wash away a person's sins. (Acts 22:16)

Memory Verse: Mark 16:15-16

Key Words: Faith, Repentance, Baptism, Salvation, Tarriest,

Commitment: My choice is to become a Christian and serve God for the rest of my life.

I _____ choose to be baptized into Christ and to allow Him to be Lord of My Life!

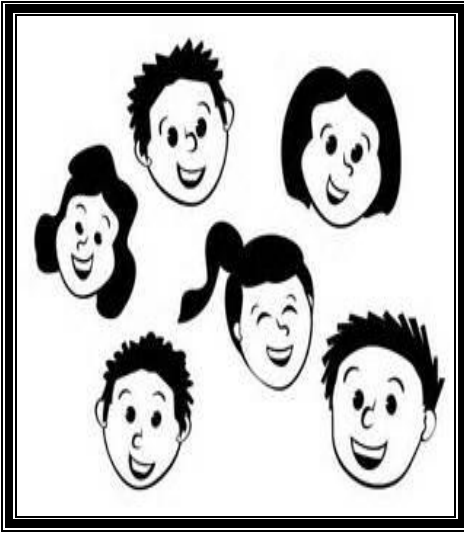
WORSHIP NOTES FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Song number/title:

Sermon title:

Sermon outline:

NO PERSON CAN
WORSHIP GOD
ACCEPTABLY
UNTIL THAT
PERSON HAS FIRST
GIVEN HIMSELF IN
LOVE AND
OBEDIENCE TO
GOD!



Backwoods Christian Camp

Thursday

July 11, 2013

*God Bless You As You Choose To Worship
God Faithfully!*

My Choice To Worship God From My Heart

Make a choice to not just be in the building at worship time; honestly make a choice to worship God! Those who became Christians in the first century assembled and worshipped God steadfastly. They understood their own spiritual need and the spiritual need of others for worship. They also understood the commandments of God. Those who fail to worship scripturally will die spiritually. Worship is of such importance that God will punish with vengeance those who willfully neglect worship. "For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." (Hebrews 10:30-31)

God is our loving Father; He seeks our worship.

John wrote, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:23-24) Jesus expressed His desire for worship with His disciples in the words of Luke 22:15. He said, "With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." It is the desire of Jesus that we worship God through Him. Is that your desire? Those who come to see God as the great creator will worship Him or give Him "worth." "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will

be exalted in the earth." (Psalms 46:10) Worship grows out of thankfulness and appreciation to God. Thankfulness within me is expressed in my outward worship. Make a choice to not just be in the building at worship time; honestly make a choice to worship God!

Not all worship is acceptable to God!

It is possible for one's worship to be in vain. Cain is an example of one who worshipped the true God, but his worship was in an unacceptable manner. "But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell." (Genesis 4:5) Jesus said men's commands and traditions make worship vain or useless. "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Matthew 15:9) A careful study of the Bible must be made so as to distinguish between truth and tradition in worship. Both in living and worship our aim must be to do the will of



*Worship In
Spirit
& In Truth*



God. (John 6:38) Make a choice to not just be in the building at worship time; honestly make a choice to worship God! Make a choice to not just be in the building at worship time; honestly make a choice to worship God! "Spirit and truth" are the two elements which distinguish true worship from worship which is unacceptable. "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24) Communion every Sunday is part of true worship. Jesus gave His body and blood on the cross to provide remission of our sins. In the weekly observance of the Lord's Supper we remember His sacrifice. (Matthew 26:26-28) Christians pray together. These prayers are to be lead by godly men. (1 Timothy 2:8) Singing is also a part of worship "in spirit and in truth." The only instrument to be used is the "Heart." God desires that we sing, not that we sing and play! The Hebrew writer wrote, "I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." (Hebrews 2:12) Original, steadfast worship also involved giving. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." (1 Corinthians 16:2) You will never out give God. In New Testament worship Christians also heard gospel preaching. "And upon the first day of the week, when

the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." (Acts 20:7) Christian worship must be regular or steadfast. (Acts 2:42)

Baptized Into Christ

follow the

***To worship correctly we must
Bible pattern for worship.***

Worship is not intended to be a Disney World experience. The purpose of worship is not to entertain us. The problem with worship designed to entertain is the change from what God designed and desired to what man designed and desires. Jesus said, "Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth,

and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Matthew 15:7-9) Our desire should be that expressed in Psalm 122:1 "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD." Our sense of reverence and adoration for God must

*Let Us
Reverence And
Adore God In
Our Worship*

never give way to selfish desire to be entertained. Love for God motivates us to worship Him in spirit and in truth. "I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies." (Psalm 18:1-3)

Make a choice to not just be in the building at worship time; honestly make a choice to worship God! Will you accept God's wonderful good news that Jesus died for your sins? Will you be baptized into Christ to put on Christ so that your sins can be forgiven by His blood? "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Galatians 3:26-27) Believers contact Christ's saving blood by being baptized into His death. Following our response to God's good

news we must worship God in spirit and in truth. Let us worship for our own spiritual strength and growth. Let us worship to encourage others. Let us worship steadfastly because we owe it to God.

True or False:

1. _____ True worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24)
2. _____ all worship is acceptable; it is impossible for worship to be in vain. (Matthew 15:9)
3. _____ Christians should commune every Sunday. (Acts 20:7)
4. _____ God is pleased if we both sing and play instruments in worship. (Hebrews 2:12)
5. _____ Both men and women can lead public prayers. (1 Timothy 2:8)

Memory Verse: John 4:24

Key Words: Acceptable, Heart, Neglect, Truth

Commitment: Make a commitment to not just be in the building at worship time, but to honestly worship God!

I _____ choose not just to be at the church services; I choose to worship My Heavenly Father in Spirit & In Truth!

WORSHIP NOTES FOR THURSDAY NIGHT

Song number/title:

Sermon title:

Sermon outline:

What must I do to be saved?

By Gus Nichols

What is the greatest question ever propounded by mortal man? Some businessman might say it is the question of how to make a fortune. Those old and feeble might say it is the question of how to live to be one hundred years of age and remain in good health all that time. The sick might answer that the greatest question has to do with a cure for cancer, tuberculosis and diseases of the heart. However, the statesmen might contend that the greatest question is how to promote peace among nations and prevent all future wars. While these are all important questions they have to do with the fleeting things of time and this life only.

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But it must be agreed by all those who believe the Bible that the world's greatest question is, "What must I do to be saved?" or "What shall I do, Lord?" or "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 22:10; Acts 2:37; Acts 9:6.) This question has to do with the soul of man and eternal destiny. The soul of one man in one side of the balances would outweigh the whole world in the other side! Jesus said, "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26) The soul is the skyscraper to stand through the eternal ages, while the body is no more than the scaffolding and ladders round about, and very temporary in nature. Once the soul is lost eternally, it will be too late to do anything about our great question.

Question Analyzed

But let us analyze our question and show that it is exceedingly simple. First of all there are two parts to the question. "What must I do" refers to the sinner's part, and "to be saved" refers to God's part of the plan. In other words the sinner must believe and put his faith into obedience in order to be saved of God, and on God's terms. But let us further analyze the question. "What" - of all things possible to be done, just what must one do to be saved? "What must" - it is not what may one do. Jesus said, "It shall be told thee what thou must do." (Acts 9:6) Again, it is "What must I" - it is not what must God, Christ, or the Holy Spirit do. All heaven has already moved and done its part, and it is our move next. It is "What must I do?" It is not how must I feel or what must I imagine, or what must be done to me, but "What must I do?" it is not what must I do to blot out my own sins apart from God but what must I do "to be saved."

Jailer's Question Answered

When the jailer asked "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30), he knew little or nothing about Christ and had no faith in Him. However, the earthquake of the occasion and the miracle in evidence confirmed the fact that Paul and Silas were servants of God. In answer to his question they began at the very first and said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." This was a sort of blanket proposition meaning that he would have to obey Christ and trust in Him for salvation. They then preached Christ unto him so he could believe, for faith comes by hearing the word. (Acts 16:32; Romans 10:17) He evidently believed and repented for he took them and tried to undo the harm done, and washed their stripes. He also was baptized the same hour of the night - at midnight. (Acts 16:25, Acts 16:33) He was then saved by Christ who had said in the commission, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16:16) He rejoiced after his baptism. He did not "pray the sinners' prayer" to have his sins taken away. He was saved by obedient faith and not by faith only. (Hebrews 5:9)

Answered On Pentecost

When many asked our great question on Pentecost saying, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37), unlike the jailer, they had just heard about Christ and been called upon to believe in Him as "Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:37) They had been pricked in their hearts by the truth which they had heard pointing out their guilt in the murder of Christ. (Acts 2:37) Since they were already believers, but had not put their faith into obedience, they were simply told what to do by faith in order to be saved. The apostle said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38) They were to do this "for the remission of sins" for which Christ had shed his blood. (Matt. 26:28) When the service was over, there were no seekers turned away with the explanation that they should keep on seeking in prayer until they should find. But the record says, "They then that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:41) The last verse says, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." (Acts 2:47) In no case were any said to be saved who had not heard the gospel and obeyed it. Furthermore, the Lord added all of them to the same church, the church of Christ which he had said he would build. (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 5:23; Ephesians 4:4) They were simply Christians and wore no human religious name. (Acts 11:26; 1 Peter. 4:16) They subscribed to no human creed and were members of no denominational church. They were united in the one body as Christ had prayed that they should be. (John 17:20-21; Ephesians 4:3)

ADDRESSES OF FRIENDS & SPECIAL NOTES



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HAVE YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE?

Have you made the right choice when it comes to salvation and fellowship with God? There is hope for sinners because Christ suffered sins penalty in man's place. Jesus commanded that the gospel be preached to every creature. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) He then said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16) Baptism is for remission of sins. (Acts 2:38) Will you accept the wonderful news that Jesus died for your sins and be baptized into Christ to put Him on so that your sins can be forgiven in His death? (Romans 6:3-4)?

Have you made the right choice when it comes to your belief in Jesus? Yes No
(John 20:30-31, Hebrews 11:6, Acts 18:8)

Have you made the right choice when it comes to your repentance? Yes No
(Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30, Acts 2:38)

Have you made the right choice when it comes to your confession? Yes No
(Matthew 10:32, Acts 8:37, Romans 10:10)

Have you made the right choice when it comes to being baptized? Yes No
(Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21)

When these commands are obeyed (1 John 5:3, Romans 6:16-18) God will save you and add to His one church. (Acts 2:38, Acts 2:47)

Have you made the right choice when it comes to living faithfully? Yes No
(Revelation 2:10, 2 Timothy 4:6-8; Luke 9:62)

Is there sin in your life that needs repentance and confession? Yes No
(Luke 17:3-4, Acts 8:21-24) Can we pray for you? Yes No

"The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

(Numbers 6:24-26)

