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BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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4 Simple Steps to Improve Your Worship By Adam Faughn

For nearly anyone, worship can become a bit rote at times. Although we know it is invaluable, we are human; thus, we struggle at times to stay truly engaged and thoughtful throughout the time.

But some seem to think that it would take some major thing to get out of the rut or to make worship more meaningful. Tragically, some stop coming. Just as tragically, some think they must change God's pattern (or worship where that pattern is not obeyed) and have bands, light shows, and more just to "up" the experience.

But there are far simpler steps that each person can make to improve worship for themselves, while still making certain they worship "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). Today, I share four that you can make this Sunday.

1. Prepare Beforehand. I know Sunday mornings are busy. It is remarkable we have any sanity by the time we make it to worship. But could we not take even 5 or 10 minutes on Saturday night to sing a song and pray so that our mind is headed in the right direction? What about laying out clothes so that the Sunday morning rush is less crazy? On Sunday morning, on the way to the building, listen to some worship music or talk about what you are excited about concerning the opportunity you are getting ready to take part in! Just this one step, I promise, will revolutionize worship.

2. Arrive on time (or a little early is even better). If you are constantly late, you are not even "settled in" before worship is partially over. When that happens, you spend the rest of the time playing catch-up in your mind. But if you are present on time, or a little early, and have visited with a few fellow Christians and had a chance to "settle" a bit, your mind is fresh and ready to worship from the first moment.

3. Sit closer to the front. I have sat in the back before. I have sat in a balcony
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The presence of Jesus in the gathering of His people is the sweetest blessing we enjoy when we meet. We pray that you will find peace, comfort, and power for living today.

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<u>SUNDAY</u>		<u>ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY</u>	
Bible Study	10:00 AM	Morning Worship	39
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	10
Evening	6:00 PM	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	10
<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$1130.00
Fellowship Meal	12:30 PM		
(Every 1 st Sunday)			
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
(Last Sunday of every month)			

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

“...The Churches of Christ salute you.” Romans 16:16

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before. Let me just put it this way: it is a whole different world! It's not a sin to sit in the back; after all, by definition, someone will be "in the back." That said, if you are trying to get out of a rut, or are just struggling to stay engaged in worship, you will be completely amazed how much easier it is to stay focused if you just move up a few rows. There are fewer distractions (because there are fewer people between you and the leaders) and just the change of scenery is sometimes enough to trigger your mind to be more focused.

4. **Remember that God is the Audience.** In the end, your goal is to give your best for Him; not just to see what you can get out of the worship time. If your mind is truly focused on that singular fact, your worship will improve, since you will be constantly striving to please Him with every action and every thought.

None of those things changes God's pattern for worship. Further, none of them requires a major overhaul on your part. Still, these four steps will change your worship for the better. Why not try them, even this Sunday, and just see if worship is not more encouraging for you than it has been in a long, long time.

"...worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness" (Psalm 29:2b)

Bulletin Gold

GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN
HEAR GOD'S WORD
 Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17
BELIEVE IN JESUS
 Jn. 8:24
REPENT OF SINS
 Lk. 13:3; 2 Cor. 7:10
CONFESS JESUS' NAME
 Mt. 10:32-33; Rom. 10:9-10;
 Mt. 16:15-16
BE BAPTIZED
 Mk. 16:15-16; Mt. 28:18-19; Acts 2:38, 41; Acts 22:16;
 Rom. 6:3-4
LIVE FAITHFUL UNTIL DEATH
 Mt. 10:22; Rev. 2:10

The Bible study topic for Wednesday night:

Galatians

Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Just a reminder, the Thanksgiving baskets need to be ready for delivery next week, November 24th.



		Opportunities to Serve
Welcome	Today	11/24/19
Song Leader	Lee Shepherd	Don Lockey
Opening Prayer	Dick Phillips	Willie Gore
Communion	Jim Hobbs	Tom Walsh
	*John Bowling	*Lee Shepherd
	Lynn Means	Jim Hobbs
Scripture Reading	Bob Stanley	Lynn Means
Speaker	Don Lockey	Lynn Means
Closing Prayer	Rick Massey	Rick Massey
Evenings	Lee shepherd	Don Lockey
Nursery	Jim Hobbs	Jim Hobbs
	Carolyn Bowling	Hannah Garner

The nursery will be open following the communion for children 3 years and under.

Please remember to pray for the sick, lonely, and especially anyone outside Christ.

Health
Cheryl Lamb

Traveling
Walsh Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.

James 5:16
Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.



The Ladies bible study will be held Tuesday, at 10:30 am in the fellowship room. Our topic is a "Study of Song of Worship". Our time together will include prayer and songs of praise. You are welcome to join us.

Labor of Love

The Labor of Love will meet Saturday at noon in the fellowship room. Libby Hobbs will present the devotion. Don't forget your gift of love for Hope Harbor.

