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## From the Pastor's Heart

We have been as a church in a series of sermons that has for many, redefined worship. It is I believe the most important series of messages I've given. It truly answers the question: What's going on with the church, and when I say, "the church," I'm referring to the majority of churches including FCC.

Please don't miss this week's message, as it reviews and wraps up the series. This series hasn't been merely about learning how to worship more effectively on Sunday morning, it's been about cultivating a worship-centered lifestyle seven days a week — because that's really what worship is about. It's not a one-day-a-week event, it's an everyday-of-the-week way-of-life.

In Week One we talked about the pre-game warm-up: preparing your heart to worship with an attitude of surrender, an attitude of sacrifice, and an attitude of service.

In Week Two we talked about facing down the obstacles of worship — whether it's guilt or pride or lack of emotions or willful resistance or just uncertainty about how to do it. You confront each obstacle with the truth of God's Word and you can deal with it as best you can in the moment, and you worship anyway.

Last week we talked about a design for worship: four things that need to happen when we come to God to worship — in church and at home — we need to prepare ourselves like it's a top priority commitment, we need to come with an attitude of thanksgiving and praise, we need to give him our undivided attention, we need to bring an offering, and we need to trust Him with every detail of every aspect of our lives.

This Sunday, entering a season of "high worship," the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, we will wrap up this series, we'll zero in on one idea that I presented in the middle of last week's message: giving God our Undivided Attention.

If you would like a text copy or audio CD copy of all four messages please let me know by calling me at 234-2928 or email me at: [paststevehayes@msn.com](mailto:paststevehayes@msn.com). You can also listen to the sermon on the website [www.mattoonfcc.com](http://www.mattoonfcc.com) and click on the media tab.

Invite a friend who is wondering what in the world is going on in God's Kingdom, to hear this message Sunday.

May God Be With Us Today,  
Pastor Steve

## "Hand & Foot" Cards

A group of members plan to play the "Hand and Foot" card game after church on Sunday at 11:30 am. All are invited to join and if you don't know how to play...they will teach you. They will order pizza for lunch and share the cost.

## Singles @ First

All Singles are invited to play Bingo at the Fellowship Center in the Community Room on Thursday, April 6th from 6-7 pm. Please use the west entrance and each Bingo card will cost 35¢.



There will be a Men's Breakfast and study time on Saturday, April 1st at 7 am. All men are invited to attend.

## 30 Pieces of Silver

The Student Ministry would like for you to participate in the annual 30 Pieces of Silver Fundraiser. This fundraiser focuses on the events leading up to Jesus' betrayal from Judas. Since we are all sinners, saved by Grace, we would like for you to participate with us by gathering 30 pieces of silver through Easter and placing it in the baggies that are available in the narthex. This value can literally be 30 coins, dollars or a check; however God is leading you. All donations will be gathered to help support the Student Ministry at FCC. Please return your donation by Easter Sunday, April 16th.



## Easter

Sunday, April 9

Mini-Cantata *Mercy Tree* at both services

Friday, April 14

Good Friday Service at noon  
Combined with the FUMC

Sunday, April 16

Sonrise Service 7 am  
Easter Youth Fundraiser Breakfast 8-9 am  
Easter Service at 9:30 am and a Kids' Easter Egg Hunt

## Easter Lilies

If you would like to bring an Easter Lily to help decorate the sanctuary on Easter please do so. Please have your lily to the church by 4:30 pm on Thursday, April 13th.

If you want your lily to be in memory or honor of a loved one please contact the church office by Monday, April 10th.



We will collect the Easter Special Offering on Sunday, April 9th and 16th. The offering will be used to send people in our church to summer camp at Camp New Hope. Please use the Easter Envelope from your envelope box for this donation.

## Paul's Ordination

On Sunday, May 7th during the 10:30 am service the Elders will perform Paul Weber's Ordination. Following the service a luncheon will be held at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Cooks Mills and everyone is invited but they do need a head count. So, if you plan to attend the luncheon please sign up in the narthex or call the church office by Sunday, April 23rd.

Everyone is invited to attend Line Dancing classes on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. The class is held at the Eagles from 6-7 pm and taught by Cinda Moran.

## Church Life

### Saturday, April 1

7 am Men's Breakfast  
8:30 am Elders' Meeting

### Sunday, April 2

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service  
11:30 am Playing Cards in Campbell Hall  
5-7 pm FROG/ROCK Group Meeting

### Monday, April 3

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Worship Meeting

### Tuesday, April 4

7 am Prayer Time

### Wednesday, April 5

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group  
5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice  
6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Practice

### Thursday, April 6

6 pm Praise Team Practice

### Sunday, April 9—"Mercy Tree" Cantata both services

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service  
5-7 pm FROG/ROCK Group Meeting

### Monday, April 10

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting  
6 pm Trustees' Meeting  
7 pm Church Board Meeting

### Tuesday, April 11

7 am Prayer Time

### Wednesday, April 12

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group  
1:30 pm Joy's Ladies Small Group Study  
5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice  
6 pm Chancel Choir Practice  
No Mid-Week Outlet Program, Break Week

### Thursday, April 13

6 pm Praise Team Practice

### Friday, April 14 (office closed)

Noon Good Friday Service



- 1 Fred Grissom, Jack Herren, Christine Weaver, Vicki Rauwolf
- 2 Mary Aleshire, Ed Dowling
- 3 Pat Stuttle
- 5 Jan Little
- 7 Linda Janes
- 8 Jason Morgan
- 11 Kathy Newlin
- 12 Destyne Arthur, Denny Booker
- 15 Katrina Fine, Jakeb Ault
- 17 Tad Moore
- 22 Olivia Morgan
- 23 Lisa Ingram
- 26 Susie Wilson, Mary Roberts
- 28 Doris Ferguson, Scott Hampton
- 29 Bud Miller



- 3 John and Linda Janes
- 5 David and DJ Arthur
- 20 Mark and Shelly Scott
- 24 Ed and Shirley Davis
- 26 Ron and Judy Hatfield
- 30 Denny and Jan Booker



## Thank You Notes

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, visits and prayers during Dick's stay at Mattoon Health Care. He continues to build his strength and hopes to be home very soon.  
*Dick and Madonna Johnson, Scott and Meri Stewart and Brian & Heather Hinton*

Thanks for the visits, phone calls, cards and the many prayers. "God is so Good!"  
*Love and Prayers, Mary Roberts*

Thank you to everyone for the cards and visits, especially to Steve and Richard for their special visits and prayers. Thank you to all who prayed, your prayers worked.  
*Love, Nancy Long*

## Serving Communion

### Sunday, April 2

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Denny Booker, Tim Buford, Gene Swearingen  
**10:30 am** — Marlin LoPiccolo, Jeff Maninfior, Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior

### Sunday, April 9

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Tim Cyr, Dan Cunningham  
**10:30 am** — Herb Ault, Max Betty, Bob Morgan, Josh Recker



Building Fund balance:  
\$256,724.54

### Church Attendance

March 19: Traditional: 94, Contemporary: 73 = 167  
March 26: Traditional: 102, Contemporary: 73 = 175

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