

SERVING IN WORSHIP

March 17, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship

Call to Worship

John 4: 19-26

Stanton See

Song Leader

Dennis Blanton

First Prayer

Brandon Graves

Presentation

Stanton See

Lord's Table

Larry Miller \* Michael Pittman

Nathan Graves \* Steve Tomlinson

Speaker

Johnny Felker

Prayer & Announcements

Barry Cary

**Usher:** Walter Culbreth

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Sunday Evening Worship

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Remember in Prayer The Sick

**Amy Hall**, Heather Blanton's sister, is currently at home undergoing cancer treatments. Her health continues to slowly decline. Cards can be sent to Amy Hall, 550 E. 7th Street Salem OH 44460.

**Venetta Dremmings**, sister of Betty Copley, is having a biopsy soon to check for cancer.

**Brian Mitchell**, Eva's husband, is home now and continuing with physical therapy. Cards can be sent to: Brian Mitchell, 320 N. Shawnee Blvd., Jackson, MO 63755.

**Derrick Pittman**, cousin of Barry Phillips, underwent surgery for kidney cancer. We are waiting on news of what treatments will be needed.

**Neal Smith**, a former member here, continues to suffer from several medical issues. At last report he was still in the hospital. Their address is in the back of the directory if you would like to send a card.

**Barbara Johnson**, sister-in-law of JoAnn Steele was to have colon cancer surgery this past Wednesday, but it has been delayed for a few weeks.

**Let us continue to remember our ailing church & family members, and our shut-ins, with our fervent daily prayers.**

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Frankie Patterson, Shirley Miller (Larry's mother), Dennis Stepp (Dennis Blanton's brother-in-law) Ernestine Reed, Janett King, Clara Burkett, David Smith, Chelsea Gilliam( a friend of Betty Copley), Susie Kaiser, Susie Martell, (friend of Shirley Ford), Paige Toxey, Elbert Jacks (Brandon Graves' grandfather), Jason Cummings (Amy Pittman's brother), Judy Cannizzaro, Keith Barclay (a friend of Betty Copley's), Vernice Sharpe (Shirley Ford's sister), and Marty Haselden, Carol Badacour's sister-in-law, and Barry Carroll, Sue King's brother-in-law.

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News & Notes

**Group 1 will meet today in the Library after morning service.**

—BIRTHDAYS—

21st: Karen Miller

ELDERS: Doug Driver, Johnny Felker

DEACONS: Ralph Brown, Mark Claypool

# Perry Heights Weekly Bulletin

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“...let us consider how we may encourage one another”  
Heb. 10:24

**Service Times:**

Sunday Bible Study at 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. &  
6:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 P.M.

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## Stillness and Joy

by Gary Henry

“Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10).

Nowadays, one reason we *know so little about joy* is that we *know so little about stillness*. In this age of the world, most of us are busy with a myriad of priorities and projects. And we *pride* ourselves in it. The person whose schedule is packed has more prestige than the fellow who “doesn’t have much to do.” But joy — real *joy* — is in seriously short supply.

We’ll try to define “stillness” in a moment, but just think, by way of contrast, how unlikely it would be for joy to surface in the kind of lives we lead. Our “busyness” produces so much clamor and clatter, the voice of joy is drowned out. It simply gets lost in the shuffle. Even if joy were to appear, it would go unnoticed.

But what does it mean to be “still” before the Lord? It doesn’t mean being physically still, though stillness of the body is often involved. And it doesn’t mean not saying anything, though that is often involved as well. “Stillness” before God means

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Preacher’s  
Pen points

The Benefits of  
Daily Worship

“Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.” (Hebrews 13:15)

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Daily worship was a hallmark of those c\_\_\_\_\_ to God.

“And d\_\_\_\_ by d\_\_\_\_ continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, p\_\_\_\_\_ God, and having favor with all the people.” (Acts 2:46-47; see also Ps. 92:1-2; Jn. 4:21,24)

Every day we have many occasions to think about God and to worship Him.

Reflection on God’s w\_\_\_\_\_ revealed in the Scriptures (Rom. 11:33-36)

Observation of His daily handiwork in the creation by...

Creating natural b\_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 19:1)

Keeping His p\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 8:22)

P\_\_\_\_\_ for His creation (Ps. 104:27-28)

Observation of His daily work in o\_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 11:25-27; 1 Thes. 1:2-3)

Reflecting upon His b\_\_\_\_\_ in our own lives (Jas. 1:17; 5:13)

Personal worship can bring great blessings to our lives.

Worship gives us an u\_\_\_\_\_ look, keeping our thoughts c\_\_\_\_\_ upon God (Col. 3:1-2) and r\_\_\_\_\_ our spirits (Ps. 63:1-5).

Worship gives us an i\_\_\_\_\_ look, making us aware of our need for h\_\_\_\_\_ (Is. 6:5) and our d\_\_\_\_\_ upon Him (Ps. 8:3-4).

Worship gives us an o\_\_\_\_\_ look, motivating us to l\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Jn. 4:19) and o\_\_\_\_\_ Him (1 Jn. 5:3).

What a great blessing it is to gather with others to sing, pray, and remember what has done for us! But that blessing can follow us every day if we are willing to worship Him daily.

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reverence, humility, openness, and forgetfulness of self. It means putting our minds into a thoughtful posture. It means having our activity stilled and our words hushed by a compelling sense of the power of God Almighty. Above all, it means having a servant’s readiness to obey: “Speak, Lord, for your servant hears” (1 Samuel 3:9).

I suggest that it would be rare for a person to experience genuine joy if he or she were not mentally disposed in the manner we’ve just described. That is the only kind of environment in which real joy can make an appearance. Just as happiness eludes those who “pursue” it, joy is even harder to bring under our own power. It doesn’t come “on command,” but rather it is experienced, often quite unexpectedly, by those who are “still” before the Lord. Unstill people are simply not good candidates for joy.

So God’s instruction to us is this: Be still, and know that I am God. We shouldn’t obey that instruction selfishly, simply so we can have the joy we want. Nevertheless, we won’t have any joy if we don’t obey it. Without a reverent stillness at the center of our hearts, joy has no chance to break through the noise of earthly life. Of all the killjoys in the world, irreverent busyness is the worst.

“The heart that is to be filled to the brim with holy joy must be held still” (George Bowes).

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