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Reflections on “X”

By
Jill Carattini

There are two ways to look at a mirror. This fairly unoriginal thought crossed my mind as I stood before my bathroom mirror focused on the spots I was wiping away, when my gaze suddenly shifted to a dark smudge under my eye. With one hand still cleaning the spots on the mirror, I tried to remove the spot under my eye with the other. It didn't work; or at least, as I attempted to do both, I didn't do either job well. You can't look in a mirror and at a mirror at the same time.

Because the Christian scriptures are compared (among other striking images) to a mirror, the illustration seemed to be one worth contemplating. But instead of being stirred with thoughts and theology, I was caught off guard by the stirring of my own conscience.

Earlier that day, as I was reading a passage I can't remember now, I thought to myself self-assuredly: “If only [so-and-so] were reading these verses, they would see their situation more clearly, and the thing they're completely overlooking.” It is little wonder why I can't remember the verses; I wasn't looking in the mirror. My eyes had shifted elsewhere.

Jesus once asked, “How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?” His question at once uncovers a familiar behavior, exposing our tendency to focus on the faults of others while remaining blind to our own. Jesus isolates the motive we disguise as concern—like a sword dividing bone and marrow. It obviously made an impression on the ones who first heard him say it; all four gospel writers make note of Jesus's words.

In an essay titled “The Trouble With ‘X’”, C.S. Lewis writes candidly of this all too common human trait: the ability to see clearly “X” and “X's” flaws while having a harder time with our own. “X” is whomever we find in our lives with characteristics that annoy or even grieve us. Each of us can readily name people with traits that keep them in the miserable state they're in, even as they claim they want out. Or we can easily describe a person who is just generally difficult or moody or dishonest. Lewis's rejoinder to our ability to state clearly the trouble with the many “X's” in our lives is similar to Christ's: Realize that there are similar flaws in you. There is most certainly something that gives others the same feeling of despair that their flaws give you. Writes Lewis, “You see clearly enough

that nothing [...] can make ‘X’ really happy as long as ‘X’ remains envious, self-centred, and spiteful.” Be sure, he warns, that there is something also inside of you that, unless given to God to be altered, will remain similarly unscathed and unmoved.

The unique promise of a God who speaks into the world is that chaos is moved to order. This may mean first that chaos is simply revealed. God speaks and shows us our reflections, exposing the areas we are blind to and piercing our hearts with truth only a mirror can reveal. But like a mirror, God's words can also be looked at in more than one way. As I read the Bible that morning, my intentions were good—or at least nearly good—I thought. The verses made me think of someone important to me; a common occurrence, I suspect, amongst us all. Nonetheless, it was a moment like my experience at the bathroom mirror. I had shifted my eyes to someone else's spots. I was looking to see something other than me. And examining God's words for someone else is like looking at a mirror and seeing in all the spots a reflection other than your own.

To approach a speaking God with eyes searching and ears listening for everyone but ourselves is to cease to hear and see as God intended. “Anyone who listens to the word,” writes James, “but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like” (1:23-24). The choice before us is crucial. Of all the spotted reflections around us, there is only one you can really examine and see changed. Putting ourselves, and our spots, in God's able hands is the most urgent use of the mirror.

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Concerned Women for America of Louisiana

By
Sonya Hodnett

Who is CWA, how did they get started and what do they do? Well, it all started back in the 1970's, when feminist organizations dominated the scene, promoting abortion on demand, championing the Equal Rights Amendment and devaluing traditional womanhood.

Betty Friedman, founder of the National Organization for Women, filled the airwaves with feminist rhetoric, claiming she spoke for American Women. Feminism seemed to be sweeping the nation with a fury. However, in 1979, one woman in California stood up and said, "She doesn't speak for me." Her name is Beverly LaHaye and when she raised her voice in defense of traditional values and the Judeo-Christian ethic, thousands of women stood with her. As a result, Concerned Women for America was born. Today the group's membership tops one half million and is the largest public policy, pro-family women's organization in the country!

CWA is headquartered in Washington, D.C., but it has Prayer/Action Chapters in communities across the country. CWA monitors legislation on Capitol Hill and educates its members on legislation and issues that threaten the family. Among the issues CWA addresses are sanctity of life, religious liberty, and education.

Right now, CWA is co-sponsoring a national campaign to counter the tax and spend, and spend, and spend policies in Washington, D.C. The Spending Revolt Bus Tour is traveling across the nation drawing together people who have had enough and connecting them with local leaders to promote fiscal responsibility. This effort includes a series of local town hall meetings, which are web cast, and a petition drive. CWA leaders have taken part in a number of these events.

CWA's motto has always been: "Protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action." We start with prayer – it is our foundation. And from that foundation we educate our members and ourselves on the pertinent issues. Once we have "studied to show ourselves approved", we take action. That action can come in a variety of forms, including letter writing, phone calls, and possibly lobbying legislators. In the end, we believe that with God's blessing upon us, we can't help but make a difference.

The question raised now is "What can we do to get our country back to Judeo-Christian values and off of the fast track to Marxism? It will start with you. Can one person make a difference? You bet. It only takes one spark to set a forest ablaze. And it only takes one person to ignite the spirit of change in a community. Will you be that person – for the sake of our nation, our family and our children?"

As I mentioned earlier, CWA is now over 500,000 members strong, but we are always ready to welcome new members and establish new prayer chapters. I hope you will consider becoming a part of this new type of women's organization – one that champion's family over feminism, values truth more than tolerance, and overcomes politics with prayer.

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LAW AND POLITICS

Justice Scalia: Founders Never Imagined Abortion "Rights"

by Steven Ertelt | Washington, DC | LifeNews.com | 11/23/10 2:06 PM



In a speech at the University of Richmond in Virginia on Friday, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia confirmed again his view that the Constitution contains no so-called abortion rights.

He told the audience during his speech, that is only now drawing attention, that the founders of the nation never envisioned a right to an abortion when drafting the Constitution that is supposed to guide the federal courts.

Scalia criticized, according to an AP report, those who misinterpret the 14th Amendment's due process clause to include abortion. "But some of the liberties the Supreme Court has found to be protected by that word—liberty—nobody thought constituted a liberty when the 14th Amendment was adopted," Scalia said. "Abortion? It was criminal in all the states."

Scalia repeated his view that the Constitution should be taken literally, as written, rather than interpreting it to include rights not intended to be protected under law.

"The Constitution says what it says and it doesn't say anything more. For flexibility, all you need is a legislature and a ballot box," he added, in terms of how abortion advocates should attempt to change the constitution if they want to have legal abortions.

By allowing the Supreme Court to create rights not enumerated by the Constitution – "you're allowing five out of nine hotshot lawyers to run the country."

"Unless the words have meaning and unless judges give them their fair meaning, democracy doesn't work," Scalia said during an address entitled "Do Words Matter?"

Earlier this year, Scalia spoke at a conference sponsored by the Mississippi College School of Law and condemned activists who back the use of international law in the U.S. legal system, saying they are selective when they want to use it.

Scalia opposed the use of international law and decisions by foreign courts to interpret the Constitution.

"If there was any thought absolutely foreign to the founders of our country, surely it was the notion that we Americans should be governed the way Europeans are," he said, according to the Jackson Free Press newspaper.

"I dare say that few of us here would want our life or liberty subject to the disposition of French or Italian criminal justice—not because those systems are unjust, but because we think ours is better," the pro-life jurist added.

But Scalia says those who advocate using foreign law do so selectively and ignore how many foreign laws oppose abortion and foreign courts have issued decisions allowing pro-life laws and abortion restrictions.

"I will become a believer in the ingenuousness, though never the propriety, of the Court's newfound respect for the wisdom of foreign minds when it applies that wisdom in the abortion cases," Scalia said.





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Dr. Frank Haydon, who is from Colorado said, "I first saw Abel out of the corner of my eye, and my heart stopped." He later performed six surgeries on Abel's legs aboard the Mercy Ship. There's an amazing connection you form with your patients. Given the language barrier, communication is through the eyes and the smiles and the trust," he explained.

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Abel before his surgeries



Abel after six surgeries

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Christian Newswire

The Gift Of Peace

By

Dr. Charles F. Stanley



Christmas sometimes passes like a red, green, and gold blur of lights, wrapping paper, and familiar carols. Bombarded by relatives, gifts, events, and special programs, there are times this blessed season hits as hard and fast as a Texas tornado. It commences whether we are prepared or not. And instead of joy, peace, and glory to God, it produces physical, emotional, and financial overload.

Often we submit to the overwhelming societal and commercial pressures because we truly want to make the most of the season. But in the midst of the hustle and bustle, what we actually need most—spiritually, emotionally, physically, and relationally—is to be quiet and observant. We gain the greatest benefit from being silent and tranquil—cherishing the opportunity to reflect on Christ’s birth and what our Savior really means to us. It is amazing the blessings and sense of peace we miss when we don’t take the time to be still and see how God is moving.

Think about the people who first missed Jesus’ birth. The religious leaders of Israel didn’t realize that the Father had sent the Savior, even though He announced through the prophet Isaiah, “The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel” (Isa. 7:14). They envisioned the Messiah to be a mighty warrior who would free the nation, not that He would be born in a barn or that God’s salvation would be accomplished on a cross.

Yet recall the people who did witness Jesus’ birth. Luke tells us, “There were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord’” (Luke 2:8-11).

It was in the stillness of that quiet night in Bethlehem that the announcement came. And because their ears and their hearts were open, the shepherds were blessed in an awesome way. The same is true for us.

I’ve often said, peace with God is the fruit of oneness with Him. Stopping in the midst of our hectic schedules and looking for ways the Savior is working is not only immensely important—it is downright indispensable. Through our time in His awesome presence, He settles our souls, fills our hearts with peace, strengthens us for the struggles ahead, and teaches us His ways—could anything be more satisfying, important, or powerful than that?

This Christmas, enjoy moments of silence and meditate upon God’s gift of salvation, character, and Word. Learn to look for Him in the stillness of the day and to anticipate His glory in the most unexpected places. In doing so, you will strengthen the foundation of your growing relationship with Him—and that’s the very best Christmas present you and I could ever receive.

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Live Long and Prosper: Going to Church Increases Lifespan

By

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My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart. If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying. Proverbs 3:1–2 (NLT)

OK, I know there must be some Star Trek fans out there among The Bridge readers. Come on, admit it. Unless you’ve undergone self-imposed isolation from the world for the last 45 years, you have likely seen Leonard Nimoy as Mr. Spock, giving the Vulcan salute and saying, “Live long and prosper.” (I am pretty sure I mastered the Vulcan salute as a child). And chances are if you remember watching the original Star Trek series in the 1960s, then you’ve probably given some thought to things you can do to live a longer and happier life.

Healthy eating habits and regular exercise rank among the top life-prolonging activities. But there is one activity with potentially life-prolonging benefits that you may not have considered: going to church. That’s right—studies show that attending a religious service more than once a week has the potential to help you live longer.

Several years ago, a group of scientists http://www.religionomics.com/old/cesr_web/papers/cesr_workshops/Hummer-Rogers-Nam-Ellison%20-%20Religious%20Involvement%20and%20Mortality.pdf conducted research on data collected from a large survey, principally from the <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm> National Health Interview Survey.¹ For this study, information from over 21,000 people—an amount considered a “nationally representative sample”—was used.

Here’s what the researchers found: compared to those who never attend religious services, people who attend church, temple, or synagogue more than once a week, have the equivalent of a 7.5-year-longer life expectancy! Those who do not attend religious services have a 1.87 times higher risk of death for most causes within eight years.

So does this mean that if someone is a dedicated church attendee, they have a good chance of living a healthier lifestyle than someone who never attends church? Yes, indeed, that is true. However, even after controlling for various factors, such as demographics, health status, socioeconomic status, and social ties, the researchers still found a strong (1.5x) and significant ($p < 0.01$) positive impact attending religious services had on the life expectancy of attendees.

It seems that Proverbs’ prescription for long life has some scientific backing. God tells us in Proverbs 3 what to do to “live many years”. Never forget the things He has taught us, and store His commands in our hearts. One good way to not “forget the things that He has taught us” is to stay active in church, for instance, getting involved in a Bible study group or other Church related activity. The Hummer study did show a smaller (1.21) but still significant ($p < 0.05$) health improvement for those who attended church once a week, even after correcting for all the factors mentioned above. The larger effect was seen in those who went more than once a week.

So there you have it—going to church helps you live longer. Perhaps if Spock were familiar with this recent research he might say going to church will help you “live long and prosper”!

(The above is reprinted from Today’s New Reasons to Believe. Go to www.reasons.org)

Endnotes:

1. Robert A. Hummer et al., “Religious Involvement and U.S. Adult Mortality,” *Demography* 36, no. 2 (May 1999): 273–85.

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I have an unusual way of looking at the world. My wife, Sharon, says I'm weird and truthfully – I am weird. But there's a reason. Starting from nothing, by the time I was 26, I had a net worth of a little over a million dollars. I was making \$250,000 a year – that's more than \$20,000 a month net taxable income. I was really having fun. But 98 percent truth is a lie and that two percent can cause big problems, especially with \$4 million in real estate. I had a lot of debt – a lot of short-term debt – and I'm the idiot that signed up for the trip.

The short version of the story is that debt caused us, over the course of two and a half years of fighting it, to lose everything. We didn't tell anyone what was going on but if we had to do it again we would learn from the wisdom of others who have been through it. We soon learned that we were not the only ones at the bottom. Barbie and Ken (you know, the couple who appear to be perfect – perfect clothes, perfect car, perfect house) are broke and I don't take financial advice from broke people anymore.

After losing everything, I went on a quest to find out how money really works, how I could get control of it and how I could have confidence in handling it. I read everything I could get my hands on. I interviewed older rich people, people who made money and kept it. That quest lead me to a really, really uncomfortable place – my mirror. I came to realize that my money problems, worries, and shortages largely began and ended with the person in my mirror. I realized also that if I could learn to manage the character I shaved with every morning, I would win with money.

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I went back to my first love, real estate, to eat and to get out of debt. Along the way I began another path – the path of helping others, literally millions of others, take the same quest to the mirror.

I formed The Lampo Group in 1988 to counsel folks hurting from the results of financial stress. I've paid the "stupid tax" (mistakes with dollar signs on the end) so hopefully some of you won't have to. I wrote the book *Financial Peace*, based on all that Sharon and I had learned, and began selling it out of my car. With a friend of mine, I started a local radio call-in show called "The Money Game" now nationally syndicated as "The Dave Ramsey Show."

Our company history is full of landmarks and we're not slowing down. The Lampo Group now has nearly 200 team members and a variety of products and services to help you reach your financial goals.

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Dave

Tips for Surviving Christmas Financially

By
Dave Ramsey

1. Remember it's in December every year—don't let it sneak up on you.  Start planning in February by putting back little bit aside each month to cover the cost of gifts.
2. Make a list of everyone you are buying a gift for and put a dollar amount by every name. Total it at the bottom. This is your Christmas budget. The people in the mall have a plan to get your money – get a game plan for your shopping so you can keep some money. There is no excuse for financing Christmas. 
3. Pay cash – put the total from your budget in an envelope and when the cash is gone stop spending. This will help keep you on budget because if you overspend on Aunt Sue, Uncle Harry won't get a gift. 
4. DON'T BUY YOURSELF A GIFT!  This is the season to give not to receive...from yourself.

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Warriors of the Word

By
Rebecca Matlock

Remember Sunday School “sticker charts”? How many of those verses you memorized in the fifth grade can you still quote? It is probably not as many as you would like. The Warriors of the Word organization takes scripture memorization out of the Sunday School room and challenges adults to memorize God’s Holy Word.

The Warriors of the Word organization was founded on the doctrine that all Christians are called by God to meditate on His words and hide them in our hearts. According to Dr. Kenneth Wojcik, a local chiropractor and a founding member of Warriors of the Word, the organization came from a genuine desire to impact not only the members, but also our community. “Why is it that Christ can take 12 men and change the world, while we have over 1200 churches in Shreveport alone and we can’t affect the morality of the people around us?” Dr. Wojcik said. “We are a nation of church people, but are we a nation of godly people?”

Warriors of the Word offers a simple solution to the crises we see in churches across the nation. “It’s about getting back to the basics,” Dr. Wojcik said, “and living in the Spirit seven



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days a week, day and night.”

According to Dr. Mark Sutton, former pastor of Brookwood Baptist and another founding member of the organization, “In His Word, God commands us to learn His Word.” Warriors of the Word offers a simple, but often difficult solution: scripture memorization. “It’s strictly memorization,” Dr. Sutton said. “We get Bible study and prayer in other areas in the church, but Warriors of the Word is about memorization, and that’s it.” Dr. Sutton has successfully memorized about 350 verses

since starting the program several months ago.

“You talk to people who have been Christians for a long time,” Dr. Sutton said, “and you begin to see that the scripture they know is what they memorized 10 years ago. They’re stagnating, not thriving and growing.” Dr. Sutton found this to be true of himself as well. “I memorized a verse every week, but would go back to what I had memorized several months ago and not remember anything.”

Dr. Wojcik has successfully memorized almost 700 Bible verses. He uses note cards to review a certain number of verses a day. “In Warriors of the Word, we test on all the scriptures memorized, not just the new ones from the past month or so,” Dr. Wojcik said. Dr. Sutton was able to draw from Dr. Wojcik’s experience, and they were able to put together the organization that became Warriors of the Word.

Warriors of the Word is not a formal organization. “We’re a disorganized group from all backgrounds, committed to hide God’s Word in our hearts,” Dr. Wojcik said. The process of memorization is modeled after Japanese martial arts. A certain number of memorized verses will earn a certain degree “belt.” Zero to eight verses will earn a white belt, eight verses will earn a yellow belt, 16 a green belt, 50 a first level black belt and so on until 1,000 verses earns the highest degree. Rather than actual belts, members receive a series of certificates as they progress through the stages. During the progression, one is expected to mentor newer members and encourage them along the way.

“It’s very easy to get started,” Dr. Wojcik said. “Just sit down in quiet with your Bible, and in a spirit of prayer, ask to be shown how many scriptures you already know. It’s not rote memory. We’re not about translations or anything else. We want to learn the message of the passage.” Warriors of the Word does not tell its members which passages to memorize. “We allow the Spirit to guide and direct you to the verses.”

According to Dr. Wojcik many are surprised by how many scriptures they already know. “People tell me they can’t memorize, but they know their phone number, their social security number, and they probably know several of their friends’ birthdays and phone numbers! We memorize all the time, and you’ve probably absorbed more scripture than you realize.”

Dr. Sutton said memorizing scripture has changed his life. “I had never had such an impact as when I started memorizing. It was probably the biggest jump I’ve made spiritually since I became a Christian. It brought power in my teaching, because all of a sudden,

these scriptures would come to my mind that God laid on my heart to share.”



Both Dr. Wojcik and Dr. Sutton were amazed by the number of people they were able to reach using the verses they had memorized. “I was surprised the first time someone came to me with a need to hear the very scripture I had memorized that week,” Dr. Sutton said. “But, by the 10th or 11th time, I was amazed!” Dr. Wojcik had a similar experience: “It’s amazing how many divine appointments will come up!”

The purpose of Warriors of the Word is to equip Christians to face battle with the world’s evil. They take as their theme Ephesians 6:10-18. “In the armor of God, we are given one offensive weapon, and that’s the Sword of the Spirit,” Dr. Wojcik said. “There’s a big difference between fighting beside a trained warrior and fighting beside someone who doesn’t know what they are doing. We hope to prepare those who are ready to fight for the battle.”

“God’s power comes from His Word,” Dr. Wojcik said. As Joshua 1:5-9 reminds us, we are to meditate on God’s Words day and night. What better way than to commit those very Words to memory?

“We’re like spiritual Weight Watchers,” Dr. Sutton said. “We meet for accountability and encouragement, but all serious study usually takes place alone.” Warriors of the Word can encourage you along the way, but to take full advantage of God’s Word, you have to develop your own spiritual disciplines and have the perseverance to walk daily in communion with God.

Warriors of the Word meets on Thursdays at the Brookwood Baptist Church coffee shop. For more information, or to get involved, contact Dr. Wojcik at wojcikke@yahoo.com.

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A highlight of The Bridge



Uniting Nations

By teaching English, Heidi Jensen builds friendships in the diplomatic community.

By Jennifer Abegg

Heidi Jensen began collecting postage stamps from countries around the world when she was 10. Through these small pieces of gummed paper, she began to learn more about other cultures.

Her stamps once represented foreign and unfamiliar places. Now they represent cultures she understands and people she knows.

Working With the U.N.

Today, Heidi knows women from at least 50 nations, and she interacts with dozens of them regularly. They're not just any women either—they are diplomats or wives of diplomats. They come to New York City to represent their countries at the United Nations.

Heidi helps these women get connected to others in the large city of New York. She is part of a team of eight staff members who work with a branch of Campus Crusade for Christ called Christian Embassy -- United Nations, an outreach to the diplomatic community there.

A Different Kind of Ambassador

Whether teaching an English class or leading a Bible study, Heidi represents God to these people. And she serves as a diplomat herself, an ambassador for the King of kings. She may be the only Christ-follower some of these leaders will ever know.

"We're working with people who represent the world, and the religions of the world," says Christian Embassy staff member Joanne Austin, "and they may have had very little exposure to real Christianity."

Living in New York

Dressed in a business suit as always, Heidi arrives at the Christian Embassy office and greets a co-worker who is slipping off walking shoes and wriggling her feet into high heels, standard practice for many New York women. Heidi brews a pot of organic French-roast coffee, boils water for tea and sets out biscotti. By 10:20 a.m., five women arrive, all dressed in contemporary attire. The circumstances at the United Nations often dictate the number of women who attend: sometimes it's 4, sometimes 15.



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United Nations Secretariat Building,
Manhattan, New York

A Classroom for Learning and Understanding Culture

"The women come for different reasons," says Heidi. "Some come primarily to learn English, others to make friends, and others may come because they want to know more about America."

One role of diplomats, and often their spouses, is to understand the culture of the nation to which they are sent. Therefore, some non-Christians attend a Bible study that Heidi offers, simply to understand what Christians believe.

"We welcome women of all faiths and backgrounds to join us for our studies," says Heidi. "It gives them an opportunity to consider what the Bible has to say on a variety of issues, and an opportunity for us to declare our faith in Christ."

A Classroom of Trust and Sharing

"These women share their own stories too, because they know that they are loved, valued and respected for who they are," says Heidi. "They know that our faith is genuine, and that even though their beliefs may be different from ours, we will bring their concerns to God -- and they appreciate that."

Sometimes the diplomats or diplomats' wives will even invite prayer, specifically asking Heidi to pray. It's a compliment Heidi doesn't take lightly. She knows that requests for prayer are significant, because diplomats are cautious. Their comments -- seemingly always on the record -- and their actions must represent their president, prime minister or head of state. But they feel safe with Heidi and are able to be themselves and ask questions.

Like thumbing through the pages of her stamp collection, here Heidi can see stamps of how God has used her in such an influential place in time and history. She is Christ's ambassador, representing Him to the world at the United Nations.

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Music In Church: The Great Divide In Our Ways of Worship

By
Katy Dotson

The lights dim as chords begin filling the room. On a Saturday night in Haughton, Louisiana, a small congregation begins offering praise to God using songs by contemporary Christian composers. The absence of bright spotlights focused on the band suggests that this is not a concert. This is intentional, explained Rev. Tommy Moore, who served as Minister of Worship and Arts at Christ Fellowship, Haughton, before moving to Israel in August.

“We have to get out of the way and make sure the congregation is falling in love with the King, not the band,” Rev. Moore said.

Hearing music in a church service is hardly a rare experience. It may be rare, however, for us to pause to consider why music is such a significant part of Christian worship

Outside the church walls, music connects us to characters in a movie scene, entertains us while we jog, or leaves us, frustratingly, humming about laundry detergent throughout the day. Music can fill our ears and minds with information we didn't want or need.

Inside the church walls, that same characteristic of music helps us to fill our minds with the teachings of our faith. Moses' final words to the Israelites included a song for the people to sing and teach their children. Teaching remains an important part of the songs we sing during worship.

“Hundreds of the lasting hymns were written to support a particular theological question of the day,” said Dr. Will Andress, Minister of Music at First United Methodist Church, Shreveport. “Since words with music are more easily memorized than words alone, it became a great tool of the church to reinforce doctrines,” Dr. Andress, said. The text of most hymns was written before the tune, the music following “as a vehicle for the words,” he explained.

In addition to teaching theology, music opens our hearts to God in a unique way.

“Making music for God allows us to communicate our deepest affections, have our spirits shaped, and prepares us for obedience to God's call in our lives,” said Rev. Herb Armentrout, Minister of Music at Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport. “Music allows us to find creative ways to express our love to God,” he said. “This creativity brings a freshness to our worship.”

Daniel Ray observed this aspect of music during his year as a music minister supply at New Hebron Baptist Church, Waskom, Texas.

“Music was designed by God to quicken the heart and open the soul to what God wants to teach you,” Ray said. Secular music shows that music itself isn't worship, but a tool for worship, he explained.

Using music as a tool for worship may include wading through an abundance of songs built on catchy hooks and shallow lyrics.

“There is a lot of fluff out there,” Rev. Moore said. “Worship should be an emotional experience, but our emotions should be our humble response to a holy God or joyful celebration of our victorious King, not goose bumps from an amazing guitar solo.”

Father Brendan Pelphrey of St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Shreveport, explained that chanting, an important part of worship in the Orthodox Church, deemphasizes worshipers' emotions. That is not to say chanting fails to affect worshipers. The affect, Fr. Pelphrey explained, is deeper than the fluctuations of human emotions.

Rev. Armentrout described another difficulty worship leaders can en-

counter. “Because our church family is so diverse, it is a huge challenge to provide music that helps people express their love for the Lord in a style that best suits them,” he said.

Although the many types of worship music available can be divisive, it can also help us focus on different attributes of God. Rev. Moore gave the example that orchestras convey God's majesty, while a single acoustic guitar suggests the intimacy of God's relationship with worshipers.

Looking for the theology behind our songs and letting music open our hearts to God can help us appreciate our next opportunity to worship God with other Christians in one of the many churches across our area.

Psalm 92:1 may sum it up best: “It is good to praise the Lord, and make music to Your name, O Most High.”



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Brigham's Family Dental Center 2281 Benton Rd - Bossier	Fairmont Apartments - Lobby 726 Cotton St, Shreveport	Jean Simpson Personel - 1318 Shreveport-Barksdale Hwy	Pool of Siloam Medical Ministry 4140 Greenwood Road - S'port	Stormy's Car Care (Floyd's) Broadway and Greenwood Rd. - Shreveport	
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Shipping out Bibles
On the 18th of Dec. we'll be shipping out all the Bibles we've collected. Thanks again to all of you who have brought them to us. If you can bring more before that date, or after that date, please do. We'll be making periodic shipments. We'll take pieces of Bibles, worn, slightly used, or new Bibles. English speaking people in foreign countries are fasting and praying for Bibles.



Church and Community Calendar



December 2-4: Dinner Theatre production “Christmas at Deacon Bob’s.” Each performance at 7:00 p.m. Airline Baptist Church, 4007 Airline Dr. in Bossier. Tickets available at church office. \$10.00. 746-3495

December 4-5: Will and Estate Planning Seminar, Speaker Rev. Johnny Upton, Sat. at 10:00 a.m. Sun. 10:30 a.m. Christ Center Church, 6808 Jefferson Paige Rd. in Shreveport, FMI or transportation call 525-9033

December 5: Gloria in Excelsis Deo - Chancel Choir Christmas Concert, First United Methodist downtown, Shreveport, 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free and Open to the Public

December 5: A light, warm-hearted production comparing today’s Christmas with its true meaning – the birth of Christ! 6:00 p.m. South Bossier Baptist Church, 1155 Sligo Road in Bossier. FMI 741-5651.

December 12: Missions Market 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church of Bossier City. 100 % of donations are used for the specific causes offered by the various agencies represented.

December 12: Musical presentation by our Mother’s Day Out children. Followed by “The Christmas Song” by Marty Parks; performed by the church choir. Barksdale Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. 1714 Jimmy Davis Hwy. in Bossier. Refreshments following.

December 12: The Christmas Music Program during the morning Worship Service, 10:45. Cypress Baptist Church, 4701 Palmetto Rd in Benton

December 12: Gloria... A Christmas Experience, celebrating the true meaning of Christmas. Featuring music artists Point of Grace. Two free performances at 3:00 and 6:30 p.m. Get tickets at the church office M-F from 8:30 – noon and 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Sundays, 9:30 -12:00. 2810 E. Texas

There will be a offering taken to help families in Bossier City. Partnering with Feed the Children Ministries we’ll deliver supplies of food , water and toiletries to 800 families in 2 Bossier communities.

December 15: Love Loud Light Night. First Baptist Bossier will be taking a free Christmas celebration to 6 different area neighborhoods. Good food, tree lightings, and Christmas festivities for children. Celebrating the love of Christ at Christmas. FMI call 746-7940.

December 19: Adult Choir Christmas Musical “Saints’ & Angels’ Song” 11:00 am. North Shreve Baptist Church, 4930 Old Mooringsport Rd, S’port, FMI 425-2350

December 19: “Lessons & Carols” at 7:00 p.m. Waller Baptist Church 456 Waller Ave. in Bossier. FMI call 746-6722 Open to everyone!

December 19: The annual Christmas production presented by the Acres Playmakers Drama Ministry of Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church @ 6:00pm, 7480 Greenwood Road Shreveport, LA. FMI - 318-938-1885 Come See!!

December 22-23 On Wed. Greenwood Acres FGBC Youth Orchestra For Christ will perform at Shriners Hospital, 3100 Samford at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at Bradford Nursing Home, 3050 Baird Road. Both locations are in Shreveport. Thurs. performances are at Westwood Manor Nursing

Home, 1 Westwood Park Circle at 10:00 a.m. and at Heritage Manor Stratmore Nursing Home, 530 Stratmore Drive at 2:00 Both locations are in Shreveport.

December 24: Special Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at 5:00 p.m. Barksdale Baptist Church 1714 Jimmy Davis Hwy. in Bossier

December 24: Christmas Eve service 5 PM – will inspire the holiday spirit in your family with warm Christmas carols and fun for the little ones. 9333 Linwood in Shreveport FMI: CalvaryShreveport.org or call 687-4920

December 24: Christmas Eve Service. 6:00 pm. Cypress Baptist Church, 4701 Palmetto Rd. in Benton

December 24: Family Christmas Eve Contemporary Service. Performing Arts Center, 3:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church head of Texas St, Downtown Their Candlelight Communion Services 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

December 25: Love Feast is a free Christmas meal for anyone in the community who would like to participate. 11:00 – 1:00. While hosted by First Methodist, at Bain hall, downtown, individuals, other churches and community agencies join in to provide this hot meal. FMI on attending or helping call 424-7771.

January 7, 2011: Price Harris Ministries presents A Night of Praise. Featuring Aaron Wilburn and Guy Hovis, the Allen Family, and the Needhams and other outstanding guests. 6:30 p.m. Calvary Baptist, 9333 Linwood in Shreveport. No admission charge.

January 9, 2011: The Perrys in Concert. 6:00 p.m. Central Assembly of God, 700 Hwy. 80 in Bossier City. Admission free – Love offering will be received. FMI 949-0010.

January 16, 2011: Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University starts, 5:00 to 7:00pm Summer Grove Baptist, South Park Mall in Shreveport. Entrance 2, in the Manna House. FMI 686-1470

Ongoing

Every 3rd Sunday at 5:00

Intercessory prayer for persecuted Christians Gateway Church (room 205) 8925 Youree Dr, Shreveport, LA 71105

Every Wednesday 30 Minute Worship Service starting promptly at 12:15 p.m. and ending promptly at 12: 45 p.m. Lunch following, prepared by Rev. Mims. Eat in or take out. Shiloh Baptist Church, 421 Webster St. in Shreveport.

Monday - Friday

Come hungry, leave full! Free hot meals served from 11:30 - 12:30. Airline Drive Church of Christ, 2125 Airline Dr. in Bossier. 746-2645

Second Thursday of every month

DINNER is SERVED – EVERYONE is invited. No Cost. No Hassle. Just Good Food. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Love Chapel United Methodist Church, 4600 Hwy. 80, Haughton (Across from Family Dollar) FMI 949-0430 or lovechapelumc@bellsouth.net



Local Support Groups



Cancer Support Group:

Bellaire Baptist, 746-3914, 4330 Panther in Bossier, 2nd Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Grief Recovery Groups:

Bellaire Baptist
746-3914, 4330 Panther, Bossier, Call for meeting time.
Summer Grove Baptist 688-2525, 8924 Jewella (Mall Entrance 2)
GriefShare - New 12 week session starts Jan. 5, 2011. New time from 6:30 to 7:45p.m.

Celebrate Recovery:

Bellaire Baptist
746-3914, 1210 Bellaire, Bossier, Tues 7:00 p.m. - Thurs 6:00
Church at Red River, 213-3600, 230 Flournoy Lucas Rd, Shreveport, Fridays, 6:00 Meal –Program at 7.
First Baptist Bossier, 746-7940, 2810 E. Texas, Bossier, Mondays, 5:00 p.m. Meal, 6:00 Teaching & Worship, 6:45 Small Groups
First Baptist Haughton, 949-2441, 105 E. Washington in Haughton, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
LA Baptist University, 686-2360, 601 Westport Ave., Shreveport, Mondays, 7:00- 9:00 pm.
Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission
Fridays 6:00 p.m. 901 McNeil St. in Shreveport

Divorce/Separation Care:

Bellaire Baptist,
746-3914, 4330 Panther, Bossier, Call for meeting times.
Summer Grove Baptist Church, 688-2525, Sundays, 4:30-5:50 P.M. room 2-S. New series begins Sunday, January 9

Men’s Support Group for Sexual Addiction

Free support meeting for men struggling with: sexually compulsive behavior, internet pornography, affairs and sexual addiction. Offices of Marty Miller, LPC, 820 Jordan, Suite 401, Shreveport. 6:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 1st; after that, the last Tuesday of each month. Must interview with counselor before attending the group. 318-222-6800.

Overeaters Anonymous:

We welcome anorexics, bulimics, and compulsive overeaters. Whatever your problem with food...we come in all sizes! For info about local weekly meetings contact Broadmoor Baptist in Shreveport at 868-6552 or Summer Grove United Methodist in Shreveport at 686-2514. Local OA Hotline # (318) 677-4002

Overcomers: Shreveport Community Church, 5720 Buncombe Road, Shreveport, Pam Beyer 671-7100

Overcomers Recovery Support-12 Step Program:

Victory Life Center, 746-4750 ext 108, 3012 Shed road, Bossier City, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Word of Life Center, 687-4777, 4425 Meriwether Rd, Shreveport, Mondays 7:00-9:00 p.m.



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Program Guide

Monday—Friday

In the morning...

- 6:00 Renewing Your Mind - R.C. Sproul
- 6:30 Back to the Bible - Woodrow Kroll
- 6:55 Mission Network News
- 7:00 Focus on the Family - Jim Daley
- 7:30 In Touch- Charles Stanley
- 8:00 Grace to You - John MacArthur
- 8:30 Love Worth Finding- Adrian Rogers
- 9:00 Just Thinking - Ravi Zacharias
- 9:15 KeyLife - Steve Brown
- 9:30 Family Life Today - Dennis Rainey
- 10:00 Family Talk - James and Ryan Dobson
- 10:30 Revive our Hearts - Nancy Leigh DeMoss
- 11:00 For Faith and Family - Richard Land
- 11:30 Wallbuilders Live - David Barton

In the afternoon...

- 12:00 Insight for Living- Charles Swindoll
- 12:30 Turning Point - David Jeremiah
- 1:00 Point of View - Kerby Anderson
- 2:00 Dave Ramsey Show
- 4:00 Just Thinking - Ravi Zacharias
- 4:15 SB Rescue Mission - Jim Brackman
- 4:30 Focus on the Family - Jim Daley
- 5:00 Urban Alternative - Tony Evans
- 5:30 Sign off

Saturday

In the morning...

- 6:00 The Car Show
- 8:00 Christian Worldview - David Wheaton
- 9:00 Point of View - Kerby Anderson
- 11:00 Eagle Forum Live - Phyllis Schafly

In the afternoon...

- 12:00 Sports Spectrum
- 1:00 Washington Watch Weekly - Family Research Council
- 1:30 Back to the Bible - Woodrow Kroll
- 2:00 Jonathan Park -
- 2:30 Ranger Bill
- 3:00 Adventures in Odyssey
- 3:30 Road to Reality - Gospel for Asia
- 4:00 Let my People Think - Ravi Zacharias
- 4:30 The Dave Ramsey Show
- 5:30 Sign Off (Dave Ramsey continues on online streaming)

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Sunday

In the morning...

- 6:00 Grace to You - John MacArthur
- 6:30 BreakPoint: This Week - Chuck Colson
- 7:00 Love Worth Finding - A. Rogers
- 7:30 Family Life - Dennis Rainey
- 8:00 Let my People Think- Ravi Zacharias
- 8:30 In Touch - Charles Stanley
- 9:00 Focus on the Family Weekend
- 10:00 The First Word - First Baptist Bossier
- 11:00 Turning Point Weekend
- 11:30 Back to the Bible - Woodrow Kroll
- 12:00 Washington Watch Weekly

In the afternoon...

- 12:30 Christian Worldview
- 1:30 Unshackled
- 2:00 Ranger Bill
- 2:30 Adventures in Odyssey
- 3:00 Focus on the Family
- 4:00 Road to Reality - Gospel for Asia
- 4:30 Hour of Decision - Billy Graham
- 5:00 In Touch - Charles Stanley
- 5:30 Sign off

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- 5:30 Renewing Your Mind
- 6:00 Grace to You
- 6:30 Family Life Today
- 7:00 Revive our Hearts
- 7:30 In Touch
- 8:00 Back to the Bible
- 8:30 Family Talk
- 9:00 Focus on the Family
- 9:30 Love Worth Finding
- 10:00 For Faith and Family
- 10:30 Turning Point
- 11:00 Just Thinking
- 11:15 SB Rescue Mission
- 11:30 Urban Alternative
- 12:00 Sign Off

Saturday PM Streaming Schedule

- 5:30 The Dave Ramsey Show
- 7:30 Adventures In Odyssey
- 8:00 Road to Reality
- 8:30 SportsSpectrum
- 9:30 Let My People Think
- 10:00 Point of View
- 12:00 Sign Off

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