



Tallapoosa church of Christ

"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

Welcome Visitors

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We are blessed by your attendance and worshipping with us!

Prayer Requests

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Martha Payne
The families of Charlie Shaw
The family and friends of Jennifer Lee
Diane Aldridge
Bonnie Godwin
The Wilkersons
Sharon Estvanko
Sherry Dye
Sarah Stapler
Juanita Hamblin and family
Joyce Combs

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December:
Shane Buchanan 1
Betty May Mallory 3
Sarah Stapler 27

Carlos and Martha Payne 18
Misty and Lupe Medina 22

“When Worship Is Boring”

By Steve Higginbotham

How many times have you heard someone characterize worship services as “boring.” In fact, how many times have you characterized worship in the same way? “Boring Worship” is a tragedy! Something must be done about it. But most of the attempts at solving this problem are futile and don’t address the real problem.

Most of the efforts to eliminate “boring worship” center on how we do the things we do in worship. They center around changing up the order of worship, the type of songs we sing, varying the length of time we spend on different avenues of worship, etc. While these matters deserve to be in the discussion, they are at best, on the periphery of the discussion.



God's Plan of Salvation

1. Hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17; Acts 16:32)
2. Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Heb 11:6)
3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confession (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
5. Baptism (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3-4)
6. After the above five steps, faithful (Christian living (1 Peter 2:11-12; Rev. 2:10)

Next Week Leading Worship:

Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Harel Otwell
Scripture	Camp Mallory
Song Leader	Brennan Mallory
Opening Prayer	Tony Hotalen
Table	Kelly Cauthen
Assisting	Korbin Cauthen
Closing Prayer	Joe Mallory

Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Joe Mallory
Song Leader	Brandon Estvanko
Opening Prayer/Table	Kenny Laminack
Closing Prayer	Camp Mallory

This Week Leading Worship:

Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Tony Hotalen
Scripture	Korbin Cauthen
Song Leader	Joe Mallory
Opening Prayer	Harel Otwell
Table	Brandon Estvanko
Assisting	Carlos Payne
Closing Prayer	Kelly Cauthen

Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Harel Otwell
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Closing Prayer	Kenny Laminack

“Boring Worship” is eliminated when my spirit is prepared to worship. And when my spirit is not prepared to worship, none of the proposed solutions listed above are of any value.

Let me illustrate. When my dad died, we had a “typical funeral” for him. I’ve attended hundreds of funerals, and they are all conducted in just about the same way every time. For my dad’s funeral to be meaningful to me, no one had to dim the lights, or shake up the way we organized the funeral so it would vary from the routine. You see, that service was meaningful to me because my spirit was engaged. I fully understood why I was there, what it was about, and how indebted I was to the one I was honoring.

Reminders:

Fellowship Meal following 11:00 service!

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Sunday Bible study: 10AM

Sunday Worship: 11AM

Sunday Afternoon: 6 PM

Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

Joe Mallory, Minister

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Solving the problem of “Boring Worship” is not so much an issue for elders to wrestle with regarding how to change procedure, but rather, it’s an issue for those who are “bored” to better prepare our inward person to honor the one who saved them.

Are there externals that can enhance our worship experience? Absolutely, just like there are some that can detract from a meaningful worship experience. But don’t think that by shuffling the externals, we can eliminate “boring worship.” That will only be eliminated when one’s spirit is engaged.