

The GIFT of MUSIC

Do we realize what God did in giving us sound and music? Do we realize what our song leaders do for us each week? There has been many a worship time that began with us grumbling and mumbling the lyrics to the opening song but by the middle of the service voices blend and JOY emerges. How do you account for that? There is a movement of the Holy Spirit of God within his people when they join voices in praise.

Researches have strapped heart monitors on choir singers and noted, “As choir singers harmonize, their breathing and heartbeats synchronize with the music—creating a rewarding feeling of oneness.... The controlled breathing that singing demands also seems to have a calming influence....” (*The Week*, July 26, 2013). The author of the university study summarized their findings: “When you’re singing together, you are synchronizing with other people, and harmonizing in your hearts.”

It’s funny to hear science catch up with what scripture has always taught. “*Be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord*” (Ephesians 5:18-19). Old Testament or New, people have been singing their hearts out to God in groups.

Leading us in song is not as simple as our singing in the shower or in our car with the radio blasting. It takes practice, focus, and learning to lead us each week. A good singer may not be a good song leader, because a solo act is not the goal but a whole group glorifying God. Just as in good preaching or good praying, the goal of good song leading is for the person to disappear and the LORD to be seen.

Can we say Thank You to **Dave Williams, Gerry, Dave Cook, Carl, and Tate?** Do we appreciate what they do to choose songs and lift our hearts to the throne of God each week? There are people at worship who aren’t here for my preaching but for their singing. That’s good. Our singing is a living illustration of what we aspire to be as God’s church: different people, with different voices, all singing in harmony a unified song of praise to the God who saved us.

We have all experienced coming to worship feeling low only to feel the Lord lift our hearts as we sing. It’s a mystery as to which song or which words suddenly touch our heart, and deepen our devotion. Something from God’s Spirit is at work.

So regardless of how you feel, lift up your voice and sing!

Mark

DEACON Selection

Please don’t forget to fill out and hand in your Deacon review form; the deadline is March 15th. Continue to pray for the church as we search for these special SERVANTS.

You can turn in your forms to one of the committee: Scott, Vivian, Darren, Bibi or Jack, OR place them in the Collection plate.

TONIGHT AT 6:00 PM, The “Psalm Singers”

Will Be Singing HERE! Brad and his group of Christian singers and writers will be HERE to perform for us. **WE WILL HAVE “Finger Foods” and refreshments.** Bring something good with you and enjoy this special performance.

EASTER is Coming Up in 4 Weeks: Who will you invite? Who will you bring?

Coming Soon, “Children’s Church” (ages 3-8):

Anyone interested in helping or for more information please attend the **MEETING** after service on March 15th.

Women of Faith: PITMAN is hosting a simulcast event for women called ***Unwrap the BIBLE*** THIS Saturday, March 14, 8:30AM – 5:00PM. Cost is \$15 & includes an all-Day Broadcast, Light Breakfast & Lunch. Childcare is available. **REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER (Deadline is March 8th)**

Youth Group Friday: March 13th, 7 - 9PM will meet here at the building to make cookies for Visitor Bags. (Please bring 1 bag of cookie mix). Eggs, butter, oil, etc. will be supplied.

Fellowship Meal Luncheon after Worship, March 22nd. Hospitality Team #4 is in charge of set up.

Cathedral Kitchen Meal for Homeless: Volunteer to serve a meal at the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. Next date is Friday, **March 27th**. ***See Vivian to help.*** We leave from the church parking lot at 3:00PM.

Haircuts for Missions: will be on March 14th.

HAVE YOU WATCHED THE SLIDE SHOW on the TV Monitor in the Lobby? Karen and Margaret take turns each month doing a very creative job of posting the announcements for us each week!

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Opening Prayer: Dave Cook

Welcome & Scripture Nelson Nuñez (Psalm 103:10-14)

Lord's Supper: Josh Henderson, Carl Smith, Bill C., Logan McEntire

Scripture Reading: Tate Perazzelli (1 Peter 2:21-25)

Closing Prayer & Announcements: Bret Goen

Nursery: Chris Ann & Hannah Next Week- Kristin & Karen

Purple Cleaning Team March 11-14 **Becky** coordinates.

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Preacher
Church Office- (856) 854-0197

ELDERS:

Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876
Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276
Bret Goen (856) 996-5267

Chet Churchill (609) 560-7179 **Contribution** **\$3,489**
Howard Mansdoerfer (609) 790-9969 **Budget Goal** **\$4,260**

Daily Bible Readers: 31

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