

Worship Works on our Will

“Not my will, but Yours be done,” Jesus prayed. We find ourselves in that same place of struggle time and again. Who’s going to call the shots? Me or God?

Knowing the will of God isn’t complicated. Is the Sermon on the Mount hard to understand? We understand sharing the message of Jesus with lost people. We understand our need to grow to Christian maturity. We know about using our time, talent, and treasure to serve others. Knowing God’s will isn’t hard. Giving up our own will—that’s hard!

Here is where worship comes in. **Worship is a place where we meet with God and make a decision about whether we will go His way.** Every Sunday there are folks who mumble through or are silent during our songs, who don’t bow in prayer, and who uneasily take the Lord’s supper. I would say most of them are struggling in some way with God’s will. They don’t want to sing a lie. (Yet I am glad they are here—brave enough to come and face that struggle.)

When we sing **“to you alone may my spirit yield”** people are making decisions in their heart. We join our voices, singing, **“Lord, take control. Take control”** and in that moment more lives are changing than in a month’s worth of my sermons.

Singing, **“Love one another”** (The Greatest Command) has likely produced more forgiveness between husbands, wives, kids and other angry rivals than any expert negotiator could.

God told us to worship for a reason. We need it. When you boil it all down, Christianity is not about special knowledge, it’s about a decision: my will, or His will. That decision is often made when we worship.

Mark

DEACON’S LUNCH, Today, right after Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Their families are invited to lunch. Deacons and leaders are huddling-up for the fall season.

“First Fall Fellowship” Meal NEXT WEEK, Sept. 20, after Worship. Hospitality group #2 is in charge of set-up and clean-up. ***Please sign-up to bring food.*** This is the kick-off celebration for our “Emotionally Healthy Spirituality” series.



EHS Small Groups start on Sept. 27! If you don’t have a Small Group/ LIFE Group for the 8-week “Emotionally Healthy Spirituality” series, **SIGN-UP at the Book Table** in the lobby. We are also looking for **people willing to HOST** a Small Group. We will provide you with all the study materials you need to lead a group discussion! Please Sign-up. The 2 books are available at that table at cost.

Today’s Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Carl Smith

Welcome & Scripture: Matt Jagnarain (Psalm 119:169-176)

Opening Prayer: Jack Swinehart

Lord’s Supper: Kevin Finn, TBD, Henry Duncan, Ed Francoeur

Scripture Before Message: Tate Perazzelli (1 John 4:16-21)

Announcements & Prayer: Rick Boyle

Greeters: Tony Sr., Rich Fabi, Sandie Fabi, Margaret Perazzelli

Men’s Retreat at Camp is Sept. 26th We plan to go as a group on Saturday. See Bill Ceraso for details.

Sr. High Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Friday, Sept. 18th 7-9pm @ Collingswood. We will be assembling "Encouragement Bags" for the homeless. Bags will be filled with helpful items, words of encouragement and your favorite scripture. **Please bring a new pair of socks, and a non-perishable food.**

"Blessing Bags" List: Please check out the bulletin board. The Sr. High Youth Group is hoping that **YOU** can help them collect these items for them to give "Blessing Bags" to homeless shelters. There is a basket in the hallway.

Jr. High Youth Group (grades 6-8) Saturday, Sept. 19th will be **meeting at** Chris, Kristin, and Nicky's home for an outdoor movie and snacks. Please text Kristin (609-472-0466) to let her know if your child will attend.

KFC Youth Group (2nd – 5th grades): Saturday, Sept. 19, 1-3pm we will go Bowling @ Westbrook Bowling Center, Brooklawn. See Laura Francoeur for details and sign-up to be included on email and text group reminder list for events.

Haircuts for Missions: September 19th Thank you !

Nursery: Lillian and Hannah Next Week- Debbie & Nina

Pink Cleaning Team: Sept. 16-19 **Howard & Donna** Coordinate

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Worship 122
Bible Class 63
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Daily Bible Readers: 28

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September 13, 2015

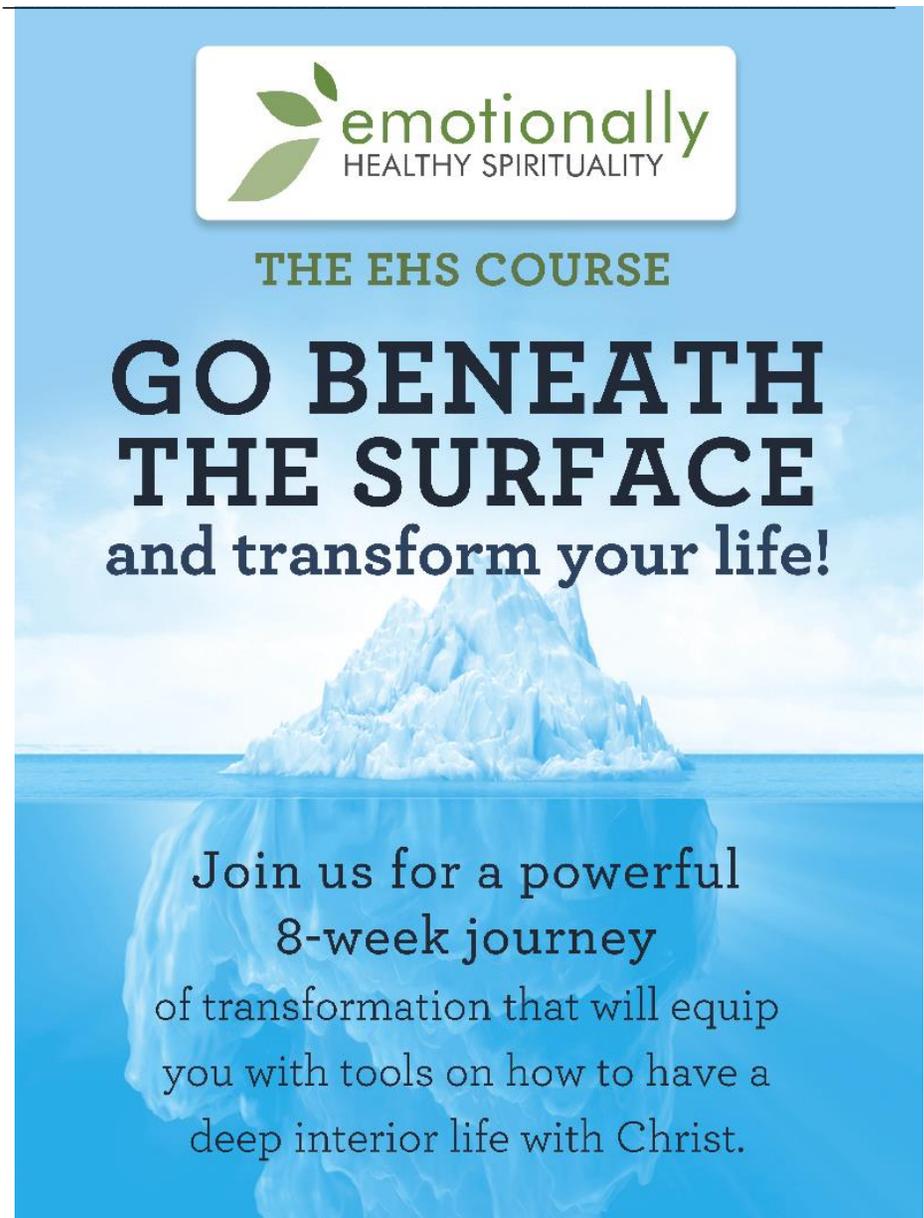
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"Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)



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