

Music in the Church

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In preparing this article, let me first say this, I have no personal animosity toward anyone attempting to practice religion. But, I do not believe that every practicing religion is obeying the Lord. Now, as a Gospel preacher, I have burning desires to obey the truth that is clearly outlined in the Bible. And, when anyone may challenge those truths, you may expect me to arise and defend them because only the truth can set men free and keep them free when the Scriptures are believed and obeyed.

Every so often, I am asked where and who do you preach for. I respond by saying, "I preach for the Lord in the church that he died for and this is simply called the church of Christ." (Romans 16:16) This was all the church was called until the 16th Century. And in **Matthew 16:13-15**, Jesus said he would "build (future) my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Then, some will say, you go to that church that doesn't have any music. When asking them what they mean, they respond by saying, "no piano, no organ, no guitars, banjos, etc." The answer is, we do not use them because there is not one command, one example or any reference where they were used. Almost immediately they return to the Old Testament Law and start talking how the the beloved David used them. Not to seem harsh in my response, I remind them that Christ nailed the Law of Moses on his cross when he shed his blood for the New Testament. And this is the law that we are to trust in and obey today,

alone. Consider Hebrews 9:8-17. Take just 5 minutes and read this to clear up your doubts about what law we are presently living under.

So, do we as obedient Christians have music in our assembly. Absolutely, but only the kind that the Lord authorizes in **Ephesians 5:19**, "speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"

Adam Clarke wrote, said of this verse: Hymns, probably pointing to David in the Old Testament, songs that were composed to stir the heart, and were intended to magnify God. Then singing and making melody in the heart, always accompanied with the lips. He went on to say that it is profanation of divine worship to attempt to draw nigh to God with the lips alone, while the heart is far from him. It is too often the case that in a public worship, men are carried away from a song's message by the sounds of a mechanical instrument that is put to them. So, choirs, special singing; hardly ever are effective to what may be called the singing of praises. (AC - 1817).

So, how far can men go from God? As far as the desire -- when men's desires go farther than the Lord of Christ allows, then they are in grave danger now and at the judgment. So why no put your piano, guitar, etc. where the sacrifice of animals belongs under the law! Paul wrote in **Galatians 5:1** and verse 4, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. . . . 4Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace!"

P.S. We offer good tracts concerning the subject of music. Just call 1-859-369-4165. We will send you one free of charge. Sincerely, B. Casey.



Highway 15 will be performing at the Pickin' in the Park at Rising Park in Irvine. They are talented singers from Powell County that feature great harmony. Described as "young, energetic, ambitious!" Perform country, Bluegrass, Gospel, oldies and current hits. First place winners at the Kentucky State Fair. Coached by Estill native Connie Dixon White. All shows begin at 6:30 and admission is free. The Summer Concert Series is sponsored by the Estill County Public Library and the City of Irvine. Rising Park is located on North Court Street, directly behind the library.

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We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing...

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8



Detail of "Self-Portrait with Hand on the Forehead" by Käthe Kollwitz (1910)

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One of the most irritating, aggravating, frustrating - and yet stimulating - questions is - "Why?" It angers parents and annoys teachers. It disturbs moments of quiet reflection when we think we have the answers to "everything" then we realize we don't. It bothers us deeply when we are asked "why" did you do this or "why" did you do that. It seems to be planted deep within the brains of children to make us defensive or angry or even feel stupid.

But "Why" is an important question. It can force us to look at what we have done or what we are about to do. It can, in all reality, keep us from doing wrong or encourage us to do what is right.

David addresses the

"Why" question quite frequently. In Psalm 86, however, he makes an observation and then answers it with "why."

He wrote, "I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify Your name forever." Then he adds the why for us: "For great is Your love toward me; You have delivered me from the depths of the grave."

"Praise" and "glorify" are a most important part of our worship. When we look at these two verses together, we find an important reason to remind us why we worship God: it is because of His love and mercy.

We may not know what he is referring to when He said that "God delivered me from the depths of the grave."

And perhaps that's good. What's don't matter - God does! There are many days when we feel we are about to be "buried alive." Then, God delivers us. It's time to worship.

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Peter and John Before the Council (Acts 4:1-4)

1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, 2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide. 4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

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JOHN 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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Find the bolded/underlined words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Wednesday, September 27

Gospel Meeting at South Irvine CC

The Gospel Meeting at the South Irvine Church of Christ, concludes Wednesday, September 27 at 7 p.m.

The guest preacher is Diondre Hensley who preaches for the Fairfax Church of Christ in Winchester. The theme for the meeting will be, "The Righteous Man Shall Live by Faith" (Rom. 1:17).

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call (606) 975-0550.

Sunday, October 1st @ 10:30am

Old Fashion Day at Epperson

Epperson First Church of God, 14475 Irvine Road, Winchester, will be having Old Fashion Day on Sunday, October 1, 2017, starting at 10:30 a.m. It will be casual dress in a relaxing décor. The Kentucky Mountain Trio will be singing with a great lunch following. Everyone is welcome. Bring nothing but yourself.

Sunday, October 1st @ 10:00am

Ivory Hill Baptist Homecoming

Ivory Hill Baptist Church will observe their annual Homecoming on Sunday, October 1, 2017. Missy Ryder will be the guest singer. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. A potluck lunch will be served after morning worship. Pastor Mike Hetrick and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 4-6 & Sun., Oct 8

SI Christian Revival & Homecoming

South Irvine Christian Church, 19 Lincoln Avenue, South Irvine, will be having its fall revival Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, October 4-6, starting at 7:00 p.m., followed by homecoming on Sunday, October 8.

There will be special singing each service with Bro. Bro. Dale Borders on Friday and Glory Road on Friday. Homecoming on Sunday will feature special music by Johnetta Whalen. A potluck dinner will follow morning service. Everyone is welcome to attend these services. Bro. John McCord is the pastor.

Saturday, October 14th @ 9am

Big Hill Christian Craft Fair

Big Hill Christian Church will be having a Craft Fair on Saturday October 14, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Church, 1150 Goggins Lane, Richmond.



1. IS THE BOOK OF CORNELIUS in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. What were Gihon, Pison, Tigris and Euphrates as connected with the Garden of Eden? Cities, Kings, Rivers, Caves
 3. In the sight of the Lord, how many years are but as yesterday when it is

past? 10, 100, 500, 1,000
 4. From 1 Kings, who is given credit for writing 1,005 songs? Jacob, Solomon, Philip, David
 5. In Acts 13, where were Paul and Barnabas deserted by Mark? Jericho, Perga, Athens, Damascus
 6. From Psalms 147, what did God giveth snow like? Praise, Outcasts, Wool, Clouds
 Answers on bottom of Page 11
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