

# MAY 2024

## MONTHLY BULLETIN

### *Church of Christ*

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## I BELIEVE THE LORD WAS GLORIFIED

***Psalms 7:17 <sup>17</sup> I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.***

Several years ago, Becky's father went Home to be with the Lord. At his funeral and graveside services, it was dad's desire we include congregational singing only. No recordings of "beautiful or professional singing and playing", but he wanted those attending his memorial to sing as they normally would in a church of Christ assembly. As you would expect, those in the audience were singing from their heart and spirits, and a majority of those in attendance were brothers and sisters of the Lord's body. For them especially, this was nothing new. This was the same type of singing they normally did every Lord's day and midweek assembly of every week.

At the graveside service those in attendance were mostly brothers and sisters, and there were not a whole lot of people who were in attendance, for most who attended the building memorial service were not at the gravesite. Perhaps, there was maybe a dozen in attendance. Those dozen were singing with all their hearts, for it was outside, and it was hard to hear. It was quite obvious those singing were not professional singers, for the singing was a bit off key. It was hard to hear the song leader due to the outside noises, and the singing was off-time as well. However, it was obvious, the Lord was being praised through this singing.

At the close of the graveside service, the funeral director stood up at the front and announced he had never heard such beautiful and heartfelt singing at a funeral service. He seemed to be very forthright and honest. I do not believe he was mocking the group, nor was he simply lavishing praise. He said he was very moved by the singing and by those in attendance who wanted to honor dad. He concluded by saying it was a most beautiful way to close the graveside service. After the service was ended, I went to him and told him how much we appreciated his words. He assured me that he meant every word. I then asked him if he had a religious affiliation, and he said he was part of a denomination. He honestly said, "but our singing (the church he belonged to) was nothing like what this little group did. It obviously came from your hearts."

I appreciated his observation very much. The denomination he belongs to sings with instrumental accompaniment, and they highlight performance and not necessarily participation. And as you know (or at least I hope you do) the Lord's body highlights participation and not necessarily performance. What this gentleman heard was common ordinary brothers and sisters singing from their hearts. I do not recall the exact songs, but I am confident they praised the Lord.

It is my strong conviction that the Lord was glorified as a result of this singing that was obviously off-key and off-timing. But I also believe, this is what caught this gentlemen's attention. And he liked it! I left him with my card and urged him to call me back if he was interested in knowing more about how the churches of Christ sing praises to the Master for His wondrous provision and works. I hope he told others about what he had heard and what seemed to impress him. I hope, as he closed out his day, that he hummed or even sang the songs that were impressed upon his memory. Perhaps, one day, He will give glory to the Lord and maybe even search the Scriptures daily to see what was so special about this small group, most of which were simple brothers and sisters who simply wanted to praise the Lord and honor this old soldier who had gone Home! What a great testimony! I am confident the Lord was glorified!

***1 Corinthians 14:15 <sup>15</sup> What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.***

Jay Graham

# PROGRAM FOR MAY 2024

Elder: Gordon C

SUNDAY 9:30 AM	5	12	19	**26**
<i>Song Director</i>	Jeremy M	Tyler S	Joseph J	Joe B
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Bill F	Jim B	Jerry B	Tim M
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Gerry A	Marty E	Philip C	Bill F
<i>Prayer</i>	Steve P	Fred M	Bill B	Jim B
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Tom A	Joe B	Jess B	Mark M
<i>Attendants</i>	Jerry B	Bill B	Marty E	Thomas A
	Glen W	Philip C	Joe B	Philip C
	Tyler S	Jeremy M	Tom A	Jess B
	Mark M	Jared G	Steve P	Travis S
<i>Sermon</i>	Joseph J	Jess B	Glen W	Gordon C

\*\*Sunday afternoon service 1:15 p.m.

SUNDAY 6:00 PM	5	12	19	**26**
<i>Song Director</i>	Jeremy M	Tyler S	Joseph J	Joe B
<i>Bible Drill</i>	Lk 10:1-12	Lk 10:17-24	Lk 10: 25-37	Lk 10 :36-42
<i>Leader</i>	Jerry B	Thomas A	1 Wk Study Update	Readings/Songs

WEDS 7:00 PM	1	8	15	22	29
<i>Song Director</i>	Steve P	Brad R	Dylan R	John M	Gordon C
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Boom B	Jordan R	Peter M	Travis S	Tyler S
<i>Prayer</i>	Travis S	Tom A	Marty E	Peter M	Mark M

Announcements: Jeremy M  
Business Meeting: Thomas A

Upstairs: Glen & Becky W  
Downstairs: Joseph & Jenny J

CLASSES	SUNDAY TEACHER	WEDNESDAY TEACHER
Pre-school	Jenny J	Michelle M
K-6	Callie B	Steve P
7 <sup>th</sup> & Up	Cindy M	Lisa S
Adult	Jared G	Jeremy M
Bible Drill	Joseph J	

SPECIAL DAYS		
May 1	Pat Armstrong	Birthday
May 3	Bill Bennett	Baptized
May 8	Becky Woody	Birthday
May 13	Maylee Proudfit	Birthday
May 13	Chad Barringer	Birthday
May 14	Glen Woody	Birthday
May 15	Jenika Schreck	Birthday
May 17	Jamie Crossley	Birthday
May 23	Annalise Schreck	Birthday
May 26	Rita Meiners	Birthday
May 27	Fred Meiners	Baptized
May 28	Fred Meiners	Birthday
May 29	Liberty Morris	Birthday
May 30	Wayne Jennings	Birthday
May 30	John & Amber Morris	Anniv.
May 31	Jess & Callie Barringer	Anniv.