

ORDER FOR THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

A Service of Celebration and Covenantal Renewal

February 28, 2010

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, 10:45 A.M.—

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP GOD—

We gather to worship our God in spirit and in truth...

Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" ³⁷Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH SINGING

CONFESSING OUR GOSPEL FAITH—

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED FOR THE GOSPEL TODAY—

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MINISTRY OF THE WORD, PART 1—

THE BOOK OF DANIEL :

Our Sovereign God... Servant Calling... Certain Hope “The Difference between Worshipping Worship and Worshipping God”, Daniel 3:1-18

I. Nebuchadnezzar – The Insanity of Sin and the Brokenness of Man-centered Worship

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness; the nourishment of mind with His truth; the purifying of imagination by His beauty; the opening of the heart to His love; the surrender of will to His purpose—and all this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centeredness which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin. (William Temple)

¹ King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, ninety feet high and nine feet wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ² He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up. ³ So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it.

⁴ Then the herald loudly proclaimed, "This is what you are commanded to do, O peoples, nations and men of every language: ⁵ As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶ Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace."

⁷ Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations and men of every language fell down and worshiped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Nebuchadnezzar demonstrates the insanity of sin and the brokenness of worship:

- **He wouldn't accept his mortality.** Nebuchadnezzar totally ignored the “after you” part of his dream and Daniel's interpretation.
- **He perpetuated the myth of his autonomy.** In the very region where the original Tower of Babel was erected, Nebuchadnezzar built his own tower of independence and “self-salvation”.
- **He loved worship, but not the worship of God.** Nebuchadnezzar is a perfect example of what happens when we believe that the chief end of man is to glorify ourselves and find some kind of god(s) to get it done.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF THE WORD, PART 2—

II. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – The Sanity of Redemption and the Beauty of God-centered Worship

⁸ At this time some astrologers came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹ They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! ¹⁰ You have issued a decree, O king, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the

image of gold, ¹¹ and that whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace. ¹² But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, O king. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up."

¹³ Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, ¹⁴ and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? ¹⁵ Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?"

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Daniel's “Gospel-Posse”, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, demonstrate the sanity of redemption and the beauty of God-centered worship.

- They were recognized in Babylon as great citizens and servant-leaders. It was **because** of their love for God they excelled in their vocations. Trouble arose at the hands of envious astrologers.
- When confronted, they responded to king Nebuchadnezzar non-defensively, but refused to compromise their worship of God. It would have been easy to play “worship” games in the moment of threat and fear... bowing down outwardly to Nebuchadnezzar's idol, while remaining “standing up on the inside.” But they were too possessed by the grace and glory of God for such nonsense.
- These three men didn't worship **worship**, they worshipped **GOD**. They didn't worship God as a means to some personal end. They had come to terms with their mortality and so-called autonomy much earlier in life! They worshipped God because he is God... **whether he would deliver them from the fire or through the fire!**

Notes:

SONG OF REFLECTION

MINISTRY OF THE WORD, PART 3—

III. The Call to Worship God – How then shall we respond?

Considering **our** place in the history of redemption... considering that **we** are the people to whom the “rock cut not by human hands” has already come... considering that **we** live on **this** side of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, how much more like Daniel and his gospel-posses should we be, in our worship of God?

As we'll see next week, the furnace got heated up and Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into it. But there was a **fourth man in the furnace!**

Jesus is the fourth man! Jesus took the furnace of God's judgment for us that we might worship the one true living God in Spirit and in truth. Do you know him? Do you love him? Will you worship him... whether he delivers you from the furnace or through the furnace?

Notes:

SONG OF RESPONSE

NEW MEMBERS RECOGNITION—

Michael & Lisa Berry	Jeff & Leeann Hays
Nathan & Hollie Birkhead	Karen Scheibe
Steve & Rena Byington	Ryan Vest
Cleve & Annie Haralson	Steven & Katie Widmaier

BENEDICTION—

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.” (2 Thess. 3:18)



Questions for Reflection, Conversation and Application

1. What had the most impact on you today from our time in God's worship and his Word? What was encouraging, convicting, and/or calling for more clarification?
2. How would you explain the difference between the worship of worship and the worship of God? How can you tell when personal preference, about style, music, etc., gets in the way of your worshipping God just because of who he is?
3. None of you has been seen building 90-foot statues of yourself, but what kinds of memorials, idols and statues do we erect, nonetheless? Reputation... success... control... etc.?
4. When we sing the line, “He gives and takes away...” we're real comfortable with the Lord giving; It's the “taking away” part that's often quite hard. How did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego demonstrate hearts free enough to sing and to mean these words? What are you most afraid of God taking from you?
5. Scott Roley finished the service reminding us that our place in the history of redemption is far, far better than that of Daniel and his friends. The 4th man in the furnace was Jesus. More importantly the one man of the cross was Jesus. Close your time together today/tonight with a good season of worshipping Jesus for who he is and for what he has done for us. And then, pray for one another!

So What? Applications from this Service of Worship

1. Take a few moments early this afternoon to write down your take-a-ways from this service of worship. How are you like Nebuchadnezzar? Have you come to grips with your mortality? Do you realize there's an “after you”? Are you afraid to die? Why or why not?
2. How do you perpetuate the myth of your own autonomy? How do you try to arrange your life so that you don't need the gospel? How do you try to replace God with you? What would be your equivalent of a statue built to your own glory? In what ways do you insist that your world, job and relationships validate you?
3. What about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego is attractive to you? What are you doing to arrange your life to get to know God the way these men obviously did?

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 Sinclair B Ferguson
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 Andy Crouch
God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible,
 Vaughn Roberts

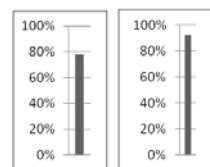
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This Week at Christ Community Church

Sunday	February 28		
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Worship Center	
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service	Worship Center	
<i>See the Welcome Center for a complete listing of Sunday School classes.</i>			
Monday	March 01		
7:00 p.m.	Servant Ldr Fellowship Meeting	Cancelled	
	Samson Society	B-103	
Tuesday	March 02		
6:30 a.m.	Men's Study	B-111	
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Worship Center	
4:00 p.m.	Community Arts Music Lessons	C-123	
6:00 p.m.	ACA	C-115	
Wednesday	March 03		
7:00 a.m.	Samson Society	B-103	
9:30 a.m.	Women's GT	B-103	
5:15 p.m.	Fellowship Dinner	Fellowship Hall	
6:15 p.m.	Women's PM GT	C-227	
6:30 p.m.	Bible Study—Book of Luke	B-102/103	
	Men's Study	B-104/107	
	Women's Bible Study	B-111	
	Jr High D-Groups	D-Grp Nite Out	
7:15 p.m.	Sr High D-Groups	D-Grp Nite Out	
Thursday	March 04		
4:00 p.m.	Community Arts Music Lessons	C-123	
6:00 p.m.	Franktown Boys Dinner	Fellowship Hall	
6:30 p.m.	Cottage Readers Book Club	Marlene's House	
7:00 p.m.	SA	CCC	
	World Missions Prayer	Cammy's House	
	Guests: Eric & Gwyn Jones w/ Wycliffe Bible Translators		
Friday	March 05		
Saturday	March 06		
5:00 p.m.	AA	C-115	

Fiscal year-to-date giving is **(\$191,654)** behind budget.

MTD Giving YTD Giving



February Budget	\$234,265	\$2,428,751
Giving thru 2/21/2010	\$181,487	\$2,237,097

Prayer
 Elders and women are available to pray with you every Sunday in the Prayer Room in the Worship Center during both services. To contact the Prayer Line call 468-2200 x500.

Baptisms
 To schedule a baptism, contact Sue McCallum at 468-2230. Baptisms are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

First and Second Time Guests
 If you have not picked up your copy of our Welcome Packet, please see the volunteer at the Welcome Center in the back lobby. We are glad you are here.

Nursing Moms Room—for Moms with Infants
 Please feel free to go to the Nursing Moms Room at the north end of the Worship Center (behind the painting). Video/audio of the service is available.

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Sunday Worship Services: 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

PASTORS

Scott Roley.....Senior Pastor —468-2261
 Scotty Smith.....Founding Pastor, —468-2230
 Pastor of Preaching, Teaching and Worship
 Mike Smith.....Pastor of Congregational Care —468-2223
 John Patton.....Pastor of Discipleship and Equipping—468-2282
 Eric Van Zee.....Pastor of Student Ministries—468-2280

MINISTRY DIRECTORS AND COORDINATORS

Ashley Hathcox.....Senior High Coordinator—468-2273
 Bobby Safley.....Facilities Manager—468-2250
 Brent Cundall..... Sr Creative Coordinator—468-2292
 Cammy Bethea.....Director of Missional Living—468-2266
 Cindy Blom.....Director of Community Life—468-2224
 Don DavisBusiness Administrator—468-2226
 David Hampton.....Director of Worship and Arts—468-2230
 Dorla Schlitt.....Pre-School Coordinator—468-2244
 Dr. Bruce McCurdy.....Director of Counseling Center— 468-2224
 Kellie Purdy.....Elementary Coordinator—468-2291
 Kristin Henke.....Director of Mustard Seed Pre-School—468-2346
 Kristin Sweeting.....Jr High Coordinator—468-2262
 Lou Beasley.....Director of Children's Ministry—468-2240
 Michele Fort and Kim Spiegel.....Nursery Coordinators— 468-2290
 Nancy Puryear.....Director of Women's Ministry— 468-2272
 Nick Langdon..... Business Assistant—468-2269
 Randy Gardner..... AV Coordinator—468-2278
 Renuka Christoph.....Communications Coordinator—468-2292
 Susan ShaferDirector of Communications—468-2231
 Sherman BucherSr Coordinator of Senior High—468-2225

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP TEAM

Lou Beasley	Sue McCallum	Diane Winningham
Cammy Bethea	Nancy Puryear	Tracy Bernstein
Melisa Foushee	Bev Ridge	Cindy Blom
Kristin Henke	Susan Shafer	Elsbeth Codrington
Lynn Henderson	Cady Wilson	

To have an Elder or Deacon contact you, please call (615) 468-2261 and we will have someone call you as soon as possible.

THE SESSION (ELDERS)

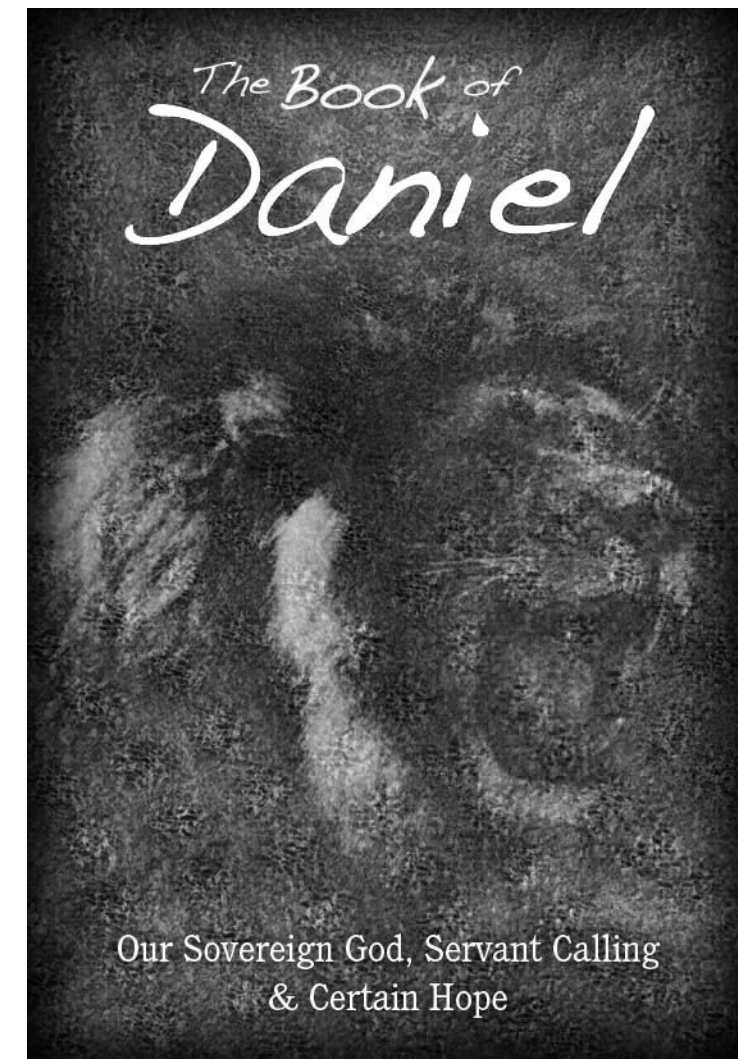
Steve Anderson	Randy Garner	John Patton	Mike Smith
Bernie Butler	John Giffen	Bill Puryear Emeritus	Scotty Smith
Jerry Bowen	Todd Hardy	David Ray	Tim Tan
Bill Brown Emeritus	Ken Harmon	Jon Reynolds	Steve Turley
Howard Bartlett	Dan Jones	Scott Roley	Randy Trigg Emeritus
Johnny Clark	Steve Kuhn	Drew Saulters	David White
Jim Davis	Bob Lawhon	Tres Scheibe	Tom Wilk
Mark Enlow	Mark Mechelse	Rex Schnelle	Bob Wilson Emeritus
Michael Felts	Taylor Morris	Thom Schupp	David Winningham
Houston Flippin	Don Moss	Terry Shafer	Gerry Wolf

THE DIACONATE (DEACONS)

Chris Bernstein	Ryan Duncan	Adam McBride	Joe Salvatore
Mike Broach	Mark Freeman	Joe McCallum	Marion Seaton
Greg Brown	Steve Fort	Jon Miller	Donald Smith
Doug Cavener	Drew Hollowell	Mark Neely	Tip Sneed
Jason Childress	Mark Howell	Mac Purdy	David Sutton
Jeremy Covert	Jere Jeter	Martin Michael	Jon Weber
Devin Cundall	Mark Holmes	Scot Phegley	Pat Van Ryckeghem
Jim Clark	Joe Kemble	Tim Potter	Elliott Wood
Dave Dixon	Tim Knight	Rick Pritikin	Johnny Woods
Ken Debelius	Dan Lynch	Jim Reeser	Bob Weber



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**Our Sovereign God, Servant Calling
 & Certain Hope**

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
 FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE
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Christ Community Church is called by the God of all grace for the transforming of life in middle Tennessee—spiritually, socially, and culturally—through the power of the Gospel— from Franklin to the nations of the world—all to the glory of God.