

FIRST, BEST, LAST

Vance Havner suggested that “a minister should go to every service as though it were the first, as though it could be the best, and as though it might be the last.” While I agree wholeheartedly with the suggestion, I would broaden it to include all worshippers and not just ministers.

We should approach every service as though it were the first. It is easy for us to lose the wonder of worship over time. It is easy to just go through the motions. However, in order to be acceptable, we must worship “*in spirit and in truth*” (John 4:24). “*In Spirit*” clearly has to do with the attitude that we have in worship. We must not lose the “grace” in our singing (Col. 3:16) or in our giving (2 Cor. 8:1-7). We must never forget the unmerited favor of being able to enter into God’s presence in worship (Mt. 18:20).

We should approach every service as though it could be the best. Although we are not to try to outdo one another in worship, we are to constantly be raising the bar for our own worship. We should be striving to grow in every aspect of our own worship, we are to constantly be raising the bar for our own worship. We should be striving to grow in every aspect of our own worship (2 Pet. 3:18). We should strive to give God the very best that we have ever given Him (2 Sam. 24:24).

We should approach every service as though it could be the last. Our lives are but a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away (Jam. 4:13-14). Furthermore, the Lord could come at any moment (1 Cor. 15:52). Some worship service some day will be our last. How will we have spent it?

This Sunday as you enter into worship, strive to approach it as though it were the first, as though it could be the best, and as though it might be the last. If you will do this, then I believe that your worship will greatly improve.

—Wade Webster

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Romans 16:16

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SUN: 9:00am - Worship
10:15am - Bible Study
6:00pm - Worship
WED: 6:30pm - Bible Study

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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

2012

Wednesday December 28, 2011

FOR THE RECORD

Morning Worship (Dec. 25)	250
Bible Study.....	140
Evening Worship.....	102
Midweek Bible Study (Dec. 21).....	125
Contribution (Dec. 25).....	\$6,277

HOSPITAL

Ricky Milburn, Baptist
Carlton Long, Harton

AT HOME

Kenneth Poff, Dan Mullins, Susie Hastings,
Aaron & Alcena Stone, Dorothy Bramblett,
Glenda West, Susan Sparks, Betty Vigdorth.
Eugene Warren, Ruth Baskin.

NURSING HOME

Eva Sims, Horizon Health & Rehab..

PANTRY ITEMS

Chili, Beef Stew, Peanut Butter.

READ NEW TESTAMENT THRU:

Jim Thompson

MEN TO SERVE

THE FOLLOWING ARE TO SERVE IN JANUARY

LORD'S TABLE AM.

*Don Gregory	*Jeff McCullough
Jerry Ewell	Ron Livingston
Ed Bowman	Gene Parker

LORD'S TABLE PM

Bill Hollins & Tim Green

USHER & COUNT AM

Ricky West & Joe Verner

USHER & COUNT PM

Ralph Elam & Roger Taylor

THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. JAN. 1:

9:00AM

Announcements:	Bob Gillen
Song Leader:	Scott Vaughn
First Prayer:	Carl Russell

Closing Prayer: Frank Penney

6:00PM

Song Leader: Scott Vaughn

First Prayer: Michael Broadrick

Closing Prayer: Pierce Green

A.M.: Guest Speaker: Matthew Brown

P.M.: Guest Speaker: Matthew Brown

PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. JAN. 1

Jessie Dickerson & Nathan Brown

NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. JAN. 1:

Amy Eppes

THOSE TO SERVE, WED. JAN. 4:

Devotional: Bob Kerce

Announcements: Tim Brown

Opening Prayer: David Sullivan

Closing Prayer: Jim Thompson

Song Leader: Jayson Little

**Please remember to notify David Sullivan @
607-1580 if you are not able to serve at your
appointed time.**

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

03-Mark & Betty Superstein

08-Dennis & Denise Watson

12-Ralph & Elaine Elam

17-R.V. & Barbara McMahan

20-Jimmy & Amy Eppes

26-Ed & Peggy Brake

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

02-Lillian Vaughn 13-Barbara McMahan

03-Terry Hollins 13-Austin Taylor

04-Ann Foster 17-Margaret Carden

06-Betty Vigdorth 17-Raymond Turner

08-Myna Cox 18-Ann Sullivan

09-L.D. Carden 19-Alaneta Crosslin

09-Terri Rigney 22-Karen Browning

10-Britny Brazier 23-David Sullivan

10-Jared Henson 27-Mildred Munsey

10-Peggy Thompson 31-Ruth Baskin

12-Carl Russell 31-Ed Bowman

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JAN. 2ND.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE

Lessons Graded (12/21-12/27).....	450
Requests For Personal Contact.....	0
Students served	200



The family of Stanley Bryan would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers during dad's surgery and stay in the hospitals and the short time in the nursing home.

Also a special thanks to the ladies of the church for the meal after daddy's funeral service. It was wonderful.

Roxanna Bryan

COMBINED CARE TEAM MEETING

There will be a combined Care Team meeting, Friday, January 6th in the fellowship hall at 6:00pm. Please bring finger foods.

JESUS IS THE CHIRST

"Which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords." 1 Timothy 6:15.

As the church began to spread throughout the world, the good confession on each Christian's lips was *"Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God."* The second, Jesus is the Christ, God's anointed king of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus was not the Christ for which most of the Jews looked and hoped. They were wanting God's anointed to be like King David. They wanted a kingdom of earthly grandeur like David and Solomon had ruled. They wanted to cast off the dominance of Rome, and even have their king rule the world.

The concept of a "suffering servant messiah" was just too far out of their thinking. The prophecy about the Christ from Isaiah 53 simply did not fit into their preconceived ideas. Jesus just did not fit into their "box." So many still cannot really see the King of Glory because they are looking for someone entirely different.

During those ancient days of Israel, prophets, priests and kings were anointed. Jesus is our Christ, God's anointed prophet, priest and king. In the presence of Moses and Elijah, God said: While he was still speaking, a bright cloud said, *"This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"* (Matthew 17:5). The inspired writer called Jesus the great high priest who offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins, once and for all. *"And not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption"* (Hebrews 9:12). Jesus told the disciples he had all authority (Matthew 28:18). Then a few weeks later, Peter made the bold and firm proclamation in Jerusalem: *"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified"* (Acts 2:36).

The Jews of His day rejected Jesus because He wasn't what they wanted. Isn't that about the same as those persons of any nationality or ethnicity today. Jesus is about changing hearts, the kingdom of God in our lives. So many of us today want Jesus to conform to us, not rule us. We want a prophet to tell us what we want to hear, not what we need to hear. We want a priest to atone for our sin, but not call us to live in righteousness. —Gerald Elliott