

Fulfilling our Purpose



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I will continue this month, as I have for the last two months, on the subject of FULFILLING OUR PURPOSE. The previous two articles have dealt with hearing the voice of the Lord and purposeful praise. I want to continue this series with the purpose of TRUE WORSHIP. There is no doubt in the mind of any person that within each of us is the inherent desire to worship. The fact is we were created to worship. In every person is a deep desire to give adoration and devotion to some thing or some being.

The Bible is very clear that we will worship something. What we worship is the choice we make and hopefully it is to worship the only true God Jehovah, His Son Jesus Christ and the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Ghost. In the Bible, when Lucifer tried to get Jesus to worship him, the Lord responded with these words found in Matthew 4:10; Then Jesus said unto him, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

True worship entails servanthood. Look at that verse and read it again. Do you see the true meaning of worship? It is not just an emotion we experience in a church service but rather an attitude of being a true servant. What we worship we serve with our very being. We live for the purpose of whatever it is that we worship. With that in mind, I must ask the questions; what or who are we worshipping? How do we worship? Matthew 22:37 gives us the answer to that question. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Mind." That is true worship. We must understand to do anything less is not true worship. Our entire being must give in to worshipping God Almighty and serving him with all our heart. We are never more like Jesus than when we serve others with genuine compassion and care.

Why does the enemy attack our worship and distract us with so many thoughts when we begin to meditate with our entire being on God and His word? Remember, Lucifer was the worship leader in heaven before the throne of God. He knows firsthand what worship does to the heart of God. He understands that God will move in with His power and destroy the works of the enemy when we get into true worship.

In today's church services we have organized Praise and Worship teams. Our services are usually opened with what we call Praise and Worship time where we sing and lift our voices to the Lord in an attempt to create an atmosphere of worship. How wonderful it is when we sense the presence of the Holy Ghost entering our midst and worship is the only thing we desire at that moment. That being said, I must also ask why we wait until the music starts to begin to worship. Worship should begin long before we get to the church. It should be a daily practice where we get alone with Him and meditate on His goodness and praise Him for who He is. What would happen in our corporate worship if every one of us determined first to make our homes a worship place long before we got to the church? We wouldn't need a Praise and Worship Team to get us into the right atmosphere for worship but I believe a spontaneous outpouring of the Holy Spirit would happen as we enter His house with praise.

When Jesus met the woman at the well, in John 4:21-24, He established the parameters for true worship.

21. Jesus said unto her, "Woman, believe me, the hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

23. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

24. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth."

If we are going to Fulfill Our Purpose we must be determined not to let anything or anyone stop us from worshipping our King. Before you go to the next scheduled church service, why not fill your home with intentional worship and then enter the house of the Lord with your garment of praise on. You talk about having church; we would not be able to describe it. This, I believe, is what will take us to the next level which we talk about and desire to go to.

GOD HELP ME BE THE WORSHIPER YOU ARE SEEKING FOR!

Thank you!!!!

We would like to thank each of the churches that participated in making "Ranch Day" a success!!!

If you brought silent auction items, sang, pitched in or just came and enjoyed the day we appreciate your support of the

New River Ranch!!!

Connect

Young Ministers Wives

and

Lady Ministers

(Under the age of 50)

November 2, 2019

9:30-3:00 pm

Beckley Church of God

See flyer for details.



Coming Soon.....

The 2019 Minister and Spouse Christmas banquet will be held on December 6, 2019 at the Beckley Dream center!

Registration forms will be coming soon to reserve your seats for this heartwarming time of fellowship at the most wonderful time of year.

Mountaineer Gospel Gathering

October 5, 2019

The Mountaineer Gospel Gathering (Senior Adult Day) will take place at the

*New River Ministry Center
351 New River Ranch Rd. Fayetteville WV 25840.*

Morning Coffee & Snacks begin at 9:00am.



The Talley's

SAVE THE DATE

WV Church of God

Prayer Conference

February 3-4, 2020



Congratulations to the following Ministers on their credentialing.

Exhorter: Dallas Belcher Jr., Mary Brickey, Sharlene Curnutte, Allen Farley, Nickolas Shrewsbury

Ordained Minister: James Bradley, Marsha Bradley, Seth Curnutte, Caleigh Eidel, Maddisen Eidel, Robert May, Ashley Mckinney, Corey Mckinney, Brian Patterson

Ordained Bishop: Dan Freeman

Pastoral Appointment

James Truman
Ansted Fresh Fountain FWC

Kenny Lambert
Fairlea New Covenant Sanctuary

Jubilee 2019!
October 23-27

Sponsored by the Beckley Church of God

**Retired Ministers & Spouses & Ministers Widows Service
Sunday, October 27, 2019**

Our Condolences to the families of

Betty Clendenin

August 28, 2019

Bruce Cosner

September 3, 2019

Shirley Meadows

September 20, 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 5, 2019 Mountaineer Gathering (Senior Adult Day)

November 2, 2019 Connecting Young Ministers Wives and Lady Ministers

November 26-29, 2019 Office Closed Thanksgiving Holiday

December 6, 2019 Minister and Spouse Christmas Dinner

December 19 - January 6, 2020 Office Closed Christmas Holiday

February 3-4, 2020 Prayer Conference

