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Why Worship?

by Pastor Len Smith

Is the Lord Jesus Christ worthy of your worship?

We realize a minority of Americans attend worship on a regular basis. Why? Our English word for worship means "worthship." No injury to God compares with the denial of His uniqueness and the transfer to another of the recognition due Him. Undue deference paid to individuals can at times verge on worship. God can be corporately honored by prayer, praise, singing, thanksgiving, and the bringing of sacrificial gifts. Worship can be the pure adoration of God and the lifting up of a redeemed spirit toward God in contemplation of His holy perfection. Our Lord made possible a more intelligent worship of God by revealing the Father in His incarnate Son. Jesus is worthy of our veneration.

In the early church, Christian public worship consisted of preaching (Acts 20:7, I Cor. 14:19); reading of Scripture (James 1:22, Col. 4:16); prayer (I Cor. 14:14-16); singing (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16); baptism and communion (Acts 2:41, I Cor. 11:18-34); and giving (I Cor. 16:1-2). These are still Biblical features of worship in our congregation today.

We can worship God because of who He is, because of His creation, and because of what He has done. Again and again the Scriptures invite us to worship God together. We are invited to give God the praises and adoration that He deserves. Since God is so wonderfully great we owe Him our worship, praise,

and thanksgiving, both by lip and life. We worship God because He is concerned about us. Since God is so good, we worship Him with joy and delight and not just out of duty. We can sense great and deep satisfaction when we reflect back to the Lord the praise and the glory that He deserves.

There are 256 references in the Scriptures to the concept of worship. Here are some of my favorite New Testament texts. John 4:23-24 reminds us that *his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.*

Sadly, Romans 1:25 informs us that many people have rejected Scriptural truth. *They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator – who is forever praised.*

Amen. How many individuals choose

to worship, to be devoted to, or spend time with temporal things on the Lord's Day that will not last? What about Hebrews 12:28? *Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.* Worship is not only a private affair. Instead Hebrews 10:25 points out: *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* Jesus is coming back to this planet again. In fact we find among the last commands recorded in the last chapter of the Bible – Rev. 22:9 these words, *Worship God!* **Is the Lord Jesus Christ worthy of your worship?**



Global Food Crisis Fund of the Church of the Brethren

... whoever is kind to the needy honors God.
Proverbs 14:31

‘Enough Is Enough!’ declares journalist on food aid policies and practices

Enough: Why the World’s Poorest Starve in an Age of Plenty is a book that debuted at last year’s Annual Conference. The book provides the framework on which author Roger Thurow will speak at the Global Ministries Dinner at this year’s Annual Conference. Titling his July 5 address “Enough Is Enough!,” Thurow intends to “outrage and inspire” listeners on ways famine and food aid are now handled.

Also at the conference in Pittsburgh on July 5, Thurow will lead a Global Food Crisis Fund insight session and sign copies of *Enough*, which is due for release in paperback late this spring. A reporter for the Wall Street Journal for 30 years, 20 as foreign correspondent, Thurow was a finalist for the 2004 Pulitzer Prize in international reporting and a recent recipient of the Action Against Hunger Humanitarian Award.

Cambodia assistance entails three Rs: Relief, Recovery, Reconstruction

In Cambodia’s Kompong Thom Province, some 250 villages received a double hit last fall – first floods and then Typhoon Ketsana which prompted even more severe flooding. The series of disasters destroyed or severely damaged hundreds of homes and completely wiped out thousands of hectares of rice paddies.

A \$380,000 program of relief, recovery, and reconstruction coordinated by Church World Service has received grants of \$22,500 from the Church of the Brethren: \$15,000 from the Emergency Disaster Fund and \$7,500 from the Global Food Crisis Fund. Initial relief measures provided food, mosquito nets, water containers, blankets, and medicines. The current recovery stage is working on clean water,

gardening, and training in animal care. In coming months the reconstruction phase will set out to strengthen food security, build wells, and repair roads, bridges, canals, and dams.

Haitian Brethren launch innovative school garden program

In Bombardopolis, a remote area in northwest Haiti hours away from where Church of the Brethren members live and quite some distance from the January earthquake zone, individual Haitian Brethren have given birth to an innovative outreach project. Called Children’s Educational Agriculture Program, the venture enables poor families to cover school fees by working in school vegetable gardens and tree nurseries. The garden produce is served in school lunch programs or sold to earn income for the schools. Ten schools and over 100 children are participating in the gardening program, to which the Global food Crisis Fund has granted \$2,700 for seeds, plastic bags for seed propagation, and watering cans.

Heading the program is Jean Bily Telfort, general secretary of L’Eglise des Freres Haitiens, the Church of the Brethren in Haiti. Telfort is pastor of the Croix-des-Bouquet congregation and headmaster of a school in Port-au-Prince. While Telfort’s home was destroyed in the catastrophe Haiti suffered early this year, he and his wife and infant son were unharmed.

Having studied tropical agronomy, Telfort was invited last year to speak on the Children’s Educational Agriculture Program to a countrywide conference of rural development workers in Haiti convened by ECHO, the Florida-based Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization.

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A portion of our local operating and outreach giving each week helps to support the Global Food Crisis Fund. This fund assists developing countries and communities to achieve food security by establishing sustainable food production programs at the grassroots level. It is a channel by which donors witness to Jesus’ love and compassion for hurting people, especially people who live on the margins.



Brethren Volunteer Service is people...

sharing God's love through acts of service

Did You Know? By Pastor Len Smith

- Did you know that I Peter 4:10 informs us that: *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*
- Did you know that BVS, **Brethren Volunteer Service**, was established in 1948?
- Did you know that BVS shares God's love through acts of service?
- Did you know that BVS is not just for young adults over 18 years of age?
- Did you know that BVS has domestic programs involving a one-year commitment?
- Did you know that BVS volunteers work together with staff throughout the placement process to match their skills and interests with the needs of projects?
- Did you know that BVS volunteers participate in a three-week orientation?
- Did you know that BVS has an international program for those 21 years of age or older willing to make a two-year commitment?
- Did you know that BVS has an older adult program for those 50 years of age and older?
- Did you know that BVS provides for a shorter 6-month commitment in the older adult program?
- Did you know that BVS provides volunteer benefits such as room, board, medical insurance, a monthly stipend, with the opportunity to love and serve others?
- Did you know that BVS has not received any volunteers from this congregation since the formation of the Broadfording Church of the Brethren Fellowship in 1979?
- Did you know that you may call toll free at (800) 323-8039 to learn more about BVS or see Pastor Len?

Brethren Bible Institute

The 37th Annual Brethren Bible Institute will be held July 19-23, 2010 on the campus of Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. Courses being offered are:

8:50-10:20

Interpreting the Bible
Introduction to Missions
Glimpses from John's Gospel
Contemporary Issues

10:30-12:00

New Testament Survey
Focusing on the Family
Rudiments in Music
Back to the Basics

1:30-3:00

Introduction to Theology
The Book of I Kings
The Minor Prophets

The total cost for dormitory students (including room/board/tuition) is \$200.00 for the entire week. The cost for commuting students is \$70.00 for the week. For application forms please write to the Brethren Bible Institute, 155 Denver Road, Denver, PA 17517. The application process must be completed by June 22, 2010.

National Youth Conference 2010

Church of the Brethren youth from congregations across the country will gather July 17 - 22 at Colorado State University for the National Youth Conference—an event that takes place every four years. The theme for NYC 2010 is “More than Meets the Eye” taken from II Corinthians 4:6-10, 16-18. Kyle Buckholtz from Broadfording will be traveling with youth from the Chambersburg and Gettysburg congregations to attend the conference.

A host of helping hands

Brethren Disaster Ministries reported that in 2009 it had 1,505 volunteers serve at five rebuilding sites for a total of 11,164 workdays—an estimated \$1.8 million worth of labor.

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Missionary briefs

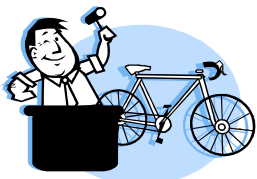
■ **Daryl and Laura Carlson**, after an extended period of home service, are back in Alaska where Daryl will be serving as station manager at KVRM Christian radio in Glennallen. He writes: *KVRM has studio space with office computers and automation systems ready to be installed. The transmitter and antenna are almost ready to order and the tower site rental agreement worked out. We have two amazing people already on the ground who have been laying the groundwork. They did all of the above and put together a native advisory board to guide us as we continue to build the programming lineup. So much has been done, but there is only so much two people can do. Now is the time to really start pulling all the pieces together.*

■ **Chuck and Debby Baldwin** awoke on the morning of May 15, 2010 to learn that thieves had broken into their house and taken Debby’s purse (money, camera, I.D. papers, keys) and a large bag of gifts for a group of Rwandan ladies she works with. This happened less than two weeks before they were scheduled to leave for a 10-week stay in the United States. It is a blessing that they were not harmed and were able to finalize the many details that needed to be taken care of before their departure. They write: *We thank you for all you each have done, whether by praying, giving, encouraging, or other ways, to make our first 17 months in Kigali a positive experience. We will miss everyone we are leaving behind here, but look forward to our 10 weeks Stateside and seeing many of you.*

■ **Bob and Judy Kay**, in their April 2010 newsletter, tell of ways they were able to minister to earthquake victims: *When the earthquake occurred, within a couple of days many Haitians crossed the border and arrived in Santiago. So, instead of going to Haiti, we remained in Santiago to help those in need and to continue our ministries here. We anxiously awaited news of our Haitian friends, university students who had gone home for the Christmas break. As they made it back to Santiago, we rejoiced and worked with them to purchase food and medical supplies to send back to Haiti. We thank you for enabling us to serve here in Santiago. Our contact with two different Haitian congregations has opened the door for us to minister to many earthquake survivors who were (and still are) suffering the emotional and psychological effects of such a traumatic experience.*

Dates to mark on your calendar . . .

8th Annual Church Auction



Saturday, August 28

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Food available all day

Live concert from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Silent auction from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Live auction starts at 11:00 a.m.

All-you-can-eat

Spaghetti

Dinner

Saturday, September 18

Served 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.



Proceeds to benefit new addition debt reduction.



ATTENTION

Parents and Children grades 4th – 8th

The **C.Y.C.** WANTS YOU!

Yes, the Cearfoss Youth Connection is gearing up for the Summer. Boys and Girls are invited to be part of a new program at the Broadfording Church of the Brethren Fellowship in Cearfoss, MD. We have 5 exciting events planned!

Do you like Gokarts and MiniGolf?

Do you like to Bowl?

How about Swimming and a Picnic?

WE HOPE YOU SAID YES!!



Activity dates are 6/23, 7/14, 7/28, 8/4 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. and 8/14 from 1:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Some dates and times can vary per activity, but with advance notice. We're going to have fun each time we meet so try not to miss!

**** Any questions please feel free to contact:

Pastor Len Smith at 301-791-5432 or Patrick Wildeson 717-643-0907.





June 14—June 18

Monday-Thursday
6:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m.

Friday
6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Presented by the combined congregations of
Broadfording Church of the Brethren Fellowship
and Salem Reformed Church

Location: 13182 Salem Church Road

Theme: **EGYPT: Joseph's Journey From
Prison to Palace**

Have you ever wondered ...

What was it like to live as a slave in Bible times?
How did they make mummies?
What happened to Joseph (the guy with the
colorful coat)?

**Find the answers to these questions—and more—
in Egypt!**

We still need the following supplies:

- *Boxes that Capri Sun drink pouches (or any other brand of drink pouches) come in. If you wish, you may buy the drinks to go with the boxes as well. (We can use them for drinks for VBS.)*
- *Large grocery size brown paper bags.*
- *Snack supplies. Please see sign-up sheet on the literature table.*

If you have questions or would like to help in any way, please let me know. Thank you!

Nicole Row



Gospel Concert

Saturday June 12
7:00 p.m.

featuring
“The Brethren Four”

with
Dennis Koontz—Lead
Fred Hendershot—Bass
Ron Showalter—Tenor
Charles Wasson—Baritone
and accompanists
Teresa Smith—Piano
Dave Wasson—Bass Guitar



Friday, July 16
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 17
7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Indoors - Rain or Shine

We need many volunteers to help;
also, donations of good saleable household items,
clothing, antiques, toys, glassware, furniture, etc.

Table space available for \$15.

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