



BAKER HEIGHTS CHURCH of CHRIST

VOLUME 61

MAY 28, 2023

ISSUE 22

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING/SONG LEADER - Sean D'Entremont

KIDS' TIME - Larry Sullivan

#123 - The Steadfast Love of the Lord

#18 - Faithful Love

COMMUNION PRAYERS - John Harper

CONTRIBUTION PRAYER - John Harper

#768 - Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You
There Is No Other Name

PRAYER - Ian MacTavish

#533 - I Am a Sheep

SCRIPTURE READING - Lee Henry
Psalm 23

SERMON - Larry Sullivan
Confessions of a Happy Sheep (2)

#613 - Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

ELDER'S PRAYER - Larry Taylor

#557 - Rise Up, O Men of God

WEEK OF MAY 28, 2023

SUNDAY - MAY 28

- Bible Class for all ages - 9 a.m.
- Worship Assembly - 10 a.m.
- Worship Assembly/Bible Class - 5 p.m.
- Shepherding Groups
- Children's Bible Class - On Summer Break
- University Place Services - 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY - MAY 29

- Prayer Conference Call with Floyd Miller
8-9 p.m.
- Call (605) 313-5695 - Passcode is 718815

TUESDAY - MAY 30

- Ladies Bible Class - Resumes June 6, 2023
Topic- Pursuit of Holiness
Class taught by Charles Goodnight
- Seniors in Motion Exercise Class - 1 p.m. - Rm.10

WEDNESDAY - MAY 31

- "Feeding the Flock" Fellowship Meal - 5:30 p.m.
Hamburgers - \$4 per person, up to
\$16 per family
- Short Devotional - 6:30 p.m.
- Bible Class for all ages - 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY - JUNE 01

- Men's Brown Bag - On Summer Break

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

WRYC WORK CAMP

Sunday, May 28th - Wednesday, May 31st
See Luke Bower for details

WRYC DAY CAMP

Sunday, June 4th - Saturday, June 10th
See Luke Bower for details

PROMOTION DAY

Sunday, June 4, 2023

PANTRY PALS

Sunday, June 4, 2023
See list on back

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

Sunday, May 28, 2023

BHCC OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, May 29, 2023
In observance of Memorial Day

REDEEMING THE TEARS

Will NOT meet in June

SENIORS IN MOTION

Exercise - May 30th, June 20th, & June 27th
Meeting, Meal, Games - Monday, June 12, 2023
10 am - 2 pm - Fellowship Area
Guest speaker - Julia Blair

MEETING TIMES

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9 a.m. - Bible Class for all ages
10 a.m. - Worship Assembly

SUNDAY EVENINGS

5 p.m. - Children's Bible Class
5 p.m. - Worship/Bible Class

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Meal
6:30 p.m. - Short Devotional
6:45 p.m. - Bible Class for all ages

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS & HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Tammy Tiner

5 years-Breckenridge ISD & 19 years - Abilene ISD

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Reagan Turner - Wylie High School

PRAYER REQUESTS

MEMBERS

Jayme & Gino Geachinnio - Birth of their babies -
Emery & George - 05/22/23
Jena Madeley - Chemo treatments
Richard Winegeart - Heart issues

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Faith Barnes - Cancer treatments
(Sister of **Dean Newman**)
Rusty & Brittany Brown - Political unrest
in Ecuador
(Missionaries in Cuenca, Ecuador)
Casey Crosby's sister, Tracy - Father
passed away
(Casey Crosby Former Member of BHCC)
Kimberly Floren - Biopsy - 06/05/23
(Daughter of **Larry & Maudie Taylor**)
Ann Guy - Breast cancer diagnosis
(Mother of **Tammy Tiner**)
Abby Martin - Leukemia treatments
(Great-niece of
Philip & Carolyn Madeley)
John Moxley - Bone marrow biopsy - 05/26/23
(Brother-in-Law of **Scott McGaha**)
Rachel Richards - Surgery - 05/15/23
(Daughter of **Valerie McGuire**)
Georgann Templeton - Health concerns
(Sister of **Charles Goodnight**)
Shameka - Prayers
(Mother of **Alicia Porter**)

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF

Jean Cunningham - 05/16/23, luka, MS
(Mother of **Vicki Matheny** - missionary
in Brazil)

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Pauline Baskett	Phyllis Bonner
Billie Brown	Janet Bruns
Johnnie Feaster	Jim & Connye Hays
Curtis Johnson	Leroy & Mary Mason
Perry & Shirley Neely	Jo Potter
Frances Pruett	Melinda Simmons
Minnie Woody	Laveta Youngquist

CANCER FIGHTERS

Paola Abdullah	Judy Clifton
Jena Madeley	Lewis Maness
Terry McGaha	Jesse Thomas
Minnie Woody	

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

NEXT PANTRY PALS SUNDAY June 4, 2023

Baked beans, Green beans, Pinto beans, Ranch-style beans, Beef stew, Catsup, Hot dogs, Cereal,	Chicken noodle soup, Tomato soup, Relish (sweet & dill), Spam, Sugar, Ground beef, Vienna sausages, saltine crackers, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti noodles
--	--

"MUSIC FIT FOR THE KING OF KINGS" – excerpted from article by F. LaGard Smith

Music crosses all boundaries. But, of late, music in the church can easily cross an altogether different boundary—from spiritual worship to entertainment. The more professional the "worship team," the more moving the music, and the more that music takes center stage, the easier to attract a concert-going, music-video generation.

Choirs and musical instruments played a vital role in Jewish worship. In a sudden break, the first Christians sang without instruments, not simply because they met from house to house, but because the whole package of Temple worship was done away with – priests, sacrifices, choirs, and instruments. Focusing more inwardly, in Christian practice all externals were removed, apart from the water of baptism and the wine and bread remembrance.

In the 15th and 16th centuries, when instruments began to creep into Christian worship, virtually all the Reformers, such as John Calvin, regarded them as "instruments of Baal," more suited to pagan worship and secular entertainment. People demanded them, so they came. The Roman Catholic Church allowed them as a "concession to the people." Even today, instruments are not a part of Russian or Eastern Orthodox worship.

The radical apostolic break with instruments was part of a purposeful change in form and function. Worship was mutually participatory in small groups where speaking to one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs was as much a matter of teaching and admonishing as it was of praise. There was little opportunity for distanced, spectator worship, much less any danger of church music becoming entertainment, or even a choir over the congregation.

"But, if a piano, organ, or guitar is used simply as an aid to congregational singing, would that be wrong?" The better question is: If Christian worship under the guidance of the apostles rejected instruments (and no aids were deemed needed for centuries), might God have his reasons?

As bereft as we'd be without some of the glorious, transcendent classic musical that we're so uplifted by, imagine the greater gain if simple hymn-singing meant a world drawn closer to God. Following what people want rather than what God wants is always risky business. His ways and thoughts are still higher than our ways and thoughts. Church or no church, the concert that God most surely wants to hear each day is when – filled with the Spirit – we sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord. When that melody moves from hearts to lips, who needs instruments?

Comment: Dr. F. LaGard Smith authored "The Daily Bible" that many of us use in our daily Bible reading. He is a former criminal prosecutor, career law professor, Bible scholar, and author of some 35 books on a variety of topics. He has spoken at Baker Heights Church of Christ.

Larry Taylor

BHCC Elder

OUR LEADERSHIP

MINISTERS

Larry Sullivan
(Preaching)
Luke Bower
(Youth and Family)

DEACONS

Hank Davis
Marty Gray
Christopher Hall
John Hanson
Eric Hunt
Chris Jeter
Kenneth Longley
Scott McGaha
Dean Newman
Justin Rosenquist
James Sumners
Gregg Taylor

ELDERS

Richard Bower
Ed Cowart
Robert Dennis
Charles Goodnight
Richard Oller
Larry Taylor
Stuart Tiner

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Larry Taylor

LAST WEEK

All numbers reflect
In-Person attendance

Bible Class - 132

AM Assembly - 177

PM Total - 133

Assembly - 65

CBC/Other - 39

University Place - 29

Wednesday Devo - 124

Contribution - \$6,692

Weekly Goal - \$8,951