



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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JUNE 6, 2021
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Danny Shackelford

Sunday Song Leader
J C Newby

Wednesday Song Leader
Brice Lindley (06/02921)

Scripture Reading
Eli Carter

Opening Prayer
Michiel Criswell (AM)
Britt Lindley (PM)

Closing Prayer
Jeff Brewer (AM)
Jodie Criswell (PM)

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges, Devin McVey

Communion
Brad McAlister

Pick Up Communion when entering

OUR RECORD

May 30, 2021

Sunday Bible Study: 99
Sunday Morning Worship: 127
Sunday Evening Worship: 112
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 81
Budget: \$3,500
Contribution this week: NA

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WHY DOES THE CHURCH OF CHRIST NOT USE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Mark Lindley

Visitors to services of the church of Christ notice that there is no instrumental music in worship. This might seem a bit odd since denominations have pianos, organs, guitars, and drums.

The simple reason churches of Christ do not use instrumental music in worship is that it is not authorized. By "authorized," I mean that there is no Biblical authority for having instrumental music in worship. Rather, the Scriptures teach that we are to "sing." Some say, "Well, David used instruments of music in the Old Testament.

Just read Psalm 150." Anytime someone refers to the Old Testament for authority that reveals two very important points concerning this issue: 1) the person who refers to David admits the need for "Biblical" authority; otherwise, that person would say, "Well, I just like it, and that is why we should have it." Rather than doing that, the person points to the Old Testament for "Biblical" authority. 2) The person who points to David and the Old Testament for authority is admitting that such authority "cannot be found in the New Testament." If the New Testament authorized instrumental music in worship, instead of referring to the Old Testament, the person who tried to justify it would appeal to the New Testament for authority.

This shows there is no New Testament authority for instrumental music in worship, and since we today are living under the New Testament, we must follow its teachings. The Old Testament has been "taken out of the way" and "nailed to the cross" (Colossians 2:14). Paul wrote, "But now we are delivered from the law" (Romans 7:6).

We all recognize that Christians are not bound to practice circumcision, offer animal sacrifices, keep the Passover, or worship at the Old Testament temple. Why not? Because we are not living under the Old Testament. It is not our authority for worshiping the Lord today. The New Testament teaches that we are to sing and make melody "in our hearts" unto the Lord (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).

Paul wrote, "I will sing with the Spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also" (I Corinthians 14:15). Notice: "I will sing," not "sing and play."

It might be surprising to some, that well-known men of the past who started and/or served in some of the prominent denominations among us opposed instrumental music in worship, for the same reason I have given. Charles Spurgeon, John Wesley, Adam Clark, and many others opposed instrumental music in worship. They recognized the instrument was not authorized.

If you attend services where instruments are used, please consider these things. The Lord has given us instruction for worship...He expects us to abide by it (John 4:24; Colossians 3:17).

WORRYING AND PRECIOUS TIME

Mark Lindley

Time is a precious blessing not to be wasted. With each tick of the clock, the brief span of time we have in this world is passing. This is why Paul exhorts us to use our time wisely: "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). We should "number our days," making the most of each moment, living life to the fullest (Psalm 90:12).

Perhaps, nothing hinders a proper use of time more than the futile exercise of worry. To worry is to "to afflict with mental distress or agitation: make anxious" (Webster's). Worry goes far beyond reasonable concern. To worry is to be anxious and fretful.

Everyone, at some point, will have to deal with the temptation to worry. Many cares and concerns burden our minds. We may worry about our children, finances, health, marriage, and a thousand other things. But worrying wastes time and accomplishes nothing!

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave some powerful principles regarding worry. He asked, "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" (Matthew 6:27). The "cubit" of Scripture was roughly 22 inches, from the elbow to the end of the middle finger. It is apparent that one cannot increase his or her height by worrying about it. God, by the process of biology, determines the "cubits" each person's height. This is out of our control. In this same way, the vast majority of our worries are beyond our control. Worrying will never improve one's finances, health, or marriage. Worry will never help your children or grand-children make wise choices. In fact, worry will never do one thing positive for you. But it will waste your time!

Jesus teaches us to "take no thought" for our lives or for tomorrow (Matthew 6:25, 34). Since God knows our needs, He will provide. He takes care of the birds and the lilies, surely, He can and will take care of all who seek Him (Matthew 6:26, 28, 30). Rather than spending our time worrying, we should spend our time seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33).

If worry has become a problem in your life, break the cycle today. Realize that time is quickly passing. Begin looking to God. Seek Him through a study of His Word, the Bible. Put Him first in your life. Trust His promises, obey His will, and He will take care of you! He promised: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21: 2-4

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember to count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

Good to have Bobbye Chapman and Jill Loveless back with us Sunday.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Wilma Wood, Joan Berryman

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Jill Loveless

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Jane Morrison, Romia Palmer, Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (*Mailing: Resthaven Nursing Home, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*)

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