

Praise & Worship: Entering a Deeper Level

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24 NKJV)

As we step into this new season, our hearts remain focused on the dynamic expressions of praise and worship. While closely related, these two acts of devotion hold distinct purposes in our daily walk with God.

Praise is the joyful celebration of who God is and what He has done. It is outward, vibrant, and expressive. From the days of the Charismatic Renewal to now, we see hearts reaching out to the Lord with authentic, heartfelt praise—not for show, but out of pure love. Scripture invites us to offer praise with singing, dancing, clapping, and shouts of triumph. As the psalmist declares, **"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name"** (Psalm 100:4). Praise acknowledges the greatness of God with exuberant thanksgiving and often precedes worship, preparing our hearts to draw nearer.

Worship, on the other hand, is more intimate and reverent. It is a posture of the heart, a response to the holiness of God. True worship leads us to bow down, weep, or stand still in awe of His presence. It is not merely an act but a surrender—communion between Creator and created. We see this in moments like Moses before the burning bush, where the Lord said, **"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground"** (Exodus 3:5).

Every Sunday morning, we gather not for a performance but to lift high our praise and enter into His presence. Yet, we continue to sense the Holy Spirit drawing us even deeper into a pure heart of worship. I spoke with a minister who was attending a church in Georgia, and he shared how continuous waves of worship filled the service—the preacher never even spoke, as people were completely caught up praising and worshipping God, bringing healings and setting lives free by the Holy Spirit.

To build upon what God is doing on Sunday mornings, we have begun hosting periodic Sunday Night Praise & Worship gatherings as well—giving even more room for the Holy Spirit to move in our midst. Let us come expecting—both morning and evening—ready to celebrate His works with thanksgiving and praise, and worship Him in response to His holiness. Glory to God!

God bless,
Pastor Stan

September 2026

COMMUNION 9-06-2026: Join in communion. Monthly we join together to celebrate in communion. We do in remembrance of our Savior, The Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:24)

Larry Carter • September 13 • 10:00 am

Larry Carter is a well-known Christian guitarist and music minister known for his soulful blend of gospel, folk, and rock. He began playing guitar at age 6, performing with his family on local radio stations and churches during his childhood. Larry resides in Doniphan, Missouri with his family.

Jerry Urich • Leading Worship • September 20 • 10:00am

MEN'S CONNECT 9-19-2026: Men will meet at the church fellowship hall Saturday at 7:00 am for a time in the WORD and will go for breakfast following the devotional.

MISSIONS SUNDAY 9-20-2026: Every third Sunday we will recognize foreign and local missions. A second offering will be taken and designated for outreaches.

CHILI BAR & GAME NIGHT 9-25-2026: An evening full of fun, food, refreshments, and games. We will be hosting the chili bar and game night beginning at 6:00pm. We welcome all for the event. There is a sign-up sheet for the event on the front counter.



TUESDAY WOMEN'S CONNECT 9-22-2026: Women will gather at the church at 10:00 am for a time of Bible study and fellowship. Lunch following the meeting.

SATURDAY WOMEN'S CONNECT 9-26-2026: Women will gather at the church at 9:00 am. *Saturday Sisterhood* is specifically designed for our women who work during the week to enjoy a time of fellowship and connection.

ANNIVERSARIES

Enedina & Loren Stockwill - 9/27

BIRTHDAYS

Susan Goble - 9/2

Kim Warner - 9/19

Linda Caldwell - 9/3

Linda Scrivener - 9/20

Mark Scrivener - 9/12

Jan Redding - 9/20

Mike Warner - 9/12

Jamie Medlen - 9/21



Growing In LIFE Together In HIM

connect GROUPS

- Sunday Morning Celebration
- Adult Sunday School
- Children's Sunday School
- Worship Group
- Wednesday Prayer
- Thursday Bible Teaching
- Men's Group
- Women's Groups -Tue/Sat
- Volunteer Groups
- Witnessing & Discipleship
- Tech Group

Praise & Worship

Praise celebrates what God has done; *worship* acknowledges who God is. This month, let us be a people who not only lift high our voices in praise but also bow low in holy worship.

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Coffee Center: 8:30 am
Christian Education: 9:00 am
Celebration: 10:00 am

MIDWEEK SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday Prayer: 6:00 pm
Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 pm

LEADERSHIP

Lead Pastor Stanley F. Jackowski
Assistant Pastor Rebecca L. Jackowski
Assistant Pastors Mike & Debbie Robling
Founding Pastors Bruce & Nancy McQuigg

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