

THIS WEEK AT THF

Tuesday

700-900pm ▶ **THF COLLEGE - Worship & Small Groups**
Meets at THF

Wednesday

600-800pm ▶ **THF STUDENTS - 4ORE GOLF**
\$10/Student

Thursday

630-730am ▶ **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY**
Meets in the THF Mall

UPCOMING

MAY 16

One Service (Preschool Only)
9:30am
Extreme Family Jam & Fun Run
11:00am
Family Jam, Food Trucks, Fun Run

MAY 23

Senior Recognition Sunday
9:30am Service
Grill Master BBQ Cookoff
12pm

JUN 21 - 25

THF Kids Camp Eagle in the City



Camp Eagle

Adventure Camps

THF Kids Camp 2021
~June 21-June 25~

Register your kid for camp today!
(Completed Kinder-5th Grade)

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets
and our website for updates to weekly activities
and Sunday Services.

www.theheightsfellowship.org



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	<i>Week of 4/25/21</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>
Budget Giving	\$9,067.60	\$254,463.76
Budget Needs	\$16,403.00	\$278,851.00

Free wifi: THFGuest No password needed.



The Heart of Worship

Our Goal:

TAKING WORSHIP OUT OF THE CHURCH AND PUTTING IT BACK IN OUR LIVES

The most pure, comprehensive, and necessary practice for spiritual living is the practice of the presence of God. By this practice, the soul finds joy and contentment in the companionship with God... - Bro. Lawrence

This answers some common questions for the Christ Follower -

How do we **PRAY** WITHOUT CEASING? *1 Thess 5:17; Phil 1:4; Eph 6:18*

How do we CONTINUALLY offer up a sacrifice of praise? *Heb 13:15*

How is it possible to keep on the **ALERT** at ALL TIMES? *Lk 21:36*

How does one give thanks ALWAYS? *Eph 5:20*

How do we be CONTINUALLY filled with joy? *Acts 13:52*

THESE ARE ALL SOLVED IN WORSHIP

Worship is realizing and responding to the presence of God...

Anything (that isn't sin) that we do that gives God glory is Worship! **2 COR 5:9**

The FACE of worship is that the ultimate purpose of man is to put a smile of the face of God!

The Heart of Worship

1 I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

This kind of worship is a PHYSICAL endeavor (present your *bodies*)

This worship requires a SPIRITUAL connection
(your spiritual service of worship)

This worship has engaged the MIND too (renewing of your mind)

Key Point from Last time -

We present ourselves at the cost of our ourselves!

Offering ourselves is the **HEART** of worship!

Notes from The Heights

Series: Presence!

Weird Worship Word: SURRENDER

IN THE OT, THE SACRIFICES WERE PLACED SO AS TO FACE THE MOST HOLY PLACE THUS 'BRINGING IT BEFORE THE LORD' (WUEST)

present = Gk:parasteesai -

here means to offer or to yield or to make at one's disposal

AKA - CONSECRATE, MAKE JESUS LORD, DIE TO SELF, TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, YIELD TO THE SPIRIT

bodies = Our physical bodies (includes heart, soul, mind, and strength)

holy = Gk:hagios -means something that is **SET APART FOR GOD**
CF QUOTE FROM CHRYSOSTUM

What do we mean 'surrender?' WHAT IT ISN'T

Most simply it means to **STOP RESISTING** - we 'lay down' our arms' (resistance) to God and **YIELD** to His control and direction in our life.

If you don't surrender to Christ, you surrender to chaos! - E.Stanley Jones

A POINT - We get saved only when we *surrender* - we trust what Jesus did on the cross rather than what we can do for ourselves! *Jn 6:44*

The PRACTICE - We yield the various parts of our life to God's control

Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. Romans 6:13

Obstacles to Surrender -

→ Can I really **TRUST** God with every part of my life? (FEAR)

Where God's love is, there is no fear, because God's perfect love drives out fear. It is punishment that makes a person fear, so love is not made perfect in the person who fears. 1 John 4:18 ncv **CF ROM 5:8; NINE PROOFS GOD LOVES YOU**

→ I've GOT this, God! (**PRIDE**)

The reason why many are still troubled, still seeking, still making little forward progress is because they haven't yet come to the end of themselves. We're still trying to give orders, and interfering with God's work within us! - Tozer

→ I'm not SURE what to do! (CONFUSION)

Start with TWO WORDS: "**YES LORD**!"

TRUST God rather than **MANIPULATE** things!

Surrender yourself to the Lord, and wait patiently for him. Do not be preoccupied... 'CEASE STRIVING' PSALM 46:10 *Psalms 37:7 gwt*

When We Finally Surrender..

We finally get **PEACE**! *Job 22:21*

We are finally **FREE** to be who you were made to be! *Rom 6:17-18*

We finally begin to REALIZE VICTORY! *James 4:6-10*

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LIFENotes
Week of May 2nd

Mike quoted Brother Lawrence's Practicing the Presence of God –

“The most pure, comprehensive, and necessary practice for spiritual living is the practice of the presence of God. By this practice, the soul finds joy and contentment in the companionship with God...”

How does this help us to:

Pray without ceasing?

Continually offer up a sacrifice of praise?

Keep on the alert at all times?

Give thanks always?

Be continually filled with joy?

What was your first thought when the word “surrender” was used in respect to worship? Why do you believe you thought so?

Which of the three obstacles to surrender (*fear, pride, or confusion*) is the point of most resistance in your life? How do you respond to this awareness?

How does *Galatians 2:20* fit into the concept of surrender?

What area of my life am I holding back from God?

