

## You And Worship

Henry Ward Beecher, the famous pulpit orator, once had to be absent and his brother was invited to speak for him. The church house was crowded, but when it became evident the eloquent Henry Beecher was not going to appear, many started to leave. Beecher's brother was not disturbed. He stood up before the murmuring crowd, called for silence and said, "All who came this morning to worship Henry W. Beecher may now leave. The rest will remain and worship God."



What are we doing in our assemblies? Some, like the Athenians, come only to hear the preacher to say "something" (Acts 17:20-21). "Is it relevant?" "Is it positive?" Are mental guidelines used in judging sermons? Some attend to judge the singing, the prayers, or the friendliness of the congregation. These go away with a host of criticisms, perhaps, or even pride...but worship has been forgotten.

Why do we gather for worship? Some are here to "get it over with for a week"; to get their tickets validated once more. But those who are here because they need strength in carrying their crosses know the value of true worship.

Worship has nothing to do with the song leader or the talent of the preacher. It has to do with you and your God. Let people do what they will to please themselves. "The rest will remain and worship God."

- Norman Easter, via *Bulletin Digest*

### My Future

Someone said, "My past is gone; my present is passing; my future is arriving."

The best thing about the future is that it comes upon us by degrees, a day at a time. We can manage that! Whatever it holds, my future is mine: if it be fair weather, let me bask in the sun; if it be storms, let me bend with the wind.

The future belongs to those who can make adjustments.

"Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow." (Numbers 11:18)

- Olden Cook, *Bulletin Digest*

### Like My Dog



A little lad of six was invited out to lunch in a neighbor's home. As soon as all were seated at the table the food was served. The little boy was puzzled, and with a child's frankness, asked, "Don't you say a prayer before you eat?" The host was uncomfortable, and mumbled, "No, we don't take time for that." The lad thought diligently for awhile and said, "You're just like my dog! You start right in."

*Some want to serve God, but only as advisers.*

### News & Notes

**TODAY'S SPEAKER:** Aaron Burch of the Hanoverton, Ohio Church of Christ.  
**FELLOWSHIP DINNER & EARLY SERVICE: TODAY.** Dinner at about noon at the Fellowship Building followed by our early afternoon worship at 2:00 p.m. at the church building.

**SYMPATHY:** To Keith & Elaine McClung at the passing of her dad, Harold Leon Sharp (age 95). Mr. Sharp is at the Ford Funeral Home, Fairmont, WV: Visitation today, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Service (at the Funeral Home), Monday, Aug. 5th, 11:00 a.m. God bless and comfort this family.  
**ADDRESS:** Jonah Spencer, 1437 Fifth Street, Natrona Heights, PA 15065. Phone: (304) 551-4203.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate in making small stuffed bears for sick and needy kids.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** Next Friday through Sunday, Aug. 9th-11th at the St. Clair Ave. Church of Christ with Dan Jenkins of Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Topics and other details on the bulletin board.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Next Saturday, August 10th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbian, oh Church of Christ.

**NURSING HOME VISIT & DEVOTIONAL:** Next Saturday, August 10th, 2:30 p.m. at Fox.

**7th ANNUAL SING & PIE FLING:** Friday, Aug. 16th, 7:00-8:00 p.m. (singing lead by Andy Robison); 8:00-? p.m. (fellowship & desserts) at the WV School of Preaching in Moundsville, WV. R.S.V.P. by Aug. 15th. Details on the bulletin board.

**DELONG CORN ROAST:** Saturday, Aug. 17th, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Charlie & Barb DeLong. The Delongs will furnish the corn. Those who want to supplement the corn can take any of the following: a covered dish, snacks, or a dessert. Also, take a lawn chair in case there is not enough seating.

**SECRET SISTERS:** Reveal on Saturday, Aug. 24th, 11:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Building. Questions: see Latisha Brown.

**IDLEWILD DAY:** Saturday, Aug. 31st. Prices: Ages 2 & under, free; 3-59, \$23; 60+, \$21. Contact Betty Smith at 724-747-7653.

**LABOR DAY COOKOUT & PICNIC:** Monday, Sept. 2nd, 1:00 p.m. hosted by the Chester and St. Clair Ave. congregations at Thompson Park, Pavilion 1. See the insert in this bulletin.

**PANTRY:** Mandarin oranges.

**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS & CARDS:** Marlene Reynolds, 140 N. Surrey Road, East Liverpool, OH 43920. Marlene has cancer.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home:** Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Arlen & Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.