

these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book."

If we follow **only what God has authorized** in our singing in worship, then the whole congregation will sing without mechanical instruments of music. **Only then can we be pleasing to God so we can go to Heaven.**

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Attendance 43

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We had a wonderful day yesterday with our winter clothing giveaway! It was very well attended by families in our community. Thank you to everyone who donated clothing, and to those who participated in the event by setting up Friday night or working the event Saturday. We will have another clothing giveaway in the early spring. Let's pray for a good harvest from the seeds planted through this effort!

Upcoming Events

There will be a Gospel meeting at Riverbend Church of Christ (formerly South Bypass) November 7-11 with Charles Cochran.

December 4: Men's Day at Pennville Congregation 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Lunch Provided.

Please add the following to your prayers:

Jimmy Woods, an elder at the Highland congregation fell and broke his leg. As of this writing, he was scheduled to go to Rome for rehabilitation after his surgery.

Butch Jones, the minister for the Ellijay congregation has a malignant tumor in his right kidney and will be having surgery to remove it very soon. Please pray for Butch and his family.

Don Turner, who has been on our prayer list, passed away last week. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Continue to remember our other family members who are confined to their home: Lillian Criswell and Cecil Hill and Callie Paige.

Continue to remember in prayer: The Lord's church worldwide, our missionaries, our nation and her leaders and our service men and women on foreign soil, Steve Weaver, Glenda Weaver, Eathel Currey, Betty Holt, Nelle Tipton, Gene Smith, Chovo Barrientos, Raymond Walker and Curtis Love.

**Our Singing In Worship
(Part 1 of 2)
By Ron Boatwright**

Jesus says in **John 4:24**, "God is spirit and they that worship Him **must** worship Him in spirit and in truth." Singing has a very definite place in worshipping God "in spirit and in truth". God has commanded each one of us to sing in

worship. When people just sit through the worship service and never attempt to sing (unless they can't sing) they are not obeying God. Or when people sit and listen to a choir sing they are not obeying God's command to sing. There is no Biblical authority for a choir in worship. Congregational a cappella singing is the only kind of music divinely authorized by the Lord for Christian worship.

In Colossians **3:16-17** we read, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.**" In verse 16 we are commanded to sing. In the very next verse we are told, "whatever you do in word or deed, **do all** in the name of the Lord Jesus." Everything we do in religion is to be done "in the name of the Lord Jesus, which means by His authority. We can certainly sing by the authority of the Lord. But where would we go in the New Testament for authority for instrumental music in the worship? It just isn't there.

In **1 Corinthians 14:15** we read, "I will sing **with the spirit** and I will sing **with the understanding** also." Not only does an instrument not have a heart, but it also does not have a spirit with which to understand.

God has spoken in the New Testament concerning the kind of music we must use if we expect to worship Him "in spirit and in truth." Singing is the limit of God's command. God nowhere in the New Testament authorized mechanical instruments of music to be used in worship of the church and to use it is a sin. A lifeless mechanical instrument of music cannot worship.

**Our Singing In Worship
(Part 2 of 2)
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In **Ephesians 5:19** we read, "**Speaking** to yourselves in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, **singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.**" Also we read in **Colossians 3:16**, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; **teaching**, and **admonishing** one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, **singing with grace in your hearts** to the Lord." Here we see in our singing, we are to **speak, teach**, and **admonish** one another. This is what God expects us to do when we sing.

But can a mechanical instrument of music speak, teach, or admonish as God wishes us to do when we sing? No. A mechanical instrument of music cannot accomplish anything God has commanded when we sing to Him in worship. Here we see that when we sing, we are "to sing with grace in your hearts" and "make melody in your heart." The melody God wants is to come from the human heart and not from lifeless mechanical musical instruments.

Some people say, "I like instrumental music in worship". It becomes: "I like it, I want it, and I am going to have it." Their feelings take precedence over what God has authorized. They are trusting in themselves. In **Proverbs 28:26** we read, "He who trusts in his own heart is a fool."

We read in **2 John 9**, "Whosoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God." We can not use instrumental music by the doctrine or authority of Christ, because Christ has nowhere authorized it. If we add mechanical instruments of music to the worship of God then we have added to God's word. In the closing words of the New Testament we are warned not to add to His word. In **Revelation 22:18**, "If anyone adds to