

## Rubber Stamp Religion

What do I mean by a “rubber stamp religion”? I am speaking about those who would have a “professional” singer or speaker do their worship for them. It is not uncommon for some to give microphones to the “best” singers to enhance singing. Who gets to decide the best singers? Who would say that the sermon from a young, innocent, and caring child is not as good as a professional speaker?

Look at these passages. “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world” (James 1:27). “Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness (1 Chronicles 16:29). “O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker (Psalm 95:6). “O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth (Psalm 96:9). What can I learn from these passages?

It takes **Personal** involvement to worship God the way He desires to be worshipped. When David was commanded by God to “rear an altar unto the Lord in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite” (2 Samuel 24:18), that is exactly what David tried to do. Araunah wanted to give David the threshingfloor and sacrifice and David said, “Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver” (2 Samuel 24:24). David wasn’t about to offer anything to his God, which cost him nothing. It was personal with David.

Just going through the motion in worship **Prevents** a heart felt offering to God. Formalism is all too often all that is offered God. How sad! God through his servant Isaiah said, “Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me...” (Isaiah 1:13). Christ said, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone (Matthew 23:23). Notice the phrase, “...not to leave the other undone”. True worship includes the heart and the action. Formalism prevents a heart felt offering to God.

A **Possible** solution for this problem is for every Christian to examine themselves to see if their heart is in their worship and to examine the Bible to see if their actions are what God has authorized. Otherwise, we can train the monkeys and dogs to worship for us.

Ronnie

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## Remember in Prayer

### Members:

**Cody Higdon** had surgery for his broken foot on Tuesday, he is now at home.

### Other Request for Prayer:

**David Robbins** (Kelly & Helen’s son) is now better and going home on Tuesday.

**Bernice Wood** (Janice Parson’s sister) had surgery for breast cancer on Wednesday.

**Karen Ann Burton** (Helen Robbins’ niece) has breast cancer.

**Rebecca Dawes** (Mary Sanford’s daughter)

**Buddy & Frances Dunn** (Ann Kilgore’s brother and sister in law)

**Robert Freano** (Linda Blackwell’s dad)

**Jessica Ingle** (Leon & Jeanette’s granddaughter)

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Ethel Gilbert** (Alberta McCaleb’s mom) who passed away on October 8, 2009. Her funeral was on Sunday.

### Scheduled to Serve Sunday, October 18, 2009

(changes are underlined)

**Elder in Charge:** Gary Weaver  
**Serve in Foyer:** Shawn Sanford  
**Sound Room:** Ray Bearden  
**Ushers:** Bob Battles, Andy Woodard

**Song Leader:**

**AM: Ashley Kizer**                      **PM: Barry Hyche**

**Prayer:**

**AM: Eulan McCaleb**                      **PM: Tommy Reid**

**Preside Lord’s Table:**

**AM: Roland Crawford**                      **PM: Mark Griffin**

**Assist Lord’s Table:**

**AM: Stentsen Ellenburg, David Knight, Dusty**

**Parker, CA. Prater, Nick Rouse, Cecil Short**

**PM: Stephen Hall**

**Closing Prayer:**

**AM: Tyler Sanford**                      **PM: Hunter McCaleb**

**Greeters:** Dan & Ann Kilgore

Paul & Alberta McCaleb

**Count Contribution for October**

**Roland Crawford, Barry Hyche, Jimmy Rivers**

## Youth Notes

Oct. 18 -- K thru 5th grade Devo

Oct 25 -- Jr/Sr. Devo @ Carla Tavel’s home

Oct. 28 -- Trunk or Treat following services

Oct. 29 -- Youth/Young Adult singing @ 7:00 PM

## Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 17 -- Family Fun Day @ Tannehill

Dec. 31 -- New Year’s Eve Singing

## Elder’s/Men’s Meeting

**Elders, Deacons, Ministers, & Male Members**

**Sunday, October 17, 2009**

At 2:30PM the Elders and Ministers will meet in the elder’s office. At 4:00 PM the elders, ministers, deacons and all male members will meet in the large classroom in the rear of the auditorium for their quarterly meeting. The elders, ministers, and deacons are expected to attend this meeting. All other male members are encouraged to attend and have a part in making decisions that involve all of us at Adamsville. Thank you for attending. **Ray Skelton** will be the chairman of these meetings.

## Visitation Team Meeting

Visitation Team #3 will meet on Sunday after our AM worship. Team #3 includes: Gary & Doris Weaver, Leon & Jeanette Jackson, Shawn & Tracie Sanford, Shane & Lynn Sanford, Sandra Burford, Billy & Betty Cash, Judy Clendenin, Darin & Lisa Gilbert, Linda Godsey, Ron & Mary Hudson, Dusty & Heather Parker, Scott & Laura Robbins, Carla Tavel, Brian & Ivy Wolfe, and Gloria Wolfe.

## Franklin Camp Scholarship Fund

In Memory of  
Ethel Gilbert

by

Eulan & Robbie McCaleb

