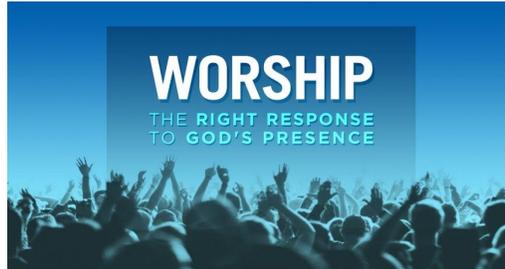


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My 4 years of high school, I was a missionary kid in Peru, South America. One summer I spent a month with a single missionary lady who needed a partner in her village in order to work there. I lived with her in a 3-room dirt floor hut with a ditch dug across the hut that served as “running water”. The villagers didn’t know Spanish, let alone English, and I had LOTS of time to think that month. I remember this discovery:

Me: Wait. What? This church service is still 3 hours long? Last week it was 3 hours because they were celebrating Nancy and I being here. You mean they are always 3 hours? Goodness.

Me: Well, at least they have lots of music. It is weird though, these people are WAY more into it than my church back home, and these people don’t even have “real” instruments. And they don’t even listen to the guy trying to lead things up there. Everybody just kinda sings whatever notes they want. I’m not sure they are even singing the same words.

Me: I wonder if God even likes this?

Me: Well at least He understands it. That would help. He probably does like it. I mean, it isn’t bad and I can totally tell these people really love God.

Me: I wonder if people in heaven will be worshiping like this when I get there. I suppose I’ll understand it. It will be way longer than 3 hours I suppose. Well, what about that awesome choir back home? Will heaven include a choir, or this? What kind of music is God going to pick to sing? What about instruments? Will there be an organ or not? I mean those aren’t in the Bible. I’d be sad without an organ for some music.

Me: Huh. These people have never heard an organ. They would probably not care about an organ, but be sad if we didn’t have a ton of pan flutes in heaven. Huh. How is that going to work? There are so many ways to sing to God. I suppose it would be crazy stuck up of me to think it will always be in English and with music I love. Will Sandy Patti get to sing? Will it be just hymns? What about the music King David sang? What about Peruvian music? What about other countries? Will I have to listen to only music I don’t know? Who decides that?

Me: I bet God loves this. Maybe I’m listening right now to something that will be played in heaven at some point! That’s cool.

Me: Ha! It’s probably not about what I like.... it’s probably more about what God likes.

Coming Up

- Sunday, February 11: Community Dinner, Saranac Housing Commission - **East Bldg.**
- Monday, February 12: Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 pm, West Berlin Chapel
- Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 pm, West Berlin Chapel
- Saturday, March 3: Branch Adventures Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner: 5-8 pm
- Friday, March 23: Teens All-Nighter @ Craig's Cruisers

Announcements

- Over the next several weeks, the **Trustees will be assisting the Yakes** as they prepare their home for move-in! The trustees have invited any interested persons to help with this project. There is a need for both skilled and unskilled labor. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Jordan or Andy Penninga.
- TODAY, Sunday, February 11 will be our next **Community Dinner at the Saranac Housing Commission**. We'll be in the East Building this month, and dinner will start at 6:00. If you would like to contribute to the meal or have any questions, contact Terra Penninga.
- On **Saturday, March 3, Branch Adventures will be holding a Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner** in the Ebenezer Center from 5-8 pm. Dinner will include spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert, and drink. There will also be a silent auction. All proceeds will go to the Branch Adventures Scholarship Fund, which is available to families who are unable to pay the full cost of camp. If you would like to help at this event, donate to Branch Adventures, or contribute an item for the silent auction, please see Caroline Dibaba.
- On Friday, March 23, our teens will be participating in an All-Nighter at Craig's Cruisers in Grand Rapids. Cost is \$15 and includes pizza, go-carts, laser tag, trampoline park (\$3 extra for socks), Ninja Warrior course, cruiser coaster, bumper cars, and ropes course. Teens must sign up by March 7. Each teen can bring one new friend at no additional cost. **ADULT DRIVERS ARE NEEDED!** Please contact Ellen Lipscomb for more information.

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