

Verbal Viral Praise!

2010 is our year of sharing: Sharing our *faith* (which is a gift of grace), sharing *Christ* (the great giver of that gift), and sharing the *church* (recipients of that gift).

Worship is one way to share. Specifically, verbally worshipping God in the presence of others is a way of sharing about God. We easily observe and learn about whatever someone worships. We learn about Eagles and Phillies fans by their worship. We learn about friends by their favorite musical groups and movies. What do you verbally praise throughout the week? About what or whom do you say, "That was great!" or "I loved that!" or "Did you see that? WOW!"

What is the object of my verbal praise? Whatever it is...it is a teaching tool to others. Isn't it easy to see what someone is excited about? To see what someone is thankful for? To see what is most important to him or her? Consider Psalm 34:1-3. "I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together."

The psalmist talks about viral praise, praise that has infected all of life. **CONSTANT PRAISE:** "I will extol the LORD at all times," **VERBAL PRAISE:** "his praise will always be on my lips," **INNER PRAISE:** "My soul will boast in the LORD," **SHARED PRAISE:** "let the afflicted hear and rejoice," and **INCLUSIVE PRAISE:** "Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together."

The psalmist does not talk about private or secret praise. *But* he does not talk about superficial praise either. **Constant. Verbal. Inner. Shared. Inclusive.** Viral praise is both genuine on the inside and recognizable on the outside.

Share the Lord by worshipping him. Say, "I'm so glad the Lord has _____ this week." "Praise God for giving us _____." "God has been so good to me." "Praise God." "Thanks to Jesus." "It's a good thing God _____." There are many simple ways to worship God genuinely at the right place and time.

This week worship God through your words in the presence of others. In doing so they will learn about you and your God. That honors God. -- *Matt*

Welcome to Jean McKeever: who placed membership with us Sunday. Jean has attended our New Members Class and also met with our Elders. She lives at 134-B East Summerfield Ave., Collingwood, NJ 08108. Phone (856) 858-1316, Email: mcklqthousbay@comcast.net . WELCOME!

Tonight: 6:00 PM, The Young Adults: meet at the Cooper's home in Pitman. **Carpooling from our building is at 5:30.** See Matt Fort for details.

Wednesday: the kids pack lunches for the needy.

Friday: **You can help 8PM** – we meet at the building to make sandwiches for needy people in Camden.

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday: Youth Group is away at the Winterfest Christian Youth Rally in Gatlinburg, Tennessee!

Saturday: **10:30AM** meet here at the building to go handout the sack lunches to the needy.

Ladies Spring Retreat March 5-7: Ladies, if you have not yet signed up for the ladies' retreat March 5-7, please stop by the table after worship today. If you need to make financial arrangements, please see Nancy Swinehart. You won't want to miss this special weekend!

We are Looking for Volunteers for Our Camera Crew this Year: Please see Becky Fortunato (397-3556) if you would like to take pictures for the bulletin each week for a 2-month shift. We need photos of special occasions and daily life at Collingswood Church.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Tate Perazzelli

Main Prayer: Tony Ceraso Jr. **Closing Prayer:** Matt Fortunato.
Lord's Supper: Dave Cook, Darren McEntire, Stanley Amado, Chet
Greeters: Scott, Hardee Perazzelli, Chris Schoener, Bibi Williams

PRAYER LIST: That God would open our eyes to **the lost** and for us to **share our faith** this year; **Bill Willer** who had a stoke and is in Jefferson Hospital complex in intensive care.; **Allen Jones' brother, Bob**, having heart problems; Stanley's mother, **Sydella Butcher** recovering from surgery at West Jersey Marlton hospital; **Bill Gill's dad** is back home and doing better, **Fred Boyle** is doing better and will come back home this week; **Dale Sherry's mother** is recovering from a broken hip; **Jack Churchill** is battling cancer, but please also pray for his soul; **Maryanne**, Tony Sr's cousin, having a mastectomy, but also pray for her relationship with the Lord.

Nursery: Julie & Chris Ann Next Week: Nancy & Hollye

Blue Action Team cleans this week. **Anna** coordinates.

LOCAL OUTREACH/MINISTRY

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 Matt Fortunato - Associate Minister
 Church Office- (856) 854-0197

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ELDERS:

Rick Boyle (856-986-4876)

Tony Ceraso, Jr.
 Jack Swinehart

Contribution.....**\$3,723**
 Budget Goal.....\$4,175

Total collected for Haiti Disaster Relief: \$1,400

“We must return to the *authentic gospel*-- not some substitute that occasionally shares similarities. The true gospel produces deep reverence, repentance, humility, a spirit of worship and a concern for the church. It makes us God-centered in our thoughts and God-fearing in our hearts. Too often, a substitute gospel is promoted to ‘help’ people-- to bring peace, comfort, happiness, satisfaction-- not to glorify God.” --J. I. Packer

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“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



Scripture Reading