

WORSHIP THAT PLEASES GOD

Dear Friend,

One of the most common questions on the car ride home after church is probably, “How do you think church went today?” Then the discussion begins! Did the preacher preach too long, did they sing the songs I like, was the sanctuary too cold or too hot, did you notice the lightbulbs have different tints? (oops, sorry that question “reflects” on Franklin’s sanctuary).

It is hard to wrap our minds around this, but we tend to have it backwards. Worship isn’t about me and how much I was pleased. Worship is about God and how much was He pleased by my effort to honor and worship him.

What is worship that pleases God? First, God is pleased when our worship is accurate. By this I mean we cannot create our own image of God. People like to say, “I kind of think of God as... or the God I worship is....” We cannot create our own comfortable God, we must take God as He is according to the Bible and worship God in truth. Secondly, God is pleased when our worship is authentic. Jesus said we must worship God in spirit. Worship must be our spirit responding to God/Holy Spirit. The third way we please God in worship is that we worship God thoughtfully. A wondering mind when we worship is one of the most difficult things I wrestle with when I worship. You may have the same struggle I do too! A mindless worship is a meaningless worship.

Come to church ready to worship this Sunday. Come ready to REALLY worship! If you do, I think the conversation on the way home will be a little different!

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer: Brian and Rachel Glunt (Thailand Missionaries), Pastor Mike on Mission Trip, Faye Cooper

Events:

- Women’s Ministry – Thursday, October 20th – 6PM
- NAPC Hymn Sing at Franklin – Sunday, October 23rd – 5PM