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Church of Christ

Worshipping From A Mower – Jimmy Lee Hodges

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**ASSEMBLIES OF
THE CHURCH**

Sunday Morning
Bible Study:
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning
Worship:
10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening
Worship:
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening
Bible Study:
7:00 p.m.

Bible Study at other
times by appointment

Yard work is not one of my favorite past times. So friends and family will be shocked by the following statement: "I worshipped the Lord from a riding lawn mower." One day not too long ago, I found myself singing songs of praise while cutting the grass. I offered up several prayers of thanksgiving. Some familiar passages popped into my mind and I meditated on them.

Another thought I had from my lawn mower was the well-worn rationalization, "I can worship God from my house or out in the woods just as much as I can worship with the church." While this is usually used as an excuse to get out of attending worship assemblies, there is a sense of truth to that statement. My sarcastic mind laughed to itself thinking, "No one has ever told me, 'Jimmy, I can worship God right here on my mower.'" Let me explain.

One of my thankful thoughts from the mower was for parents who raised me in the Lord. The first time I sang along to "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" was not while riding my lawn mower with an MP3 player plugged into my ear. No, I was on a church pew with orange cushions sitting beside my parents. "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not corrupt and where thieves do not break in and steal ..." was not part of the program at Washington Elementary School. The teachers at Sunday School had me memorize those thoughts. My parents' decision to raise me in the Lord laid the foundation for worship from a mower.

Another important factor is that I still worshipping with the saints today. What if I had not heard, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" since I was 11? What if I had not read, "Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven ..." since I was 16? What would be the chances those unrehearsed thoughts would pop into my head 20-25 years later?

Therefore, I have nothing against people who worship the Lord from their house, in the woods, while cooking a meal, driving to work, or even from a riding lawn mower. I am simply of the opinion you increase your odds of doing this by worshipping weekly with the church. God deserves more worship than he gets. Keep on increasing the probability of spontaneous private worship by worshipping God publicly with the church each and every week.



Welcome

This very hour, this very minute, we have the wonderful opportunity to come before the Lord with rejoicing. In a spirit of love and friendship, we welcome all who have come. Let us lift up our hearts to the Lord.

Please take the time to fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering tray at the appropriate time.

Please remember to silence all pagers and cell phones during worship.

There is an attended nursery for ages 2 and under available each Sunday morning. Susan Zachary will be available to care for your children this morning. We also offer Bible classes for ages 3 thru 4th grade during the lesson.

To our members: Please take the time to fill out an Event Card and place it in the offering tray. We would like a record of how often we, as a congregation, have reached out to our brethren each week. Thank you.

-The Elders

Our laughter here on earth is but a tune-up for the joyful hallelujah's of being in God's presence



The Watering Hole

Gospel Minutes
Life Beyond the Grave

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Greeting the Assembly: Gary Johnson
Song Service led by: Jim Morris

100/101-Holy Ground Medley

Prayer: Bob Moorman

89- Be Exalted, O God

Contribution

356- I Believe in Jesus

The Lord's Supper

1st Prayer- Bob Allison

2nd Prayer- Richard Shelton

527-He Touched Me

(Children 3 years-4th grade dismissed to classes)

463- I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:1-12
Nick Allison

Congregation: Psalms 118:24
*"This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it!"*

Lesson: Gary Meeker

911-Bring Christ Your Broken Life

Announcements: Bob Allison

881- Mansion Over the Hilltop

Prayer: Mark Gooding

Sunday Morning Sermon:

Six Keys To A Good Life

Text: Proverbs 3:1-12 1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, 2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. 8 This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. 9 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. 11 My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, 12 because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father [b] the son he delights in.

Solomon gives us in this chapter the key to:

I. A Long Peaceful Life

- A. Heed the guidance of your parents
- B. Paul's instruction
- C. The world's standard

II. Popularity

- A. The world's way
- B. Wisdom's way
- C. The enduring way

III. Successful Ventures

- A. Have the Lord direct your paths
- B. How to ensure it

IV. Good Health

- A. Fear the Lord
- B. The effects of anxiety and stress
- C. The physical cost of sin

V. Prosperity

- A. Give your best
- B. Old Testament – tithes
- C. New Testament – cheerfully and liberally

VI. Accepting The Lord's Discipline

- A. Value divine chastening
- B. It is for our good

Sunday Evening Sermon: CONTROL OF THE TONGUE

Text: James 3 1 Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. 2 We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. 3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, 8 but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

INTRODUCTION:

1. The human tongue much like fire can have a destructive nature.
Words of anger cut strait to the heart of an individual
Though the tongue used properly can do much good.
2. There is a right and wrong way to use the tongue - Proverbs 12:12-19 -

DISCUSSION:

I. RESPONSIBILITY OF TEACHERS (MASTERS):

- A. The reason is the influence that a teacher exercises upon his students is immeasurable
- B. 1 Cor. 12:1-33 - many would rise and attempt to speak often creating confusion and discord.
- C. This was exactly the sentiment that Paul expressed to Timothy - 1 Tim. 1:5-7

II. RESPONSIBILITY OF CHRISTIANS:

- A. Christians responsibility is also seen within this text - James 3:2.
- B. One who has mastery over his tongue has truly reached the goal in spiritual achievement.
- C. Matt. 12:33-37

CONCLUSION:

1. If one can control his tongue then other sins should easily be repelled.
2. One who is unable to control his tongue, is just as apt to do the things about which he speaks - James 3:5 -



In Our Prayers:

Jim Harrison's mother, **Sheila Darnell**, is at St. John's Hospital.

Phyllis Chapin is facing open heart surgery soon and is still healing from a recent knee replacement.

Phyllis Griebe is in ICU at St. John's Hospital.

Casey Huffman requests prayers & support for her family. They are going thru several struggles at this time. Good news is Casey has been accepted into the Nursing Program at Ivy Tech!

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Bill Beck, Ron Johnson, Jerry Johnston, Dennis Keener, Don & Debbie Archer, Debbie Bair, Wayne & Wilda Bryan, Della Stalcup, Harriet Hobbs, Jean & Jerry Weir, Jean Kendall, Luther Hodges, Lois Montgomery, Mattye Gum

OUR HOMEBOUND: Mattye Gum, Laura Oliver, Laverne Toombs, Thelma Smith, Phyllis Fraser, Nina McIntyre, Robbie Dickerson, Garnet McKinney, Becky Adkins, Edna Bookout

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:

Community Northview: Margie Tompkins, **Primrose:** Charlie Callendar, **Manor Care:** Selbert & Jewell Braden, **Summitville Convalescent Center:** Lola Conner, **Rawlins House, Pendleton:** Betty Wunder, **Community Parkview, Elwood:** Albert Burton, **Miller's Merry Manor, Middletown:** Gladys Boles, Bob & Betty Hathcoat, **Meadowbrook Rehab Center:** Anna Norris, LaTheda Hathcoat, **Miller's Merry Manor, Chesterfield:** Mary Janes, Gladys Sanders, Wendell Parson, Bessie Coppock, **Bethany Point Health Campus:** Jean Kendall

OUR MISSION WORKERS:

Jody Apple (PA), Vito & Antonietta Ligorio (Italy), Ned Isonguyo (Nigeria)

Bibles for China



The Royal Oak Church of Christ in Michigan is collecting money for Bibles to send to China. To contribute to this great work, please see one of the Elders.



From the Mail Bag

We have received letters from Warren Kenny and the Hughes family. They are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.



Edith Hodges is in need of old horseshoes to be used in a craft for VBS. Please bring 'em in if you have 'em!



Got a job that needs done? Wilmer Aquilera is available and willing to do any "handyman" jobs around the house. Call him at 643-1665

Dates to Remember...



Today Nursing Home Devotional, 3:00 pm

June 11 Ladies Devotional, 7:00 pm

June 13 Open House Birthday Celebration for Gladys Hunt, 1-4 pm

June 13 Grades 7-12 at the Batin's

June 16 Ladies Lunch, 11:30 am

June 20 Grades 3-6 at the Boles'

June 21 *Father's Day*

June 21 Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in & Graduate Recognition



Happy Birthday to:

Judy Lippman.....June 8

David Marcum.....June 11

Happy Anniversary to:

Selbert & Jewell Braden.....June 12

Ryan & Summer Cox.....June 12

Guess Who's Turning 90?

The families of Gladys Hunt invite you to join them in celebrating Gladys' 90th birthday with an Open House on Saturday, June 13th from 1 to 4 pm here at the church building.



Nursing Home Devotional

TODAY, 3:00 pm at the Community Northview Care Center



Ladies!

We will meet at Mattye Gum's this Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 pm. Rosemary Littrell will lead our devotional. Please sign up to provide refreshments.

Join us for lunch at Ponderosa on Tuesday, June 16 at 11:30 am. Sign up to attend.

Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

Immediately following our 3rd Sunday Evening Song service on June 21st, we will celebrate with those in our church family who have birthdays &/or anniversaries this month. The pitch-in theme is:

Dad's Favorite



During this time we will also be honoring our graduates. Monetary donations for gifts can be given to Mark or Lorna Gooding.



Don't forget to bring in clean, empty medicine & vitamin bottles (labels removed) **AND** 2 liter bottles of Pop/Soda!

Youth News

Congratulations to Hailey Harrison for winning the fishing contest at the Shelton's last Sunday! She caught a 15.5 inch bass!



Grades 7-12 will meet at the Batin's (6409 Raldon Rd., Anderson) on Saturday, June 13th at 6:00 pm to play some badminton, billiard pool, Wii Sport which includes bowling, tennis, baseball, golf, and more! A head count is needed for food preparation. Please sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board.

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Grades 3-6 will meet at the Boles' (7877 S. 250 E., Markleville) on Saturday, June 20 from 5-8 pm for the 1st annual *SUMMER OLYMPICS!* Teams will be selected and awards given in 5 events: basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, corn hole and sack race. We will have a cook-out; boys bring a 2-liter bottle of pop, girls bring cookies or a bag of chips. Everything else will be provided. Please sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board to attend. A rain date is set for June 27.



Visitation

Last Months totals were:

Nursing Home/Shut-ins: 19/23= 83%

Widows: 12/19= 63%

Visitors: 0 out of 7= 0%

Grand Total:
31 out of 49= 63%

Event Cards

Below are the totals for last month:

Visits: 118

Transportation: 43

Encouragement: 80

Benevolence: 15

Special Needs: 22

Calls: 89

Other: 22

Grand Total: 388

DEAR GOD,

I WANT TO GO TO
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.
PLEASE HELP THE CHURCH GET
ALL THE TEACHERS WE NEED
FOR VBS SO MY FRIENDS
AND I CAN COME LEARN
ABOUT YOU.
AMEN

"Riders of the Great Round-Up"

Mark your calendars for July 20-23! We need teachers and other volunteers to make our VBS a success, please sign up in the Family Room!



TODAY'S SERVANTS

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: David Archer

MIDDLE: Ryan Cox

NORTH: Ben Wade

ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER: Joe Wolf

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Susan Zachary

EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS

SONG LEADER: Jay Allison

OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Wash

LESSON: Ryan Cox

CLOSING PRAYER: Ray Smith

SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- JUNE 14, 2009

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Antonia Hollingsworth

MIDDLE: Jim Watters

NORTH: Drew Smith

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY: Ryan Cox

SONG LEADERS:

A.M. Jin Harrison **P.M.** Kevin Wash

THE LORD'S TABLE:

1ST PRAYER: Kevin Wash

2ND PRAYER: B.R. Hathcoat

SCRIPTURE READING:

PRIMARY: Miles Gooding

ALTERNATE: Barry King

LEADING IN PRAYER:

A.M. OPENING: Jim Watters

A.M. CLOSING: Joe Wolf

P.M. OPENING: Jay Allison

P.M. CLOSING: Gary Johnson

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Denise Hawkins

WEDNESDAY EVENING- JUNE 10, 2009

SONG LEADER: Jay Allison

DEVOTIONAL: Bob Moorman

CLOSING PRAYER: Ray Smith

Goals & Achievements

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class

Sunday A.M. Worship

Sunday P.M. Worship

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Last Week

104

171

119

109

Gifts & Offerings

Budget

\$3,716.78

Actual

\$2,510.46

Difference

(-\$1,206.32)

JUNE ASSIGNMENTS

ASSISTING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:

Charles Lollar Dave Parson John Hollingsworth

Millard Hogue Jay Allison Jim Kendall

BAPTISMAL CLOTHING: Sue Morris

COMMUNION: Tiena Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Robert Allison, Sr.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHER

Ages 3-5: Sue Morris & Diane Parson

Grades K-4: Richard Shelton

SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK

Norman Alexander 378-6420

Robert Allison, Sr. 534-3569

Barry King 778-4624

Gary Meeker 778-2868

PREACHING MINISTER

Gary Meeker 778-2868

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER

Ryan Cox 643-5152

SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH

BENEVOLENCE, Dale Wiles 644-5387

EDUCATION/YOUTH, Richard Shelton 378-3945

FACILITIES, Ray Smith 649-7279

FELLOWSHIP, Gary Johnson 378-7179

FINANCES/BUDGET, Dan Smith 642-4819

HEAT/AIR SYSTEMS, Jim Hodges 649-5143

INVOLVEMENT, Jim Harrison 642-8668

MISSIONS, Jay Allison 649-5607

SAFETY SYSTEMS, Charles Buckner 642-6991

SUPPORT/SPECIAL SERVICES, Mark Gooding 724-9428

WORSHIP, Jim Morris 534-4448