

Brady's "Squared-Off-Edge-of-the-Paper"

In All His Glory

"Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.'

And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, 'To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.' And the four living creatures kept saying, 'Amen.' And the elders fell down and worshiped." -Revelation 5:11-14

Back in high school, I had a friend who said one sentence that entirely changed my view of Jesus and His return. She said, "I can't wait to see Him in all the glory He deserves." For so long I thought of God's return in terms of me finally be proven right, of me finally getting rest, in terms of me finally receiving my reward—in terms of me. And just like so many other things in this life, I took something that should completely be focused on Him, and made myself the focus instead.

For thousands of years, Christ has been ridiculed. He's been called a liar, insane, fake, even non-existent. The love He brought has been outlawed, abused, exploited and warped. And why? Simply because He's waiting so that everyone may have a chance to come home. When He finally does return, the world and everything in it will FINALLY praise Him the way He has deserved from the beginning! And I try and make that about me?

Too often we see Jesus only as our best friend, our buddy, our pal. We forget that the Bible describes Him as a warrior, with eyes of flame, whose robe is dipped in blood. We forget that He is "King of kings, and Lord of lords."

(Rev. 19:11-16) May we start to view His return the way it ought to be viewed—Jesus will finally return... in all His glory.

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Welcome to the Manchester Church of Christ. The congregation is made up of people who meet regularly to share in worship, study, prayer and fellowship. In Jesus Christ, we have found new direction for our lives. We are now seeking to follow the Lord's instructions in fulfilling the Great Commission (Matt 28:16-20 and the Greatest Commandment (Matt 22:34-40).

Attendance and Contribution For 1/17/2010	
Sunday Bible Classes	210
Sunday AM Worship	308
Wed. Bible Classes	n/a
Sunday Evening Worship	n/a
Offering to God	\$8,498.26
Weekly Budget	\$9,120.00

Upcoming Events

- January 24: Senior Saints lunch @ Fellowship Hall
- January 24: 4th Sunday Special Programs PM
- January 31: Leadership Group Meeting
- February 7: Congregational Potluck/BYND
- February 18: Area Preachers/Elders Mtg.
- February 21: Fellowship Groups Mtg.
- February 18-21: Teen Winterfest

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Assembly Times

Sunday:
 Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.
 Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.*
Wednesday:
 Bible Classes: 7:00 p.m.

*Small groups at homes 3rd Sunday evening
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# Arnie's Corner

## Music In Worship (1)

I am often asked; "why we do not use instrumental music in our worship services?" People want to know "did the first century Christians use instruments in their worship of God?" If so, where is the evidence? If not, why did they refrain from the use of instruments?

What is meant when it is stated that the churches of Christ use only a cappella music? The phrase a cappella derives from a Latin expression, which, by way of Italian, means "in the style of the church," or, "as is done in the church." It reflects the historical reality that instrumental music in Christian worship was not practiced in the Christian movement for many centuries and that the rather late introduction of it constitutes an innovation void of New Testament authority.

Dr. Everett Ferguson, one of the premier historians of church history has noted that the none use of the instrument in worship was the "majority tradition of Christian history" until comparatively recent times. Between 1708- 1722, Joseph Bingham, an Anglican cleric, produced his ten volume work entitled, "The Antiquities of the Christian Church," regarding the use of instrumental music in church worship, he writes: "Music in churches is as ancient as the apostles; but instrumental music not so: for it is generally agreed by learned men, that the use of organs came into the church since the time of Thomas Aquinas; around 1250 A.D. For he in his "Sums" has these words, "Our church does not use mechanical instruments, as harps and psalteries, to praise God withal.." (More next week)

# News and Notes

- **Are you interested in a Spanish bible class?** It would be held here at our normal class time, 9:00am Sunday. Please see the sign up sheet on the information table for details.
- **Becky Todd** is home from Hartford Hospital. Keep her and Jim in your prayers.
- **Today we are going to have a Special Contribution to help the relief efforts in Haiti.** As you know, an earthquake destroyed much of this nation. Thousands of lives have been lost. People are desperate, and we want to help. Our collection will be sent White Ferry Road Disaster Relief.

# Anthony's Corner

No matter whether the economy is good or bad, whether we have much money to spend or invest or whether we have very little, one thing should always be a constant. That constant involves getting the most value for whatever we spend our money on or in whatever we may choose to invest. This is especially true with a large purchase such as a house or car. So we do our homework, we go online, we check the latest copy of Consumer Reports so that we may be assured of getting the most 'bang for our buck'. The greatest item of value we have to invest is not necessarily found in our bank account but rather is found whenever we look in the mirror. With that in mind, as Jesus calls for the totality of that which I call "me" to be invested in Him, such a request is not made without asking us to do the thing we usually do when considering a rather sizeable investment of time, talent, energy, or money. In other words, He calls on us to count the cost. Not only must we consider the "forever" nature of committing ourselves to Jesus, but also ask if such a move is really worth it, especially in light of the persecution promised to those who persevere. Peter's realization that only Jesus had words of eternal life, sounds like the realization of one who counted the cost and found that staying with Jesus was more than "worth it" (John 6:68). Certainly, as we think not only of our own commitment to Christ but also of the potential commitment of those with whom we may share the gospel, the concept of counting the cost must be considered. If we have not taught others to count the cost of following after Jesus, then our teaching is incomplete. Once we have considered all the alternatives though, I am sure that committing the totality of ourselves to Jesus is the only smart way to go. At least I have never heard of any faithful Christian as he/she was nearing the end of life on earth, who regretted their having served the Lord.

*Song Leader,*

*Phil Stice*

**Song**

**Song**

**Welcome**

*Arnie Holmes*

**Communion Scripture**

*Col. 1: 9-23*

**Lord's Table**

**Song—1st verse**

**Offering**

**Song Con't**

**Song**

**Elder's Prayer**

*Charlie Brown*

**Song**

**Song**

**Scripture**

*Dave Michaels Jr.*

**Song**

**Sermon**

*"When Your Heart Is Full, You*

*Just Have To Sing"*

*Luke 1: 39-56*

**Song**

**Announcements**

*Arnie Holmes*

**Closing Prayer**

*Mike Cain*

**Children's Bible Time**

*Irida Dautaj/Jenn Scanlon*

**Toddler Bible Time**

*Emma St. Germain/Jenn Scanlon*

**Evening Service**

*4th Sunday Special Programs*

## Remember in Prayer

- **Those having health issues:** Cora Marshall, Becky Todd, Daniel Gipson (Don's son) heart and lung problems. Agnes Wuorio (Rae Holmes mother-cancer). Trudy Wright (Marsha Adam's mother) chemo. Don Bennet (preacher Northside) chemo. Sandy Hannington, Karen Post diagnosed w/cancer, Delia Renteria (sister of Becky Chapa) heart problems.
- **Those looking for employment:** Richard Chang and John Bouffard
- **Those Traveling:** Robert and Holly Klein & kids (Florida two weeks), Don Gipson (Florida),
- **Haiti-country struggling after an earthquake which took many lives and injured many others.**

Emma Scanlon has arrived in Uganda and is settling in to her new school. If you would like to send her a note, her address is:

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## Please Make these corrections to your Directories

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## Our Congregational Pot Luck is Coming!

February 7th we will meet after worship to have lunch together. Those families whose last name is : A-E-bring salads  
F-M-Main Dishes  
N-Z—Desserts

Please bring enough to serve 10-12 Any questions see Linda or Steve Klein

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