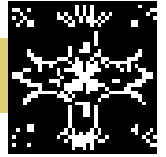


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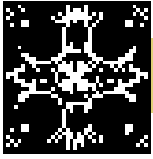
**Date: August 27, 2009**

**WORSHIP LAST SUNDAY - AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>:** We could not have asked for a more beautiful day to worship and everyone must have agreed, because it was great to see the sanctuary fill. With the increase in attendance (approx. 130), there also comes new fun problems such as the need of more hymnbooks. Modern technology comes to our aid with the use of the ceiling projector. Now those that want to use the hymnbooks can do that and those that want to just use the words, can read them from the front wall of the sanctuary. There have been comments made that with the larger attendance and the singing part of worship filling the sanctuary, many feel freer to sing out more, knowing that their voices will blend rather than stand out. Pastor Spanburg preached from Genesis chapter three concerning *Adam and Eve the beginning of Man's sinful nature but victory can always be found in Jesus Christ*. We want to thank the Worship Team for leading us in beginning our time hour of worship and thank the Praise Team for closing our time of worship in uplifting praise.

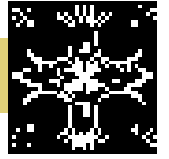
**PRAISE AND PRAYER TIME DURING WORSHIP:** It was observed that there appeared to be an absence of our usual time of praise and prayer. First, let us look at the praise time first. Instead of setting aside one part of the service for personal testimonies, we are expanding the opportunity. Those in regular attendance always knew that someone would call for testimonies, yet rarely were testimonies ready and after a period of awkward silence, someone would come through with a humorous comment about the weather and we would move on in the service. Yet, when Nancy Hadley stood a couple of weeks ago just before one of our congregational hymns and shared her testimony about how meaningful that hymn was to her, we all were blessed and made the singing of that song special. Old Union Church has always encouraged free sharing of personal testimonies in our services. We want everyone to know that at any time God leads you to share, please stand and let us give you opportunity to share. If you are shy... just pass the word to one of the pastors and they will make room in the service for you. Second, let us look at prayer requests. Two Sundays ago it was announced that we would begin using prayer request slips (the blue slips of paper found in hymn racks of each pew) This would help us to not only get the information correct but also who presented the requests so that we can better follow up on the requests. Those slips are placed in the offering plate as a part of our spiritual giving and then collected and given to the person leading that Sunday's prayer time. Last Sunday we only had one request and that was from a little lady concerned about her pet dog. Those requests are kept and used as a part of daily prayer concerns. If someone is present in the service and has an immediate prayer need, physically, spiritually, or concern for someone else... then they are encouraged to act upon that urgency and act upon their faith and come down to the front where the pastors and others will join for special prayer. So when you come to church next Sunday, please place your prayer requests in the offering plates, come down to the front for prayer at any time before the service, during the service, or after the service and you can stand and share a personal testimony any time.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Brad Thomas is the Director of the Sunday school and encourages everyone to plan to make each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. a part of their Sunday schedule. It is a great way to study the Bible and fellowship with other believers. There is a class for about everyone and if you have a special area of interest to study... we could probably find others that want to study the same thing. Plan this Sunday to attend and encourage others as well as yourself.

**NOTE:** Run and walk exercise program meets each week on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. (Prayer & Exercise)



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**YOUTH PROGRAM AT OLD UNION CHURCH:** With Pastor Spanburg on staff, he has the assignment to provide develop youth programming, youth leadership training, and growth of the program. On Wednesdays, the youth will be a part of the food fellowship from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and then meet as a combined group for games and fun, large group worship, and small group interaction. Every Wednesday will be exciting and young people will not want to miss. The Sunday evening youth program will be Junior High students will meet in Jamestown at the home of Dave and Debbie West for Bible Study and the Senior High students will also meet in one of the church family homes but has not yet been determined (see Pastor Spanburg for more details for Senior High students). Pastor Spanburg is to interact with the youth during these activities. Please do not forget the Junior High and the Senior High Sunday School classes.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AT OLD UNION CHURCH:** We are working on a more detailed program for ministering to the children at Old Union. We are looking at a program first grade through fifth grade. Presently we have an excellent Sunday School Class during Sunday school taught by Phil and Judy Gulley. We have a children's church program during the Sunday Morning worship service lead by Brad Thomas and Rae Andreanopoulos. At the present, on Wednesday evening, we are including the children into the youth activities with games on their activity level as needed and small group discussions also on their level during the small group time. We are in need of additional workers for the children programs. Contact Rae Andreanopoulos if you are interested.

**YOUTH SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY - AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>:** Four months out of each year, there is five Sundays in the month. At Old Union Church, we turn those Sundays over to the youth and children to minister and lead. This coming Sunday is one of those Sundays and we look forward to experiencing worship led by our young people. This is not looked as a special program or performance but rather it is young people learning to serve our God in worship. Please keep our young people and the leaders in prayer as they prepare!

**WHEN DO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN MOVE TO NEXT CLASS?:** The question has been asked and the answer is..."The first Sunday of September (September 6<sup>th</sup> you go to your new class". The reason is that Sunday school study material is designed for every three months (or quarterly) and the first Sunday of September is the beginning of a new quarter of study. All publishers of study material plan it this way and that makes the first Sunday of September the beginning of a new Sunday school year. So...if you have moved up in school and you should now be in the Sunday school class...then you change September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**DO NOT FORGET HOMECOMING OCTOBER 11, 2009!!!**

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