

church of Christ at Suwanee
10 Molloy Road
Kuttawa, KY 42055

TO:

Return Service Requested

Our Mission

“To seek and save the lost” Luke 19:10

Our Objectives

“The perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” Eph. 4:12

“Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:” Col. 1:28

What must I do to be saved?

Hear: Acts 15:7
Believe: Mark 16:15-16
Repent: Acts 17:30
Confess Christ: Rom 10:9-10
Be Baptized: Acts 2:38
Be Faithful II Pet. 1:5-11

Our Proposition

We will gladly give scriptural authority for everything we teach or practice. If anyone should show us, by the Scriptures that we need to make some change in our teaching or practices, we will do so immediately.



The Sower

“A Sower went out to sow his seed: and he sowed.” Luke 8:5

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 6:00 pm

Address of Building:

Located on the corner of
Molloy Rd.
and
810 South

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SINGING WITH WHOSE UNDERSTANDING?

The Text: -- "What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding" (1 Cor. 14:15).

Everyone should understand what we sing in our assemblies. However, we want to notice on whom this passage focuses regarding "understanding."

The Context: -- Assemblies should result in edification or building up. 1 Cor. 14 weighs the benefits of speaking in tongues versus prophesying in public worship. Paul wrote that prophesying was more desirable because it "edifies the church" (vss.4, 5). He instructed them to favor gifts that were "for the edification of the church" (vs. 12). He concluded, "Let all things be done for edification" (vs. 26). While the gifts of tongues and prophecy no longer exist, what they were supposed to have accomplished remains the same. If we meet together but are not edified, we have not fulfilled God's purpose for our assemblies.

Paul also pointed out that understanding is essential for edification. Edification is the goal while understanding is necessary to achieve that goal. Notice, however, exactly to whom this "understanding" applied. Paul wrote, "I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue" (vs. 19). Paul was not referring to his ability to understand, but rather to the understandability of what he spoke. The NIV puts it this way: "I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue." In other words, anyone who addressed the assembly had to speak intelligibly in order to edify others. Earlier Paul wrote, "Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played? For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare himself for battle? So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air" (vs. 7-9).

Therefore, when Paul said that he would sing and pray "with the understanding," he was not referring to his ability to understand, though his understanding was obvious and necessary. He meant that he would sing and pray in a way that others could understand him.

The Application: -- One way this applies to us is obvious: if we are to sing so that others understand, we have to sing. It is not okay just to listen, even if we read along silently in the hymnal and understand the meaning of the hymns. To "sing with the understanding" means to sing so that others understand us. If we do not sing, what is there for others to understand? Elsewhere Paul wrote that we should be "teaching and admonishing one another" (Col. 3:16) and "speaking to one another" (Eph. 5:19) by singing. Those who conclude, "I can't sing, so I just worship while others sing" are not fulfilling their responsibility.

Furthermore, realizing that singing with understanding means that others must be able to understand what we sing should remind song leaders how important hymn selection is. Leaders who pick songs based on music, with little or no thought given to meaning and understandability, ignore 1 Cor. 14 and every other New Testament passage related to song in worship.

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As stated in previous articles, the song leader should read and understand every word of each hymn he chooses to use in worship. If the leader does not understand the meaning of a hymn, how can he expect others to understand?

Unlike Paul's day, when we assemble no one will have a psalm, a teaching, a tongue, a revelation, or an interpretation (vs. 26) to share intelligibly with others. Nevertheless, as worshippers, we must participate in singing and as song leaders we must ensure that the hymns we choose are understandable.

----- *David Maravilla in Truth Magazine, Vol. 51, No. 10, Oct. 2007.*

Fall "Singing" 2017

TODAY!!

Singing Class at 2:00 PM

"Congregational" singing at 3:00 PM for the evening worship hour!!

Remember These In Your Prayers

See full PRAYER LIST on board.

**Larry Beard
Janice Holland
Joanne Johnson & Family
Curtis Mayberry & Family
Mary Meinders
Pat Travis
Martha Wadlington
Kathleen Walker**

"When you did it to the least of these My brethren, ye did it unto Me." Matt. 25:40

Weekly Budget & Financial Goals 2017

**Weekly Budget \$777.39
Current Weekly Cont. \$833.76**

Weekly Goal \$1,400.00