

WORSHIP NOTES

Sermon: "My Reactions"

Sunday October 1, 2017

SONG: THE GREATNESS OF OUR GOD. Sometimes we can lose sight of the greatness and the awe and fear that we should have of God. We'll think of God as our "friend" and we become so familiar that sometimes we lose the sense of the awe and wonder of the greatness of God. Also, when we think of the greatness of God, we can lose sight of the personal side of God. Therein lies the mystery and beauty of the greatness of our God. He is both big and small to us. This song says: No sky can contain Him, and no matter how big and grand He is, there's nothing that can separate me from the love of God. This song does a beautiful job of reminding us that God is great enough to be in control of every situation of our life, but small enough to be involved in the smallness of our life. No matter how big He is, God has personal, individual and crafted love for each one of us

ANTHEM: JOYFUL NOISE. This is based on Psalm 100 which is an invitation to enter joyfully into God's presence. His faithfulness extends to our generation and beyond. While some "employees" work reluctantly, others cheerfully give their best all day long. We are to be like these who serve with gladness. As to our attitude toward worship, we willingly and joyfully come into God's presence and remember God's goodness and faithfulness, worshipping with thanksgiving and praise!

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 122. As we come to this Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday, as we have heard and thought about all the activities and ministries which have occurred at Crestview since our charter members met years ago through our newest members and guests today, we cannot help but think of David as he approached the gates of Jerusalem . His heart is filled with joy and expectancy. "I rejoiced with those who said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord". He loves the capital city and looked forward to participating in one of the great festivals of worship there. Jerusalem, teeming with people and activities of all

kinds, was an exciting place to visit. One day the New Jerusalem will be the gathering place of peoples of all nations, and the Lord will be glorified forever! With the Lord's presence at Crestview, he makes this "house" an exciting place for us to worship. Make our worship together become an enriching, exhilarating experience for us as we bring our praise and thanks to the one who deserves the power and glory forever and ever.

SCRIPTURE MATTHEW 5:33-42. When we are wronged, often our first reaction is to get even. Instead, Jesus said we should do good to those who wrong us! Our desire should not be to keep score, but to love and forgive. This is not natural---it is supernatural, and only God can give us the strength to love like he does. Instead of planning vengeance, pray for those who hurt you.

SONG: THE STAND. Romans 5:1-3 *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance.* The truth of this song is based on Paul's encouraging words to the Romans 5:1-3 which are wonderful words to celebrate and "rejoice in the hope of the glory of God" as we praise our Lord and Savior Jesus for coming to die for our sins as our perfect, blameless substitute for our sinful natures on whose grace we "stand with arms high and hearts abandoned in awe of the one who gave it all". "The Stand" is a call to stand up for what you believe in. It's a call to stand in awe of the One who gave all and to stand outside of the walls of the church rubbing shoulders with the lost. Together, we stand as followers of Jesus sharing a powerful opportunity: To live as a child of God. We must live as though we believe we are loved. It's time we take a stand believing we are loved, and then, let's go change the world.