

# Ministering God's Love



## Cultivating Faith

### THE KING'S VOICE

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### *Proskunew with all your Pneuma!*

By Dorene Royal

I've been pondering lately over our worship through music in our church. Notice I didn't say in "the" church but in "our" church. For those who are new to our congregation, I became the Director of Music eight years ago. It was definitely God-ordained; the first Sunday that I visited was the day the former music director resigned. I offered to assist, and the rest is history! At the time I began leading worship, Christ the King only sang contemporary worship music. There were no time restrictions, we simply sang heaven down and the Presence of God was so sweet that no one cared to even look at their watches. We have arrived at 2016 and the metamorphosis of our music has been significant, as you can imagine after reading the 'roots' of the music ministry at Christ the King.

I am definitely not going to debate in this article what 'type' of songs should be sung as there are some strong opinions for both pure contemporary worship or hymns-only praise. Don't you think that God is far bigger than what 'kind' of song WE like best? What God is looking for in our musical worship is not the 'type' of song we sing, but a song that comes from a heart that yearns for more of Him and a spirit that longs to connect with His Spirit, and a soul that is thirsty to be filled with the Living Water that He offers to pour out.

Matthew West wrote a powerful song in the year 2006, it was one of those songs that cuts to the soul and the lyrics are something I think about *every* Sunday morning before we begin worship at Christ the King: I don't want to go through the motions, I don't want to go one more day without Your all consuming passion inside of me, I don't want to spend my whole life asking 'what if I had given everything instead of going through the motions...' Here's my question to you – how often do you find yourself 'going through the motions' at church?

Can you imagine carving out some special time to spend with someone you love deeply, and while you are talking to that person, they are distracted – perhaps looking around and not looking in your eyes, or interrupting you to talk to a passerby, or you can see that their mind is a million miles away. Sure, they are 'there' but they're not really 'there', if you get what I mean. Coming to church and singing worship songs with a disconnected heart would be exactly like that to God; the One who created heaven and earth wants to spend quality time with US (wow!)...it requires our complete focus.

Matt Redman wrote a song in 1999 that was pivotal in the evolution of modern worship. He was tired of the debate about praise songs versus hymns. His words rang true to my heart: When the music fades and all is stripped away and I simply come, longing just to bring something that's of worth, that will bless Your heart – I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required, You search much deeper within

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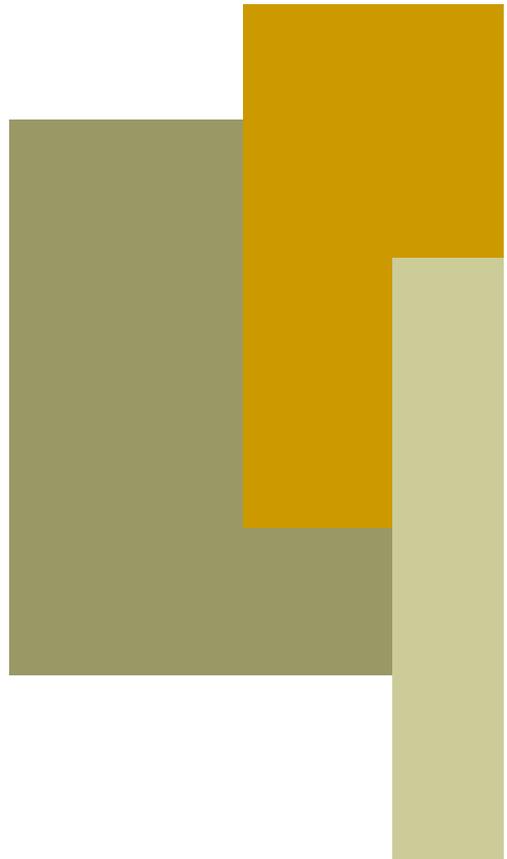
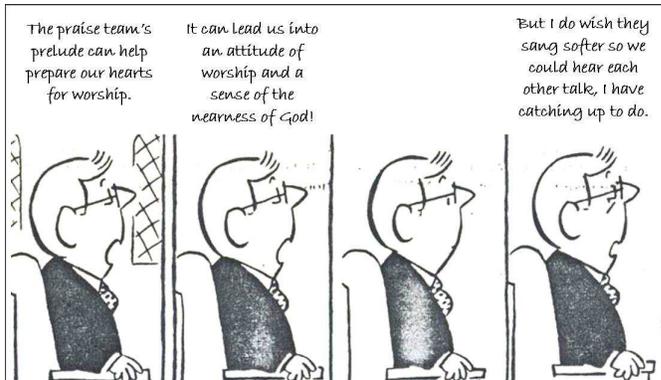
through the way things appear *You're looking into my heart!* I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You. **I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it** when it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.

This year, 2016, I am going to encourage you, corporately and individually, to enter the doors of our sanctuary with a heart open to worship – from the first song until the last song, enter in – feel and sing every word from your heart, focus totally on Him.

I am encouraging the Praise Team to rededicate their talents to Him this year, to commit to being consistent to the ministry of music and leading worship. They are not there to fill up the empty microphones, or be a 'band,' or sing the latest-greatest song, or show off their talents. That sounds miserable to me! The Praise Team has an awesome responsibility before God – the precedent was set by priests of the Old Testament - they are to lead the people into the Presence of God through music, modeling something beautiful, humble and Christ-centered on the platform.

I believe one of the reasons many of us are at Christ the King is because we want something more than just religious formality. Jesus was clear (John 4:24) when He said we must worship Him in spirit and truth. The word 'spirit' in that verse in the original Greek language is *pneuma* which means your very breath and vitality. The word 'worship' is *proskunew* which means to prostrate oneself in reverence, to adore, to kiss the hand of the master.

So, here's my New Year's resolution. When we begin to sing at Christ the King, I pledge to put aside everything else that may be going on around me and enter in with my very breath and vitality to adore and reverence Him... to kiss the hand of my Master with my praise. Will you join me?



## Information About Becoming a Vestry Member

January 17<sup>th</sup> after the service we will have our Annual meeting. At our annual meeting we will talk about the state of the church. The hopes and dreams for the coming year. And we will elect two new members of the vestry for a three year term.

Two members of our vestry will finish their service on the vestry, Martha Griggs and Mark Schrader have served for three years. The vestry and I would like to ask you to pray, about being a nominee to serve on vestry

### Canons of the Diocese of Central Florida state:

A person shall be eligible to serve as a Warden or member of the Vestry who is entitled to vote on matters coming before the Parish or Mission, must be at least 18 years of age, and a confirmed communicant in good standing.

Marilyn Springthorpe has agreed to be nominated but we must have at least one more nominee to fill our two open positions.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve the Lord in his church. Please speak with Mother Carolyn if you feel called to serve on the vestry.

### ORIGIN OF "THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" An Underground Catechism

You're all familiar with the Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" I think. To most it's a delightful nonsense rhyme set to music. But it had a quite serious purpose when it was written.

It is a good deal more than just a repetitious melody with pretty phrases and a list of strange gifts.

Catholics in England during the period 1558 to 1829, when Parliament finally emancipated Catholics in England, were prohibited from ANY practice of their faith by law - private OR public. It was a crime to BE a Catholic.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England as one of the "catechism songs" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith - a memory aid, when to be caught with anything in \*writing\* indicating adherence to the Catholic faith

The songs gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith.

The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, much in memory of

the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but thou wouldst not have it so..."

The other symbols mean the following:

- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
- 5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.
- 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation
- 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
- 8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

### What would you do?

It's Sunday morning just after bible school lets out and a familiar man stumbles in the hallway, grabs his chest and falls to the ground. What would you do? Who would you call? How would you react? This is a scenario that nobody ever wants to witness playing out in front of them, but heart disease is the number 1 cause of death in the United States and about 735,000 people suffer from heart attacks each year. That's one person every 43 seconds! In Cub Scouts we are learning about how to perform first aid for a variety of situations, and heart attack care is an important lesson to learn. Here at Christ the King, we are taking steps to try and be prepared. Our planning



ranges from creating disaster and emergency plans, to researching and acquiring Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). AEDs are nothing new in today's world; you see them about everywhere you go. From the grocery store, to the mall, to schools and to restaurants; most public facilities have them just like they have a first aid kit. Today's AEDs are safe medical devices that detect the pulse of a person, can instruct a first responder what steps to perform, and if necessary can provide an electrical pulse to try and start a stopped heart. **So, what can we do?** Mother Carolyn has tasked us with trying to find and fund an AED for the church. The AED we have researched for our church (same model that Polk County Sheriff Deputies carry in their vehicles) costs approximately \$1200. If you are interested in helping us fund this important piece of equipment, or are interested in more information, please speak with Josh Beck or any vestry member. By pooling our funds together, we can purchase this valuable life saving device that could one day save one of our lives.

# Deacon's Corner

## *Good Shepherd Hospice -*

What is hospice? Hospice is a facility that provides a special kind of care that focuses on quality of life for loved ones that are facing a life-limiting illness or in need of pain management. Hospice services can be provided at the patient's home, in a hospital, or a special hospice facility by a specialized team of professionals. Good Shepherd's Hospice provides all of these services and also seeks, trains, and utilizes volunteers in a wide variety of settings to make the loved one more comfortable, physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. This particular hospice facility is located at 3450 Lakeland Hills Blvd., not too far from Christ the King Church. If you are interested in participating in this type of ministry, and doing it with a friend is encouraged, you can contact Peg O'Leary Parsche at 863-583-3127. If you have any questions, please see Deacon Bob.

## Who Was That Baby?

It was a cold, wintry, Wednesday evening and, as a Eucharistic Visitor, I had just finished visiting with the hospitalized members of our congregation. I was rushing a little because I had to leave for work early in the morning to prepare a presentation, and boy, I was really tired. It was already a long week. Just as I headed for the front door, the hospital operator asked if I could stop up to see a young woman who was expecting her first baby and was having a tough time; her husband was in route but probably would not arrive until morning. She said the woman really sounded afraid.

When I arrived in her room, there was this very small young woman in her early twenties. She was pale, and sweaty; obviously she was in labor. I introduced myself to Mary and asked her if she was OK. She gripped my hand as if she would never let it go, and told me she was afraid. The doctor said the baby was larger than he originally thought, she had no family nearby, and wasn't sure where her husband was at. It was just at that moment that Mary arched her back, moaned and tightened her grip on my hand, if that was possible. Labor, hard labor. I asked God to help her, to ease the pain; she was so small and so young. I also asked God what He wanted me to do. I really had no idea what I was doing.

When the contraction passed, I asked Mary to tell me a little about herself. This took her mind off of her loneliness and she was actually smiling and excited as she described her family, her husband and their plans. They had just moved to Northern Virginia because of her husband's new job. She told me about their plans to buy a house and go back home to visit with the baby, and she just kept talking. The Nurse came in and asked if I was the Father, I explained I was from a local church and was spending some time with Mary. She asked if I would time her contractions. Shortly after she left, Mary started some more contractions. By the time the nurse came back, Mary was almost ready to deliver. Mary looked at me, pale again, with those big brown eyes and asked if I would stay and help her through the delivery.

Oh Lord, I am so tired and tomorrow is such an important day. OK, Lord, I understand, Mary needs me. And so over the next two hours we sat in one of those private delivery rooms, panting and resting, holding hands, wiping the sweat off her face, praying that she and the baby would be OK, and that her husband, Joey, would arrive safely. It was a little after midnight when the nurse said she was going for the doctor, that it was time. Shortly after he arrived, the baby came in a normal delivery and was healthy and letting everyone know he was glad to be here. Mary was exhausted, but the look on her face when she held her baby made the late hour seem insignificant. She was beautiful, the baby was beautiful and God is Awesome, as usual. The doctor told Mary that the baby needed to rest almost as much as she did and he was giving her something to sleep. I walked with her as they wheeled her back to her room. After she was settled, I held her hand and prayed for her and for her family. She fell asleep right away. As I thought about leaving, the nurse came in and said Mary's husband would be here in 30 minutes. I kissed Mary on the forehead and asked God to watch over her

### Notes from the office

I was flabbergasted when I came to work on December 21st and found out that I was going to be receiving a Christmas Bonus from this wonderful church. Words can not express how thankful I am.

We are having our annual meeting on Sunday, Jan 17th. Directly after the service. We will have an overview of 2015 as well as what we plan for 2016. If you are a ministry leader, please get your report to me by January 6th.

Thanks Again!! Chris Leiva



DEAR CHRIST THE KING FAMILY,

WE ARE SO VERY THANKFUL FOR THE MONETARY GIFT YOU GAVE US AT CHRISTMAS. THE TOTAL AMOUNT YOU GAVE WAS \$ 570.00. WE WILL USE THIS MONEY TO PAY FOR OUR MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION. WE LOVE YOU ALL VERY MUCH AND WE FEEL BLESSED TO SERVE YOU. LOVE, MOTHER CAROLYN, DEACON ED AND DEACON BOB



### FIFTH ANNUAL



## HOT CARS – HOT BIKES AND HOT DOGS

SATURDAY JAN. 9, 2016 - 10 AM-2 PM

We are going to need lots and lots of help!!! This event that we host is HUGE!!

**But it can't happen without everyone pitching in to help.**

Starting now, we need a couple things... Prayer!! Prayer for great weather and a great turn out. AND Soda . We are going to need everyone who can be here to be here as there will be lots of jobs to do. Any help will be greatly appreciated even if you can not stay the entire time. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the hall, so please write your name down to let us know we can count on you,

#### INCOME

November 1	\$3113.00
November 8	\$2088.57
November 15	\$2510.00
November 22	\$2301.00
November 29	\$1434.46
TOTAL	\$11,447.05

#### Financials for November 2015

#### EXPENSES

TOTAL \$11,881.76

# M I N I S T R Y                      S C H E D U L E

Ministry area	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Celebrant	Mother Carolyn	Mother Carolyn	Mother Carolyn	Mother Carolyn	Mother Carolyn
Deacon	Bob Dinnerville	Ed Tatlian	Ed Tatlian	Bob Dinnerville	Bob Dinnerville
LEM2	Wade Griggs	Sharon Rogers	David Biggs	Martha Griggs	Marilyn Springthorpe
Acolyte - Server	Elizabeth Hospedales	Sydney Sharrow	Mitchell Parrish	Elvon Hospedales	Sydney Sharrow
Acolyte - Cross/bells	Elvon Hospedales	Clive Borden	Liam Borden &Madyson Dawson	Nathanial Heist	Joey Beck
Acolyte-Collection	Alexander Parrish	Joey Beck & Ayden Dawson	Ayden Dawson	Nathaniel Heist	Joey Beck
Acolyte -Gospel	Peyton Dawson	Grace Fernburg	Grace Fernburg	Peyton Dawson	John Beck
Old Testament	Andrea Borden	Jim Royal	Martha Griggs	Jan Dinnerville	Paige Sharrow
New Testament	Veda Dwyer	Sharon Rogers	Stacey May	David Biggs	Andrea Borden
Prayers of the people	Jan Dinnerville	Ed Tatlian	Wade Griggs	Bob Dinnerville	Ed Tatlian
Greeters./ushers	Betty & Claire	Jack & Wade	Terry & Cheryl	Debbie & Jack	Susan & Darren
Pre k (paid)	Debbie	Colleen	Debbie	Colleen	Debbie
Children's Chapel	Pam Sharrow  Bob Dinnerville	No Children's Chapel	Andrea Borden  Dorene Royal	Jessica Beck  Bob Dinnerville	Pam Sharrow  Ed Tatlian
Prayer Team	Cathy & Marilyn	Stacey & Jim	Wade & Joy	Cathy & Marilyn	Wade & Lisa
Altar Guild	Christina & Jo Ann	Lisa Birkner	Lisa Birkner	Claire & Cathy	Claire & Cathy
Vestry Counters	Mike & Jack	Mike & Jack	Mike & Jack	Mike & Jack	Mike & Jack

# January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am Children's Chapel 10am B – Colleen Parrish		B – Charles Ott	No Service			FIFTH ANNUAL CAR SHOW
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Ed Tatlian's Celebration of new Ministry Holy Communion 10am			No Service B – Sydney Sharrow		B – Santos Zamora	B – Ed Weaver
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am CTK's ANNUAL MEETING Holy Communion 10am Children's Chapel 10am			No Service	B – Steven Pechout	Diocesan Convention B – Pam Sharrow	Diocesan Convention B – Easton Benton
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am Children's Chapel 10am			No Service			
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