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a community of grace

THE BODYBUILDER

Our vision is to be a community of grace, telling the unsaved of salvation by grace, encouraging the saved to live and grow in grace, and extending grace to others.

Saving Our Loudest For Him

A couple months ago, I mentioned the gentleness of our little dog Willy; how he is just a quiet, tender dog. When he needs something, like any dog, he lets us know, but always so softly. If he needs to go outside, he gives a little whimper. If he needs water or food, the same little whimper. If someone walks by our house, he lets out a little raspy bark. Even when he wants to come in after being outside, he just stands at the door, rarely making a sound. BUT, when we come home, he greets us with so much excitement! He runs loops around the inside of the house as fast as he can, his bark is louder, and he is overwhelmed with joy that we are home. It's always a fun pleasure to come home just knowing how great his reaction will be.

While Willy communicates his needs to us throughout the day, he always seems to save his loudest reaction for when we come home. As I considered this, I realized Willy's response depicts a beautiful picture of what worship should be.

Throughout the day, we lift up various prayers to God. Often times they are prayers of personal need, sometimes we lift up the prayer requests of others. But when we intentionally step away from our schedules and "come back" into the presence of God, what is our response? Does our praise become increasingly heightened? Are we excited to just be with the Lord and away from the distractions of life?

I understand that all of us are in different places. Some may be enjoying tremendous blessing in life while others may be encountering dire storms. How will your private worship be affected? Whether blessing or storm, He is worthy of our loudest praise. He is greater than all our greatest blessings. The psalmist writes, "Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!" He is stronger than our fiercest storms. Job, after losing everything, reminds us, "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

My challenge to you this month, despite your circumstances—give the Lord your loudest! He is worthy to be worshipped. He is worthy of being our delight, worthy of our dependence, and worthy of our devotion. He is worthy to be loved, to be praised, to be exalted and to be followed!

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*Psalm 47:1; Job 1:21b ESV



Join us for these upcoming events.

- 4 July 4 Celebration, 7pm
- 5 BBC office closed
- 5 Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 12 Mothers-In-Law small group, 7pm
- 18 Commitment Class, 9am
- Praise the Lord for a safe arrival for the Bartmas family in Cochabamba, Bolivia.
- Pray for our youth group as they go to camp June 28—July 2.
 Pray for the leaders and all the students as they draw closer to God and to one another.
- Please continue to pray for our Pastor Search Team and their task of finding the right man to be our next pastor. The team members are Marc Charpentier, David Emerson, Kim Hickman, Frank June, Rob Matlack, Kati Thompson, and Barbara Van Wart.

FAMILY UPDATE







THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

A Study from the Book of Leviticus

Sunday Morning at 9am



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Birthdays				1	2	3
9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 7:00PM July 4th Celebration	5 *BBC Office Closed* Evening of Prayer 7pm	6	7	8	9	10
9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 6:00PM Youth Group	7pm BE A GREAT MOTHER-IN-LAW	13	14	15	16 Tracy Hallak	17
18 Angie Lutz 9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 6:00PM Youth Group	19	20	21	22	23	24 Mike Hallak
25 Russell Rains Michael Dick 9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 6:00PM Youth Group	26	27	28 Adam Maddox	29 Rob Matlack, Jr	30	31