



IS BIG WORSHIP WHAT COUNTS?

by Martin Drummond

One of the mistakes that some Christians make is to think that “big worship” as in that found at a Christian convention or megachurch is more important to God than the worship in a small congregation or house church.

Yes, it’s true that more people are involved in big worship and the number of “bells and whistles” of musicians, electronic media and cool-looking settings tends to be higher.

But the last time I checked, the Bible promises that if two or three people are gathered in the name of Christ, He’ll be there and the people will be having church.

I’m in no way criticizing big worship. Actually, I like it when I have the opportunity to participate.

But big worship should never be established as a requirement for effective worship.

I share this today because of my reading this morning from [2 Chronicles 6-8](#). King Solomon’s dedication of the brand-new Jerusalem Temple is described in this passage and it is an amazing event with countless thousands of Israelites present for at least 14 days. During that time, 144,000 animals are sacrificed.

That’s right — **144,000** bulls, sheep and goats.

It was an amazing time with appointed, anointed professional musicians leading the worship.

I don’t know that we can identify with these worshipers since most of us have never experienced even a several-day, all-day revival/worship service.

Fourteen days... all day... worshiping...wow.

What moved me from this passage was not the big show of big worship, even though that was incredibly impressive.

Instead, it was the core message of God to Solomon and the nation. Here’s my paraphrase — “When troubles come because I’m disciplining your spiritual apathy toward Me, humble yourself, pray and seek My face as you repent of your sins and self-will. Then I will heal your land. If you don’t, your land and your temple will be destroyed by your enemies with My permission.”

The key passage containing the above promises of God is found in 2 Chronicles 7:12-21.

Here’s the wrap-up. No matter the size of the worship, this core message still applies: if we walk in faith, whether it’s out of an arena church or out of a house church meeting in a trailer, the promises above still apply.

Let’s not fall into the trap of thinking big worship is more important than the “big idea” of putting God first in all things, even if it means having to swallow our pride in order to take the medicine that restores our place in His presence.

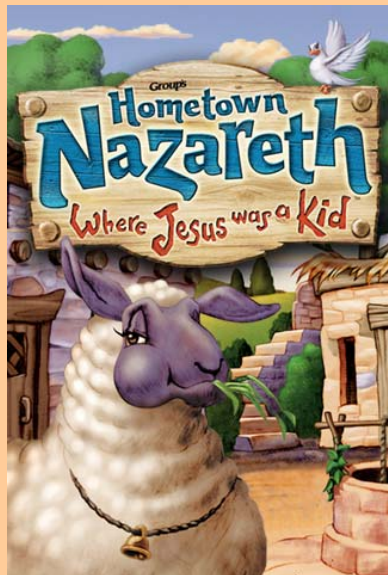
Remember, no matter how big our worship experience is, if we haven’t humbled ourselves to the point of a repentant heart, we’re probably not worshiping God but instead the experience.

*Viernes, 22 de julio
A las 7pm
En la iglesia*

*Para más información,
comuníquese con
Lupe Belmont o Ada Rosa.*



*Reunión de
DAMAS*



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
DECORATING DAY
SATURDAY, JULY 23 @ 9AM**

We've spent the week building our set, now it's time to set up to the shops. If you are a shop keeper, and even if you're not, please come help us convert the auditorium into a Nazarene marketplace. We especially need help turning one of the classrooms into Mary's house. The more people we have the faster we'll be done. Come out and be blessing to your church family.

**ALL CHURCH WORK DAY
Saturday, July 30 at 9am**

There's something for everyone to do so please come out and help us do some work around the property (both inside and out).

Help us maintain this beautiful property that God has entrusted to us.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 25-29

6:30pm-8:30pm

Everyone knows what it's like to hear your mom tell stories from your childhood. Can you imagine the kinds of stories Mary could tell? We are taking our kids (and adults!) back to Hometown Nazareth, where they'll stand up for their faith among people who doubt that the carpenter's son is really God's Son.

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

Registration forms are available in the foyer or download one from our website www.southwindschristian.com.

Please fill it out and give to Sherry Medder or Tania Veloz.

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MINISTRIES

July Order Deadline: July 24th
July Distribution Day: July 30th

****Note: There are certain boxes that are available for online ordering only.
Please check website for those items.*

Many thanks to all who donated to the much-needed resealing work on our parking lot. This type of swift and sure response by many of you points to a healthy and hopeful future for our congregation. Special thanks to Tom Fields for the prep work in cutting many large, tree roots that were damaging parking lot. Our need for donations continues, though, since many of the parking bumpers are damaged and need replacement. The cost is \$30 per parking bumper. Please consider helping us to replace the 14 that are broken.



Please join us this Sunday at 9:10 a.m. in the **Sonrise Café**, located in the auditorium foyer. This is a good opportunity to fellowship with other believers, introduce visitors, or in general, get to know each other. Come a little early and mingle while enjoying coffee or juice and something to eat.



CAMP DATES



Gold Coast Christian Camp
7495 Park Lane Road
Lake Worth, FL 33449

www.goldcoastchristiancamp.com

High School Camp

Entering 9-12 grade

Sunday, July 3-8

Check-In: Sunday, 3pm

Early Bird Price: \$250.00

Regular Price: \$300.00

Deadline: June 20, 2011

Pick-up: Friday, 12 Noon

Middle School Camp

Entering 6-8 grade

Sunday, July 24-29

Check-In: Sunday, 3pm

Early Bird Price: \$250.00

Regular Price: \$300.00

Deadline: July 11, 2011

Pick-up: Friday, 12 Noon

Elementary Camp

Entering 3-5 grade

Sunday, August 7-11

Check-In: Sunday, 3pm

Early Bird Price: \$200.00

Regular Price: \$245.00

Deadline: July 19, 2011

Pick-up: Thursday, 12 Noon

Scamp Camp

Entering 1-2 grade

Sunday, July 29-30

Check-In: Friday, 4:30pm






Early Bird Price: \$70.00

Regular Price: \$90.00

Deadline: July 15, 2011

Pick-up: Saturday, 1pm

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4  INDEPENDENCE Day	5	6	7	8	9  3pm
10	11	12	13  11am	14	15	16 VBS Decorating 9am Church Appreciation Banquet
17  BOARD MEETING 5pm	18	19	20	21	22  Reunión de DAMAS 7pm	23 VBS Decorating 9am
24 Angel Food order Deadline	25 VBS 6:30p – 8pm	26 VBS 6:30p – 8pm	27 VBS 6:30p – 8pm	28 VBS 6:30p – 8pm	29 VBS 6:30p – 8pm	30 Work day 9am Angel Food Distribution
31 VBS Closing Program						



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

2 nd	Tom Fields
4 th	Enid Versailles
5 th	José Gonzales
7 th	Joan Chin
11 th	Tim Moon
14 th	Walter & Lora Rubino
17 th	Luis & Martha Gonzalez
20 th	Pedro Madera
20 th	José Perez
28 th	Sharon Fields



Serving Schedule

JULY 24

JULY 31

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Chris Kinnaird

Steve Chin

COMMUNION SERVERS

Marc Hargraves*
Mark Schoenfeldt
Gene Kinnaird
David Hiers

Chris Kinnaird*
Pete Moolah
Danny Abdo
Eppy Suarez

DONATION COUNTERS

David Medder
David Hiers

Steve Chin
Chris Kinnaird

**Will lead offering prayer*



Pauta de Servicio

24 DE JULIO

31 DE JULIO

ORACION OFRENDA

Gregorio Belmont

Christian Almonte

ORACION SANTA CENA

Reinaldo Alvarez

Jaime Rivera

LECTURA DE LA PALABRA

Ada Rosa

Pedro Madera

SIRVIENDO A LA MESA

Pedro Madera
Marino Polanco
Nelson Garrido
Alfonso Henriquez

Santiago León
Marino Polanco
Nelson Garrido
Alex Gutierrez



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Email us at sdchurch@bellsouth.net and we'll do our best to get you answers!



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