

The Savage Street Church of Christ began on March 4, 1923 at 6th and H Streets. After sometime on Evelyn Street, we moved to our present location on March 20, 1960. Join us in 2023 when we celebrate our 100th anniversary!

SAVAGE STREET Church of Christ

Is it Wrong to Say, “Oh My God”?

By Wes McAdams

To be honest, I feel even a little bit guilty typing the words, “Oh my God.” Of course, it is certainly not wrong to use the phrase “Oh my God” when you are actually talking to God or about God (2 Chronicles 6:40). But countless people (including many Christians) use this phrase as an exclamation of surprise or disbelief. Not to mention the popular abbreviation, “OMG.” So, is this practice wrong? What does the Bible say about this?

The Lord’s Name in Vain

In the Ten Commandments, God commanded Israel, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain” (Exodus 20:7). To Israel, God wasn’t just a generic or impersonal god. He had revealed Himself to them through the covenant. He had revealed His name to them, “YHWH.”

Though “YHWH” is the most specific way the Israelites could refer to God, it was not the only way. They understood that anytime they referred to their God, they were commanded to do so with reverence and

respect. They especially were forbidden from using God’s name to give false testimony or swear an oath they would not fulfill.

In order to avoid breaking this commandment, pious Jews in the time of Jesus would not speak of God directly at all. And when they swore an oath, they would swear by the temple or by heaven or by some other thing, in order to not swear falsely by God’s name. Jesus rebuked this practice and told them if they swore falsely by heaven, they had still used God’s name in vain because heaven “is the throne of God” (Matthew 5:34).

God expected His covenant people to refer to Him—either directly or indirectly—with reverence and respect. This, of course, has not changed. He is still the same God. The Gentiles who’ve come into His family, through faith in Jesus Christ, ought to be careful we do not misuse His name.

Hallowed Be Your Name

Jesus taught His disciples to pray, saying, “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be

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10:30 Service

Worship: Offering Up Our Remembrance

How can we worship our God without remembering what He has done for us?

Matthew 26.26–30

6:00 service

When the Lord Is on Our Side

He saves us from an overwhelming enemy

Psalm 124

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done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:9-10). A retired Bible professor, and good friend of mine, recently brought to my attention that there are actually three requests here, though it is hard to recognize them in English.

Jesus literally says, “Our Father in heaven, let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come, let your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Jesus is telling His disciples to pray that our Father’s name be “hallowed” on earth as it is in heaven. In other words, we need to pray that God’s name is revered and respected across the globe. That needs to be the prayer and the longing of every disciple of Jesus.

God’s “name” is not just the specific word, “YHWH.” It is His reputation. It is what is known about Him. God’s covenant people need to live to spread His fame and good reputation across the globe. People draw conclusions about who God is and what He is all about by watching us and lis-

tening to us talk about Him. Therefore, we must live and speak of Him in such a way that His name (His reputation) is “hallowed.”

When You Say, “Oh My God”

I hope it doesn’t sound like I’m overstating my case, but I’m afraid that when a Christian says, “Oh my God” or “OMG,” he or she is subtly undermining the Christian mission. Our mission is to be partnering with God to make sure that on earth—just as it is in heaven—His name is hallowed, His rule and reign is established, and His will is done. If we are praying for that, while we are referring to God irreverently, then we are undermining our own efforts and God’s efforts.

In our words and our deeds, let us strive to make Him known. When we say, “Oh my God,” let us be praising Him or imploring Him. Let us strive for His name be hallowed on our lips and across the world, just as it is in heaven.



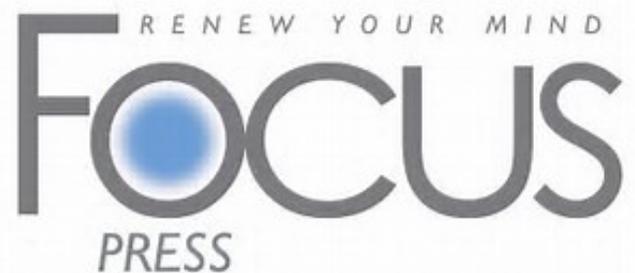
Table of Nations (according to Genesis 10)

**Remember in prayer our
missions outreach.**



**Don Patton's
archeological
work, especially
Noah's Ark.**

Chimala Missions Tanzania, Africa



**Brad Harrub & Focus Press Franklin,
Tennessee**

**Don Iverson's
India Work**

Wayne Jackson & ChristianCourier.com

Stockton, California





SCRAMBLED SCRIPTURES

FAMILY FUN FROM CREATION MOMENTS

Birds in the Bible

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| CRANE | HAWK | OSSIFRAGE | QUAIL | VULTURE |
| CROW | HERON | OSTRICH | RAVEN | |
| CUCKOO | HOOPOE | OWL | SPARROW | |
| DOVE | KITE | PARTRIDGE | STORK | |

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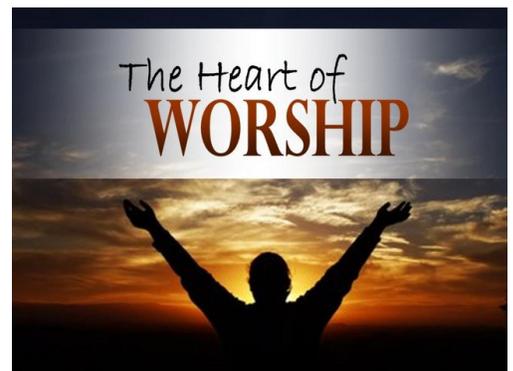
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August Activities

- 13th: Deacons Meeting
- 20th: Elders Forum
- 22nd: Family Fellowship
- 27th: Potluck
- 30th: Singing

September Activities

- 24th: Potluck
- 27th: Singing



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Marie Collier is still trying to regain her strength for her heart valve surgery. The doctors have found fluid in her lungs, so they are working on getting them drained out for the next two week. At this time surgery has been postponed and her daughters will be caring for her for the next two weeks. Please keep her in your prayers.

Kevin Michael saw a lung specialist and they have found that he has a condition called Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He currently has 73% lung function and has been put on medicine to see if it helps the coughing. At the end of September he will return to the doctor to see if the medication is helping. This condition cannot be reversed and doctors are not sure how a person gets pulmonary fibrosis. Please continue to pray for Kevin and his health.



OTHER NEWS

If you would like to receive the bulletin as a PDF, please see Rebekah Calvert. If you would like to have your announcement run in our bulletin, please place it on the secretary's desk before Friday morning or email it to Rebekah Calvert: Novesker@gmail.com

VBS Staff!

It's a whole year till next VBS! Are you prone to misplacing things? If you'd like Andrea Crisp to keep your staff shirt safe, give them to her and she'll store them till next year.

ATTENTION FAMILIES!

Have you marked your calendars for our next Family Fellowship Night? Tuesday, August 22, 6:15pm? Plan for it!

VBS Pictures

If you have some good VBS pictures, please send them to Andrea Crisp:

The fall teaching sign up sheet is in the supply room.

2017 Contribution	Open & Close Building	August Greeters	Card Collectors	Meet with elders & preacher
Weekly Average3,201	August 13: Rick Calvert	No Volunteers	Jacob Noveske	The elders and preacher have regular meetings. You may come Mondays at 1:30 PM to Don's office. Call first. Or they can meet with at another time.
Last Week August 6..... 4,162	August 20: Kerri Ruhl		Billy Henshall	
Total After 31 Weeks.....99,234				

RUHL'S RULES

Suggested Good Work

Pay the toll for the car behind you, or for the car behind you at a Drive-Thru.

Control Your Tongue

"Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles" (Pro 21.23).

Church History

258: EMPEROR VALERIAN ordered the death of Christian leaders in Rome. An old story tells that the deacon Lawrence was one Christian brought before the Roman prefect (magistrate) in charge of carrying out the order. The prefect knew that, as a deacon, Lawrence had charge of church money. He promised Lawrence his freedom if he would hand over the church's wealth.

Lawrence agreed to bring the church's treasures to the prefect. "But it will take me a few days," he said. "The church is very rich."

Actually, Lawrence had distributed the Church's possessions to the poor. On the third day he appeared before the prefect. "Come out and see the wondrous riches of God."

When the prefect emerged he saw not wagons full of gold, but a gathering of Rome's lame, its blind, and its beggars. He demanded to know the meaning of the assemblage. Lawrence replied that these poor people would some day have glorious bodies and live forever in Heaven. They were jars of clay in which were hidden the treasure of the Holy Spirit.

The prefect was furious. He was going to be the laughing stock of Rome. In revenge he determined that Lawrence must suffer a cruel, slow death. On August 10, 258, the story goes, torturers dislocated Lawrence's arms then fastened him to a grill where he slowly roasted to death. During his ordeal, he reportedly suggested his killers flip him over, remarking that he was "done" on one side. He was so calm despite his torment that onlookers were greatly impressed.

Within a century, Emperor Constantine had erected memorials to Lawrence.

Trying to Change Others

"Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be." –Thomas à Kempis

"A man marries a woman hoping she'll never change—and she does. A woman marries a man hoping he will change—and he doesn't." – Author Unknown

"Most of us are about as eager to be changed as we were to be born, and go through our changes in a similar state of shock." –James Baldwin

"Never underestimate your power to change yourself; never overestimate your power to change others." –H. Jackson Brown, Jr.
"Even if there were only two men left in the world and both of them saints they wouldn't be happy. One of them would be bound to try and improve the other." –Frank O'Connor

"I haven't got the slightest idea how to change people, but still I keep a long list of prospective candidates just in case I should ever figure it out." –David Sedaris
"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself." –Leo Tolstoy

OUR SHEPHERDS:

Wayne Duncan
Dan Calvert

OUR PREACHER:

Don Ruhl

OUR DEACONS:

Gene Tomlinson
Michael Crisp, Jr.
Carl Peugh

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Phil Joseph
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WORSHIP AND CLASSES:

Sunday

Classes9:30
Worship10:30
Worship6:00

Wednesday

Classes7:00

Our Mission Works Outside of Josephine County, Oregon

Mountain States
Children's Home,
Longmont, Colorado

Brad Harrub & Focus
Press, Franklin, Tennessee

Don Iverson's
India Work

Wayne Jackson &
ChristianCourier.com,
Stockton, California

Chimala Mission
Hospital and Schools,
Tanzania, Africa

Don Patton's
archaeological work,
especially Noah's Ark

