



Some Tips About Singing

by Wes McAdams

There are times when the singing in a worship service is out of this world. Voices are lifted in beautiful song, and the worshippers are joined in enthusiasm and passion. But then there are times when the singing in church is anything but enthusiastic and passionate. It is rather lifeless and mechanical.

What can we do to make our singing as enthusiastic and passionate as possible? Consider three basic activities that serve to enhance our singing.

1 Read the Bible more. Preparation for worship begins long before you set foot in the building on Sunday morning. If you spend the week filling your heart with the Word of God, songs will come naturally, enthusiastically and beautifully from your mouth. The most beautiful songs come, not from people with formal training in music, but from those who eagerly seek out the Lord and find joy in His words and in Him.



2 Read the first verse of the song before you sing. I find it best if the song leader can occasionally read aloud the first verse before he directs the congregation to sing. If that doesn't happen, read the lyrics silently before the song begins. This helps you to remember what the song is about and helps you focus on the words. If you're a song leader, please spend more time reminding yourself and the congregation of the meaning of the song.

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We're a family seeking to share God's love.

Word Search

Puzzles are created by Jeff Foster and based on the NIV Bible.

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J N A M A S A W E R E H T T T
X O P P R E S S I O N Y G H H
L T B U W A L K E D N W E I E
I C Y T I L I U Q N A R T S M
O O B J N S T R A N D S E T S
T N S B D E F E N D S U V O E
C T N E M Y O J N E T X I O L
H E C T P G N I L I O T L D V
A N B T O U H G U O H T A N E
S T U E O A N B R O K E N E S
I Q S R R I P O V E R T Y O U
N Y I L N Q F L I R I B E N N
G P N A O W T A M E B R S R X
E N E O T A C B A D P O U L Z
W M S S Q E N O Y N A T A I H
E L S L U R I R H U E H C E A
A M O A I E S I W R G E E D P
L F F O C H G U D N N R B O P
T I R E K T A O Q S I N E W I
H E V I L E O N R W H P I N E
V L N E Y G D A D P T L T U R
K G D A D O E C P S E E H P R
S U Z R M T H R E E M H E I S
F O O L S Y O U T H O W R T U
Z C N U M S L L A F S U A Y N

Can you find each word hidden in the puzzle?

ALIVE	NOT QUICKLY
ALSO	OPPRESSION
ANYONE	PITY
BECAUSE	POOR
BETTER	POVERTY
BROKEN	RUIN
BROTHER	SOMETHING
BUSINESS	SON
CHASING	STRANDS
CORD	SUN
DEFEND	TEARS
EITHER	THEMSELVES
ENJOYMENT	THERE WAS A MAN
EYES	THIS TOO
FALLS	THOUGH
FOOLS	THREE
GOOD RETURN	TOGETHER
HANDS	TOILING
HAPPIER	TOIL
HELP	TRANQUILITY
KING	TWO
LABOR	UNDER
LIE DOWN	WALKED
LIVED	WEALTH
LOOKED	WHY AM I
MEANINGLESS	WIND
NO END	WISE
NOT CONTENT	YOUTH

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3 Concentrate on the words as you sing. Unless you're the song leader, try not to look at the notes as you sing, and just look at the words. Stop worrying about who is off pitch, what someone is wearing, or what you're going to eat for lunch. Focus your attention on each word you are lifting up to your loving, merciful and gracious Heavenly Father. Consciously guard your

mind and keep it from drifting.

Remember, singing praises to God is not about the notes, but about the words. Paul writes, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

News & Notes

☐ A **Ladies Luncheon** will be held on **Tuesday, September 8**, at MMM Que Rico (1916 E. Main St., in Farmington).

☐ A **Chosen Viewing Party** is scheduled for **Friday, September 11**, at **6:00pm**, at the Foster's house. **Everyone is welcome** to attend. We will share a meal of stuffed potatoes (bring potato toppings and/or desserts, watch an episode of The Chosen, and share a time of discussion.



Sunday, September 13

☐ A **Workday** is scheduled for **Saturday, September 19**, at the church building. One project will include **striping the parking lot**. Everyone is welcome to come and help. The more participants who show up, the more that we can accomplish.



☐ On **Sunday, September 20**, let's have an **Ice Cream Supper**, after our **6:00 p.m.** service. Bring finger foods and homemade ice cream.



Family Matters

Please let Jeff Foster know of announcements and prayer updates.

Prayer List

Beverly MacLellan is recovering from knee replacement surgery. She is awaiting hip surgery.

Rita Sanders is being treated for skin cancer. She is the mother of Ed Sanders.

Please pray as we search for a **Youth & Family Minister** to work with us.

Continue to remember . . .

- Louise Baker
- Phyllis Beaver
- Eloyda Bridgewater
- Emma Cooke
- Kimberly Cooke
- Abby Hawkins
- Sally Heard
- Jocelyn Higgins
- Sharlene Holt
- Homer Huston
- Carl & Melba Lamb
- Mark Lance
- Linda Latner
- Kaylee Lucero
- Carrie NeSmith
- Mike NeSmith
- Bethany Ogle
- Nina Ortega
- Rodney Phillips
- Bob Redwine
- Bill Salazar
- Phil Sanders
- Rita Sanders
- Monica Yazzie

☐ The **Sutherlin's** from Durango Church of Christ have invited us to a **Picnic at Vallecito Reservoir**, on **Saturday, September 19**. Information is posted in the hall.

☐ **Cortez Church of Christ** is hosting a **Truth About Origins Seminar** on **September 25-27**. Info is posted in the hall.

Weekly Update

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sermon videos can be found at
vimeo.com/aztecchurchofchrist

Our Meetings:

Sunday Classes
at 10:00am

Sunday Worship
at 11:00am and 6:00pm

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

services are livestreamed to **YouTube** and **Facebook** at
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Church Treasurer:
Ron MacLellan

Worship Today

These men are asked to assist in our worship.
Russ Jones coordinates worship leaders for each week.

September 6

Welcome & Prayer
Jeff Foster

Leading Singing
Jarrold Lucero

Communion Thoughts
Clay Cockerell

Communion Servers
Russ Jones
Robert Gomez
Carl Nokes

Scripture Reading & Prayer for the Sick
Duncan Farrow
Ecclesiastes 4.7-12

Preaching
Jeff Foster
At Random:
Every Page Offers Something
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People Matter
Ecclesiastes 4.7-12

Closing Prayer
Steve Baker

TONIGHT @ 6:00pm

Leading Prayers
Robert Isbell
Ed Sanders

Song Leading & Preaching
Jeff Foster
A Study of Genesis

September 13

Welcome & Prayer
Jeff Foster

Leading Singing
Robert Isbell

Communion Thoughts
Craig Williams

Communion Servers
Ed Sanders
Mark Gaines
Joe Achee

Scripture Reading & Prayer for the Sick
Russ Jones

Preaching
Jeff Foster
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Closing Prayer
Cameron Jones

Sunday morning worship leaders are asked to meet in the north classroom between Bible class and worship.

Adult Bible Classes

Sundays @ 10:00am
Hebrews

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm
Gospel of John

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