

# Oak Grove Church of Christ Newsletter - 2025.05.18

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## Sermon recordings

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**Speaker-AM:** Jamie Rinehart

**Title:** Be Saved or Perish

**Recording:**



The Lord is not slack  
concerning his promise, as  
some men count slackness;  
but is longsuffering to  
us-ward, not willing that  
any should perish, but  
that all should come  
to repentance.  
2 Peter 3:9

**Speaker-PM:** Kraig Benney

**Title:** Thankfulness

**Recording:**



"Give *thanks* to the lord,  
for he is *good*;  
his love *endures forever*."

PSALM 107:1 NIV

## News and Prayer Requests

- Gospel Meeting with Andy Cantrell June 8-12

Finding Our **PURPOSE**  
from the **PAST**

**GOSPEL MEETING**  
with the  
**OAK GROVE**  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
  
Presented by:  
**ANDY CANTRELL**  
of Champlin, MN



Sunday, June 8 - 10:00 AM	Opened Eyes and Burning Hearts
Sunday, June 8 - 11:00 AM	Born Again by the Word of God
Sunday, June 8 - 5:30 PM	Children of Light in the Armor of God
Monday, June 9 - 7:00 PM	God's Invitation to Joy, Peace, & Purpose
Tuesday, June 10 - 7:00 PM	David, Peter, & Me
Wednesday, June 11 - 7:00 PM	Abigail's Shadow
Thursday, June 12 - 7:00 PM	Who is Jesus to You and What are You Doing About It?



**JUNE 8-12, 2025**

### What is Worship? 5/18/2025 By Patrick Hite

#### **What is worship?**

In both the Hebrew and Greek of the Bible, the word “worship” means “to bow down or prostrate” and “to do reverence”. In simple terms, worship is our expression of respect, admiration, gratitude, and love for the Lord (Hebrews 12:28, 13:15). The means by which we express these things is not something that we can determine for ourselves, but rather it is God who has instructed us in how He wants us to worship.

#### **Why should we worship God?**

We worship the Lord because He is the one true and living God (Jeremiah 10:10). He is the blessed sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords (I Timothy 6:15). He is the creator of all things (Revelation 4:11) and all that is good comes from Him (James 1:17). Most importantly, the Lord loved each of us so much that gave up His Son so that through Him we might have life everlasting (I John 4:9-10). We worship God simply because He is deserving of it for all the great wonderful things that He is and that He does.

#### **How do we worship God?**

In the New Testament, the acts of worship that we read about the early church conducting include singing without instruments to the glory of God (Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16, I Corinthians 14:6-19), offering prayers to Him (Philippians 4:6, Colossians 4:2, I Thessalonians 5:19-18, I Timothy 2:1-4), the public reading of His word (I Timothy 4:13), and remembering His Son through the Lord’s Supper when we are gathered on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7, I Corinthians 11:23-26). There are many in the world today who wish to expand this list to include anything that we claim to do in the name of the Lord. While all that we do should be done in the name of the Lord (Colossians 3:17), God has been very specific on how He wants us to worship Him. There are great consequences that await those who do not worship God in the way that He has commanded (Leviticus 10:1-3, Matthew 7:21-23), and as such we must be careful to observe all that the Lord has said about how we worship Him.

#### **What should our attitude be during worship?**

What our attitude in worship is matters as much as the act of worship itself (John 4:23-24). God does care about the acts of worship and that we worship Him in accordance with what He has commanded, but God also cares about the heart (Jeremiah 17:10, Matthew 15:17-20). As much as we cannot do anything we wish in the name of the Lord and say that it is acceptable worship, we cannot worship as He has commanded with the wrong attitude or with our hearts in the wrong place and expect it to be accepted by God. (Isaiah 29:13). In order to worship in a way that is acceptable, we must worship as He has commanded, and do so with reverence, regarding God as holy (Leviticus 10:3, Hebrews 12:28). We must worship Him not simply out of fear or out of obligation, but out of love for Him and out of a desire to do what is pleasing in His sight (John 14:21, I John 5:1-3). Just as with the acts of worship, we need to be careful to keep our hearts in the right place if we wish to offer acceptable worship to God.