

Worship Guide

May 17, 2026



Word-Driven | Gospel-Centered | Disciple-Making | Mission-Oriented

The Worship Gathering

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Pastor Ryan Hess

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“I’d Rather Have Jesus”

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God Sends Us To Serve

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TRUE DISCIPLES FOLLOW JESUS

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:23–24 (ESV)

I'd Rather Have Jesus

1. I'd rath - er have Je - sus than sil - ver or gold; I'd rath - er be
2. I'd rath - er have Je - sus than men's ap - plause; I'd rath - er be
3. He's fair - er than lil - ies of rar - est bloom; He's sweet - er than

His than have rich - es un - told; I'd rath - er have Je - sus than
faith - ful to His dear cause; I'd rath - er have Je - sus than
hon - ey from out the comb; He's all that my hun - ger - ing

hous - es or lands. I'd rath - er be led by His nail - pierced hand
world - wide fame. I'd rath - er be true to His ho - ly name
spir - it needs. I'd rath - er have Je - sus and let Him lead

Than to be the king of a vast do - main Or be held in sin's dread sway.

I'd rath - er have Je - sus than an - y - thing This world af - fords to - day.

Words: Rhea F. Miller
Music: George Beverly Shea

TRUE DISCIPLES DISPLAY GOOD FRUIT

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:10 (ESV)

O Great God

1. O great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.
2. I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pend - ent on Your grace.

Own it all and reign su - preme, con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r.
Did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.

Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war.
Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me,
You are wor - thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed.

You have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er - er - more.
Through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

Words and Music: Bob Kauffin

TRUE DISCIPLES HAVE CHRIST AS THEIR FOUNDATION

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:24–25 (ESV)

How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
 3. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
 4. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

Song Ending

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 Up - held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

Words: John Rippon's Selection of Hymns
 Music: Joseph Funk's *Genuine Church Music*; Last stanza setting by Dave Williamson

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re - deem - er? There is no
 2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. For by my
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en. The fu - ture
 4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for He has

more for hea - ven now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and
 side, the Sav - ior, He will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
 sure, the price it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
 said that He will bring me home. And day by day, I know He will re -

free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
 joic - ing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played.
 par - don, and He was raised to o - ver - throw the grave.
 new me, un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my
 To this I hold: my she - pherd will de - fend me. Through the
 To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus
 | : To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the

Words & Music: Michael Farren, Rich Thompson, & Jonny Robinson
 Hymn arranged by Randy Trahan

life is whol-ly bound to His. Oh, how strange and di - vine, I can
 deep-est val - ley He will lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I
 now and ev - er is my plea. Oh, the chains are re - leased. I can
 glo - ry ev - er - more to Him. When the race is com - plete still my

sing, "All is mine," yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 shall o - ver - come, yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 sing, "I am free," yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 lips shall re - peat, "Yet not I, but through Christ in me."
 Repeat last time.

Tag: When the race is complete
 Still my lips shall repeat
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Children's Church

At this time, children ages Pre-K through 1st Grade are welcome to transition to the Assembly Room located in the Education Building. Parents are asked to pick up their children as soon as the worship gathering is dismissed.

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Luke 6:39–49

Nathan Richardson

“A Foundation that Stands”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

Words: Ada Habershon; alt. words vs. 1-2, new words vs. 3 and refrain Matthew Merker
Music: Matthew Merker

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a church's proclamation that we are in fellowship with God and one another through Christ, a commemoration of Christ's death, a believer's act of joyfully acknowledging that we have been offered mercy through faith in Christ, who forgives and restores, and a renewal of the believer's commitment to Christ and his people, thereby making the church one body and marking it off from the world.

Participation in the Lord's Supper is designed for believers who have been baptized by immersion and are faithful members of Woodlawn Baptist Church or another church body of like faith. This morning, if you are not yet a believer or have not yet been baptized by immersion, please let the elements pass you by. We hope our "proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes," through participation in the Lord's Supper, serves as a proclamation of the gospel to you that you might trust in Christ for salvation and be baptized by immersion.

Pastoral Prayer

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Today we will pray for **Vanuatu**.

Population: **335,000**

45.9 % Evangelical

1 % Unevangelized

Vanuatu's motto is "In God We Stand". Pray that leaders of this complex little nation may be examples in doing so. Committed Christians played a major role in attaining independence, and they continue to help lead the country – not least is the President himself. Two of the main islands of Vanuatu are named Espiritu Santo and Pentecost – how appropriate for such a linguistically diverse nation! May the same Holy Spirit visit this nation powerfully.

WBC Homebound Member of the Week

We will pray for our own **Gene Gautreaux**.

(12338 Oak Alley Dr.

Geismar, LA 70734)

Cell: (225) 603-4447

Local Church

We will also pray for **New River Baptist Church**, and their pastor, **Pastor Craig Forque**.

(45270 Hwy 429

St. Amant, LA 70774)

Government Leaders

Additionally, we will pray for the City of St. George Council Member, **Patty Cook**.

(11207 Proverbs Ave.

St. George, LA 70816)

Woodlawn Baptist Church

For matters related to our own local body, see weekly prayer guide distributed via email during the week.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (ESV)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

Offering

“It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). One of the greatest joys for Christians is being able to give cheerfully, generously, and sacrificially. There is tremendous satisfaction that comes from seeing the fruits of our labor multiplied many times over in the lives of others. Money is a powerful thing, and when we use it well, it has potential to do incredible good. We hope that we're able to excel in the grace of giving.

January–March 2026 Budget Giving

Received.....	\$272,871.52
Expenses.....	\$246,011.21

Building on Faith Giving

Total Collected in January–March.....	\$13,355.23
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Attendance

May 10, 2026.....	306 people
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Online Giving:



GOD SENDS US TO SERVE

Kids on Mission Kickoff

Join us on **Wednesday, May 20, at 6:00pm in the back field** to kick off Kids on Mission! Make sure to wear your bathing suits and bring a beach towel. See Lyn Bailey for details.

Special Called Members' Meeting

Immediately following the Sunday service on Sunday, May 31, we will have a special called Members' Meeting to vote in Vicki Aime as part of the personnel committee.

VBS 2026

Vacation Bible School is **June 1–5!** Please register now to join us at the Emerald Crossing and learn about our Good Shepherd!



MSM 2026

Middle School Mania is **June 1–5 from 12:00–4:30pm!** Register your middle schoolers now for a week of fun, friends, and fellowship!



VBS/MSM Prayer Calendar

Please remember to pray for our students in VBS and MSM this summer! We have extra prayer calendars in the foyer of the sanctuary. **Today, Sunday, May 17, we are praying that children facing difficult situations at home experience the love of Christ.**

Family Commissioning Day

If you are a member of Woodlawn Baptist Church and have had a child in the last year, we would like to celebrate the first of our family ministry milestones with your family. We will celebrate on **Father's Day, June 21**. Please sign up on the Church Center app or reach out to Lyn Bailey for more information.



Family Camp 2026

Camp registration is now open! WBC will be hosting Camp at Dry Creek Baptist Camp for ALL ages on **July 20–23!** We look forward to a fun summer camp together! WBC Camp Parent Meeting is Sunday, **June 7th at 12pm**. See Lyn Bailey for details.



Woodlawn Hymnal Playlist

We have created a playlist filled with songs we sing here at Woodlawn that is now available to you through Apple Music and Spotify.



Apple Music



Spotify

Benediction

Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:6–7 (ESV)

Prospective Members to be Considered at the Upcoming Members' Meeting:

Gloria Griffin	Cell: (225) 405–7913
Carol Hughes	Cell: (225) 603–1612
Todd Lobell	Cell: (225) 362–1050
Lacey Lobell	Cell: (225) 354–5520
Beau Lobell	Cell: (225) 236–7903
Cavin Lobell	Cell: (225) 348–5702
Georgie Lobell	Cell: (225) 450–7373
By Baptism:	
Jared Keyes	Cell: (225) 939–7674
Olivia Wilkins	Cell: (225) 485–1688

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 17

9:00am	Sunday School	WBC Campus
10:15am	The Worship Gathering & Lord's Supper	Sanctuary

Monday, May 18

Tuesday, May 19

Wednesday, May 20

6:00am	Men's Bible Study	Frank's Restaurant
6:00pm	Kids on Mission Kickoff	Back Field
6:00pm	Worship Choir Rehearsal	Choir Suite
6:15pm	Converge Student Ministry	Youth Room

Thursday, May 21

Friday, May 22

Saturday, May 23

Sunday, May 24

9:00am	Sunday School	WBC Campus
10:15am	The Worship Gathering	Sanctuary

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out a guest card.



Prayer Requests

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submit your prayer requests.

