

Preparing for Worship

Highland Baptist Church of Hickory, NC

The Lord's Day

April 11, 2010

Ways to Use This Worship Preparation Page

Print it out on Thursday or Friday and take it home. Put it in your Bible as a reference for Sunday.

Use it as a family devotion on Saturday.

Use it as a personal devotion on Sunday morning.

Give it to a guest you are inviting to come to the services this weekend.

-Pastor Jesse



Mr. John Pope, from THE GIDEONS, will be our guest speaker this Sunday morning. The spreading of God's Word throughout America and the world is an exciting venture that will captivate your heart! Come and hear Mr. Pope as he shares with us during morning worship.



The Gideons International

A Lasting Vision

The Gideons International, founded in 1899, serves as an extended missionary arm of the church.

In the autumn of the year 1898, John H. Nicholson came to the Central Hotel at Boscobel, Wisconsin, for the night. The hotel being crowded, it was suggested that he take a bed in a double room with a stranger, Samuel E. Hill. The two men soon discovered that both were Christians. They had their evening devotions together, and on their knees before God the thoughts were given which later developed into an association.

On May 31, 1899, the two men met again at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, where they concluded to band Christian commercial travelers together for mutual recognition, personal evangelism, and united service for the Lord. They decided to call a meeting in Janesville, Wisconsin on July 1, 1899, in the Y.M.C.A.

Only three men were present at that meeting: John H. Nicholson, Samuel E. Hill, and Will J. Knights. They organized with Hill as president, Knights as vice president, and Nicholson as secretary and treasurer. Much thought was given to what the name of the association should be, and after special prayer that God might lead them to select the proper name, Mr. Knights arose from his knees and said, "We shall be called Gideons." He read the sixth and seventh chapters of Judges and showed the reason for adopting that name.

In view of the fact that almost all of the Gideons in the early years of the association were traveling men, the question quite naturally arose regarding how they might be more effective witnesses in the hotels where they spent so much of their time. One trustee went so far as to suggest that The Gideons furnish a Bible for each bedroom of the hotels in the United States. He commented, "In my opinion, this would not only stimulate the activities of the rank and file of the membership, but would be a gracious act, wholly in keeping with the divine mission of the Gideon Association."

It's been nearly 100 years since The Gideons International placed the first Bible in a hotel room in Montana. Today, The Gideons are organized in more than 180 countries around the globe and print Scriptures in more than 80 languages. Through God's grace and to His Glory, more than 1.3 billion Bibles and New Testaments have been placed by The Gideons, and the work continues . . .

"The sower soweth the word."—Mark 4:14

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What will we be singing on Sunday?

"Come, Now Is The Time To Worship"

"How Great Thou Art"

"He Is Jehovah"

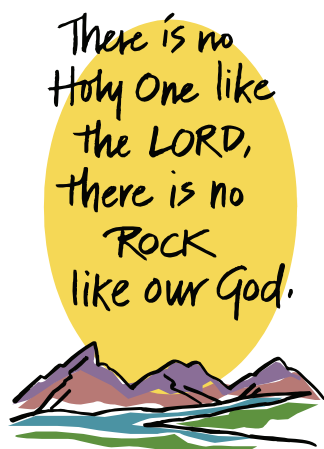
"The Solid Rock"

"There's Something About That Name"

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

PRAISE TEAM

"I Give You My Heart"



1 Samuel 2:2

Upon This ROCK...



He (Jesus) said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven." "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."

Matthew 16:15-18 NASU

THE SOLID ROCK

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.*

***On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,***

In 1st Timothy 2:1-2 the apostle Paul says: "Therefore I exhort first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." Just as we pray for all our national leaders, let us pray especially for those leading us during the worship service on Sunday.

Preaching

John Pope
THE GIDEONS

MATTHEW 16:13-18

Bruce Caldwell

Music

Kenny Robison
Worship Choir
Praise Team
Instrumentalists

Leading Prayer

Larry Craig
Jeff Bolch

Technical Support

Scott Maynard, SOUND
Kevin Brown, VIDEO

Children's Worship

Charlie Sisti