



## “Worship: Who Is the Audience?”

Several of you asked about the main illustration in the sermon yesterday concerning worship. It came from Soren Kierkegaard, a Danish theologian from the 1800’s, who used theater as an analogy for worship.

He said that the theater has three basic personal elements: the audience, the actors and the prompters who stand off stage reminding the actors of what they are to say. He noted that a worship service has three personal elements, the congregation, the ministers and God. Most people think of worship and these three elements in the following way. The congregation is the audience, the ministers are the actors, and God is the prompter standing unseen off-stage and prompting the preacher.

But Kierkegaard saw the problem in this typical view of worship. It makes the worship leaders primarily responsible for the “success” of the worship service and makes the congregation passive observers and judges of the worship service. God is not the focal point. The congregation is! That is not true worship.

Kierkegaard proposed a different approach. The minister, he said instead of being the actor should have the role of prompter, giving direction and reminders. God instead of being the prompter, is the audience.

And the congregation, instead of being the audience, are to be the actors.

The responsibility for a meaningful worship service lies mainly with the worshiper. The attitudes, commitment, and focus we bring to the sanctuary determines the effectiveness of the worship service. God listens to our hearts and minds in worship. We should be “tuned” to Him.

It reminds me of another story I ran across years ago. Two men went to church. One man during the worship service noted that there was an unfamiliar hymn he didn’t care for, that the air conditioner was not cool enough, and that the preacher made 6 slips of the tongue by actual count. He left irritated, saying, “What a waste of my time!”

The other man listened to a magnificent Bach prelude and a meaningful choir anthem. The words of one hymn in particular touched his heart. The sermon made him think and challenged him. He left saying, “It was so good to worship God today.”

Both men found what they were looking for.

Grace,  
*Terry Ellis*

## ADULTS

### VIPS Reading Volunteers

Broadmoor Elementary needs Reading Partners. You will be paired with a student and read 30-40 minutes once a week. Contact Pam Morgan at 753-5479 to volunteer.

LLL

Thursday, October 30

Join us for a trip to St. Francisville to tour Grace Episcopal Church and Cemetery, with lunch afterwards at the Carriage House. We will depart from the church at 9:00 a.m.

New Member Luncheon  
Sunday, November 2  
11:30 a.m.

### Church Directory

It’s not too late to submit your color digital picture for the directory by emailing it to [office@broadmoorbaptist.com](mailto:office@broadmoorbaptist.com). The directory will be available in two forms; online accessed through our website, or a hard paper copy for those that would prefer that format.

LLL

Sunday, November 9  
3:00 p.m.

Join us for *Sister Act* at the River Center. Tickets are \$60. Contact Paul to purchase your ticket.

First Place For Health  
Tuesday, October 28  
5:30 p.m.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29**  
**6:15-7:00 PM**  
Dinner begins at 5:15  
Following dinner all children and adults are invited to join the fun in the east parking lot! Contest for best decorated trunk!

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**OLOL**  
Robert Gray

**BRG Mid-City**  
Frances Payne

## Fashion Me A People Sermon Series

October 26

Stephen Porter preaching  
CBF Global Missions

November 2

Have You Learned Anything Lately?

November 9

Why Do I Need Anyone Else?

November 16

What Difference Does This Make?

To Reach an  
On Call Minister  
call  
328-3474

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

October 29  
Sloppy Joes, Chips,  
Cookies

## CALENDAR

**Thursday, October 23**  
10:00 A BBQ

**Saturday, October 25**  
11:00 A Missions Committee  
Luncheon, UR

**Sunday, October 26**  
9:00 A Library Opens  
Donut Breakfast, CAH  
10:30 A Worship, Steven Porter

*Extended Teaching Care*  
Amanda & Zafer Goncu, Sarah &  
Mary Mullen, Greg Edwards,  
Rebecca Broome

11:30 A College Lunch  
4:00 P Youth/Uncle Phil's  
Rehearsal  
5:45 P Belles & Beaux  
6:00 P Youth Bible Study

**Tuesday, October 28**  
9:30 A Yoga  
5:30 P First Place for Health

**Wednesday, October 29**  
7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast  
5:00 P Library Opens  
Chapel Bells  
5:15 P Dinner  
6:15 P Trunk or Treat  
7:00 P Sanctuary Choir  
8:30 P College Bible Study, LSU

**Thursday, October 30**  
9:00 A LLL departs for St.  
Francisville  
10:00 A BBQ

**Friday, October 31**  
7:00 P Youth departs for Fall  
Retreat  
9:00 P Second Group leaves for  
Fall Retreat

## CHILDREN

**Trunk or Treat**  
**Wednesday, Oct.29**  
**6:15-7:00 p.m.**  
East parking lot of the  
Church.

## YOUTH



*Fall Retreat*  
October 31-November 2  
Cost: \$20  
Camp Istrouma

7 p.m. and 9 p.m. depar-  
ture times. Call the  
church office to sign up  
and give T-shirt size.

## COLLEGE

**College Bible Study**  
**Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m.**  
Johnson Hall, Room 124  
Louisiana State  
University

**College Lunch**  
**Sunday, October 26**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
Meet at the Chimes on  
Coursey after church.

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# BBC Global Missions Report

Sunday, October 26  
9:15 a.m.

Church Activities Hall

Donuts and coffee will be served beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Steven Porter, CBF  
Global Missions Coordinator

