

Happy Birthday!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS...

Run4Don is now accepting scholarship applications for 2022. They must be postmarked by March 31, 2022. Please see Blake, Ben, or Ronald for more info.

March 18-20: Gospel Seminar at Gordonsville church of Christ with Brad Harrub.

March 19: Ladies Day at Crossville church of Christ with Cindy Colley 9am-Noon.

March 20-24 : Gospel Meeting at Celina church of Christ at 7pm with Eric Owens.

March 27: Baby Boy Shower at 1pm for GK and Brandon Bunting, Please see Casey Trisdale if you would like to be a hostess.

March 27: Brian Hall will be giving a Guyana report

March 27: Fellowship after evening worship. Theme: Meat & Vegetables

March 31: Happy Haven Banquet at Leslie Town Center at 6:30pm. Please see Ben Gentry or Ronald Strong for more information.

April 9: Ladies Day at East Main church of Christ with Jania Otey 8:15-11:30

April 16: Easter egg hunt

May 8: Zack Holmes will be giving an India report during the evening service

June 5-9: VBS here with Union Hill

July 17-23: JSCYC

August 17-25: PTP

November 6-9: Gospel Meeting here with Cliff Goodwin

November 18-20: Fall Family Retreat in Smithville, TN. Please sign up if you plan on going.

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To Be Saved, JESUS Said We MUST...

Believe Him (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6)

Repent of our sins (Lk.13:3, 5)

Confess Christ (Rom.10:9-10)

Be immersed in water for remission of sins
(Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:3-4)

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“Q&A: David & Musical Instruments”

by Dave Miller of Apologetics Press

Q:

“What made King David so special that he could dictate matters strictly reserved for ‘Thus says the Lord’? And, further, why did Solomon and other succeeding kings follow David’s expansion of musical instruments?”

A: David committed several grievous sins in his lifetime, including his sin with Bathsheba, his unauthorized taking of the census, and the eating of the showbread (which Jesus said was “**not lawful**”—Matthew 12:4; Mark 2:26; Luke 6:4). However, overall, he seemed to have a committed heart most of the time. Like all of us, he stumbled on occasion (like Abraham, also). His intermittent failures were not likely to be attributed to “indifference,” but merely giving in to temptation and the pressure of the moment, again, like the rest of us. God did not brush aside those infractions, nor would He want us to draw the conclusion that David was somehow “special” and given greater leeway or forgiveness than the rest of us, nor that God **approved** of any action on David’s part in which he presumed to dictate worship protocol. God is consistent throughout human history in His insistence that His law be obeyed—**by everybody**—and He never authorizes violations of it. To violate God’s law is, by definition, “sin” (1 John 3:4), and sin must be forgiven in accordance with the divine prescription for atonement—no exceptions....Continued inside

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Sunday: Bible Classes @ 9:00 a.m.
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Worship @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Classes @ 7:00 p.m.

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Regarding the introduction of instrumental music, the Bible plainly states that it was **not David** who made this change—but God Himself. Read 2 Chronicles 29:25—

And he stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, of Gad the king’s seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for thus was **the commandment of the LORD** by his prophets.

Notice the line of authority in that verse: (1) God, (2) Nathan the prophet, (3) Gad the King’s Seer, and (4) David. So **God** authorized the introduction of instruments (for the Levites), doing so via the chain of authority from Himself to prophet, to seer, and then to David. It would make sense, then, that some passages would say that they were introduced “by the command of David.” But that is simply the Bible’s not infrequent way of shortening a concept. One must gather everything in the Bible on a particular subject and fit it together properly before drawing any conclusions (1 Thessalonians 5:21). David commanded/added instruments into Temple worship because he was authorized to do so by God Himself. See also 2 Chronicles 30:12 for this same sequence: “Also the hand of God was on Judah to give them singleness of heart to obey the command of the king and the leaders, **at the word of the LORD.**” The intermediate authorities who issued commands to the people were simply operating under the overall jurisdiction and instructions of God. Observe, then, that this clarification answers the second question: Solomon, Hezekiah, et al. added instruments because God authorized them to do so.

Of course, the lesson for Christians living today is to recognize that God has always acted in harmony with His principle of authority. All people are to worship God in accordance with His worship instructions specified in the New Testament. It so happens that since the cross, God confines all musical worship expression to vocal music—not instrumental (1 Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; James 5:13).

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Those Battling Ongoing Health Issues-

Prayer List:

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Privileged to Serve March 20, 2022

Ushers	Roy Flatt
.....	Jacob Martin
Announcements	Sjon Gentry
Song Leader	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading	Parker Harless
Speaker	John Mabery
Opening Prayer	Ronald Strong
Closing Prayer	Bill Coe
Oversee Lord’s Supper..	Rellon Burris
Prepare Trays	
Scripture Reading	Kevin Moss
Serve	Greg Scott
.....	Jeremy Broome
.....	Jim Young
.....	Ben Gentry
.....	Blake Maberry
.....	Chris Fox
Alternate to Serve	Roy Young
.....	Chris Martin
Dismiss Classes	Chick Ransom
Count Contribution	Jimmy Strong
.....	Roy Smallwood
.....	Ronnie Martin
.....	Mark Collins
Response Card	Mike Martin
PowerPoint.....	Jonathan Conner
Live Stream.....	Brian Trisdale
Adult Bible Class.....	John Mabery

Sunday Evening March 20, 2022

Speaker	Carl Call
Scripture Reading	Jeremy Broome
Song Leader	Mike Birdwell
Opening Prayer	Tim Mitchell
Closing Prayer	Roy Smallwood
PowerPoint.....	Ben Gentry

Wednesday Evening March 23, 2022

Song Leader	Jeremy Kirby
Devotional	Sjon Gentry
Opening Prayer	Randy Duke
Closing Prayer	Jackson Conner
Adult Bible Study	Ronald Strong
Powerpoint.....	Blake Maberry

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