

There are those who come among us
and find our simple services dry and
sterile. There's no beautiful building
or organ music that fills the space.

There are some of our children who
are made to attend when they don't
want to be here and they say, "it's
boring!"

After all, there's no band; no rock guitar;
not even a piano to entertain us.

We're just all about studying our Bibles.

And then we turn to our songbooks.

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A song that cannot fail to move us!

It Is Well With My Soul

Where does our emotion in worship come from?

Certainly not from listening to a lesson from the word of God from a man speaking from the pulpit -- at least not usually until the invitation.

Then, sometimes I see tears in the eyes of some.

#31 Almost Persuaded

“Almost Persuaded” is a sad song when someone is thinking about being baptized for the remission of their sins but can’t quite make the move. It pulls at their heart to make that decision that will bring them into Christ

But think about the love that’s in the song as we try to encourage our loved ones to make the move that will give them eternal life.

At other times we speak of those who
have gone before – and scattered
around the building I see men and
women who remember loved ones gone
to their reward and times gone by when
they rejoiced in their youth as well as in
their old age – and I see tears.

I'll Fly Away #824

Eph 5:15-20 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, (16) making the most of your time, because the days are evil. (17) So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (18) And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, (19) speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; (20) always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

These are the songs that anchor our
souls in our Heavenly Father and in
serving Him.

Will Your Anchor Hold #776

18And do not get drunk with wine, for
that is dissipation, but be filled with the
Spirit,

How do we fill ourselves with the Spirit?

(19) speaking to one another in psalms
and hymns and spiritual songs, singing
and making melody with your heart to
the Lord;

Whether this is your first time to visit a church of Christ or you have been a member for many years, you now realize that here we take the Scriptures seriously.

(19) speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

The Lord directs us all to sing and speak to one another – no choirs, no bands, but each one of us singing to the Lord and to our brethren!

Because of the light God shines on us through His word, which is buried deep within our hearts as the assembly lifts their voices together, we must be so careful that our songs are based on the Scriptures.

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth:
thy word is truth.

My God and I #417

Gal 5:22-24 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (24) Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Have you ever tried to sin while singing a song of praise, based on the Scriptures? You're going to have a problem.

Nearer Still Nearer #436

Many years ago, a good friend who had been attending with us said, “I like your services, but must you always sing those dreadful songs at the end of the service?”

If you think an invitation song is worthless, let me point out that you never know who is in the crowd and even a visitor who complains about our invitation songs, heard the words and they did as they should – they distressed him!

Lamb of God #950

Col 3:16-17 Let the word of Christ
richly dwell within you, with all
wisdom teaching and admonishing
one another with psalms *and* hymns
and spiritual songs, singing with
thankfulness in your hearts to God

I Stand in Awe 937

So then do not be foolish, but
understand what the will of the Lord
is. (Eph 5.17)

Are you willing to humble yourself in
the sight of the Lord that He might
lift you up. Will you do what He asks
this day?

Mat 28:18-20 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
(19) "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
(20) teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.