

- ◆ Carrie's baby shower is scheduled for Saturday 17th June @ 2 pm and she is inviting all the women of the congregation. The event would be held at 88 Sampson Drive Lower Sackville.
- ◆ Tuesday, Kem would be celebrating her birthday.
- ◆ Last Thursday was the birthday of Kaylen McLellan.
- ◆ Potluck today after worship.



Next Congregational meeting  
September 10th, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	31	1 Dennis Peters birthday	2 Vision Channel 9:30 am	3 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 9 am
4 Potluck	5	6 Kem Simmons B'day Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	7	8	9 Vision Channel 9:30 am	10
11	12	13 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	14	15	16 Vision Channel 9:30 am	17 Carrie's Baby Shower @ 2pm. 88 Sampson Drive Lower Sackville
18	19	20 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	21	22 Jeremy & Carrie's Wedding Anniversary	23 Vision Channel 9:30 am	24 Women's Prayer Breakfast @ 9
25	26	27 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	28	29	30 Vision Channel 9:30 am	1 Men's Prayer B'fast @ 9am

**Bible Mad Gab:** Abe Of Reap Roach (see John 5:35 (New American Standard Version) for answer)

On for cleaning..... Dennis & Carol Peters

**Food Bank Items:** Peanut Butter; Soup; Kraft Dinner;


Condiments; Canned Meats/Fish/Fruit; Dry Spaghetti/Sauce

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*The Church of Christ meets here at*  
48 Convoy Avenue,  
04th June, 2017

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## Can New Testament Christians use Mechanical Instruments in Worship ?

By David Cariaga

In answering this question, first we go to the Restoration Movement's call by Thomas Campbell in 1809 "Speak where the Bible Speaks; Be silent where the Bible is silent." He earnestly preached that all should go back to the Bible when it comes to teaching and practices as he said; *"God had provided, in his sacred Word, an infallible standard, which was all-sufficient and alone-sufficient, as a basis of union and Christian co-operation. He showed, however, that men had not been satisfied with its teachings, but had gone outside of the Bible, to frame for themselves religious theories, opinions and speculations, which were the real occasions of the unhappy controversies and strifes which had so long desolated the religious world"* (Radically Christian -1<sup>st</sup> Century Christianity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century World). This concept does not go far from the words of Jesus that one day, *"the very words which He has spoken will condemn them in the Last day"* (John 12:48). Christians therefore should be guided by what Jesus told us. In 1 Corinthians 4:6; *"Do not go beyond what is written..."* is a warning to all Christians and we must heed to the warning!

Leroy Brownlow said, *"some attempt to justify instrumental music in New Testament worship by saying that it had part in Old Testament worship. If that authorizes the playing of musical instruments in worship, it will also authorize the offering of animal sacrifices and burning of incense in the worship"* (Why I am a Member of the Church of Christ). One can only be consistent when we all practice all Old Testament practices. However, Jesus left this out in the New Testament as Michael S Cole said *"apparently, the human singing voice, that musical instrument created by God Himself, is the only music that our Creator requires of us during a Christian worship assembly. Adding musical instruments to the worship service, therefore, seems as inappropriate as adding fish to the Lord's Supper. That, too, is not clearly forbidden in the Word of God, but most disciples of Christ would agree that this would not be proper. We have examples from the Bible that it is possible to offer sincere, but unacceptable, worship to God."* (See Genesis 4:5; Leviticus 10:1-2; I Samuel 15:22; Joshua 1:7; I Kings 11:38; Jeremiah 7:23; Matthew 6:5; Luke 18:10-14)(**Why don't we Use Mechanical Instruments in Worship**).

The most valuable thing Christians can do is to Worship God. It is a great privilege to worship God according to His will. All faithful Christians can participate in worship. Congregational singing is an expression we make from our hearts. Instrumentals, choirs, and solos hinder all-member participation. True worship is done in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:24). We are not at liberty to select a worship form that appeals to God. We must avoid the danger to make Spiritual worship an entertainment. The important thing is not what draws a crowd but that we do the will that pleases God (Matthew 7:21).

## Order of Worship

## Prayers for those we love...



### **Bible Class**

9:45-10:30am Sundays

David Cariaga (James Chapter 4)

7:00-8:00 pm Tuesdays  
David Cariaga



### **Worship**

11:00 am Sundays



### **Prayer Time**

12:00 pm—12:15 pm Sundays

### **Leadership for Worship**

Song Leader.....Wayne Taylor  
Worship Prayer.....Jeremy VanSlyke  
Presiding at the Table.....Shola Komolafe  
Assisting.....Scottie Simmons  
Scripture Reading.....James Bortey  
10 minute exhortation.....Lee-Andrew Duncan  
Collection.....Shola Komolafe  
Closing Prayer.....Dennis Peters  
Announcements.....Dennis Peters

**John 4:24**

**God is a Spirit: and they that worship  
Him must worship in spirit and truth.**

1. Wisdom for the spiritual Leadership of all the churches.
2. Our bible class teachers and students.
3. Church evangelism, spiritual growth and unity.
4. Missionaries—Joel Osborne, Ruth Zimmerman and Ron and Karen Clayton.
5. Key to the Kingdom program, teachers and students.
6. Wisdom for the leaders of our country and the military.
7. Those not worshipping with us today.
8. All Brethren living in isolated areas.
9. That Sel's dad will be healed of his prostate cancer and that her mom will have the strength to live through the process.
10. That Jocelyn's Brother-in-Law will be saved and God will ease his suffering.
11. That the Evacuees of Fort McMurray will find homes, financial help or new jobs, and have their needs met.
12. That Corey and Claudia will become strong in the faith again.
13. Those of our congregation travelling.
14. That Gizel Attedjro would stay focused and grow in faith as she studies at the Great Lakes Christian college .
15. That Paul & Heidi T aylor would return to Jesus's Church.
16. Pray that the families of Erma Gorman and Carol Peters see the need for Jesus and return to the Lord's Church.