

You are invited to attend this year's SILVER DAWNS BIBLE STUDY. For many years, Pastor Mike Coppersmith has taught this Bible Study on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. during the months of November through March. We have a large and energetic group attending each week. The Bible Study is fascinating, the discussion is stimulating, the lessons are very practical, the refreshments are good, and the impact on your faith is powerful!

This year's study is entitled "ADVENTURES IN FAITH" and will look at *Famous People in the Bible and the Practical Lessons They Teach Us About the Power of Faith*. Here are some of the titles of the studies Pastor Mike has prepared:

Abraham: Faith and My Need

Joseph: Faith and My Dreams

Moses: Faith and My Worries

Job: Faith and My Questions

Samson: Faith and My Mistakes

Samuel: Faith and My Identity

Elijah: Faith and My Depression

Jabez: Faith and My Quality of Life

Jehosophat: Faith and My Conflicts

Daniel: Faith and My Temptations

Jesus: Faith and My Stress

Nicodemus: Faith and My Salvation

Peter: Faith and My Weaknesses

Paul: Faith and My Loneliness

Luke: Faith and My Legacy

Pastor Mike's Silver Dawns Bible Study is 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and meets in the Fellowship Center each Friday through March. This class is designed in such a way that you can start anytime and attend for whatever weeks you are able to do so. Join us for these "Adventures of Faith" as we learn about *Famous People in the Bible and the Practical Lessons They Teach Us About the Power of Faith!*

HEARTS OF WORSHIP THE OPEN-HEARTED WORSHIP OF OPEN HEAVENS

Three Surprising Facts About the Kind of Worship That Gives God Pleasure

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INTRODUCTION

In Your Bible:
Ephesians 1: 3-14
(Page 1156 in the Pew Bible)

Ephesians 1:5 (TEV)

Because of His love God had already decided that through Jesus Christ He would make us His children—this was His pleasure and purpose.

Mark 1:9-11

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw **heaven being torn open** and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you **I am well pleased.**"

A Key Truth:
Bringing God Pleasure is Called Worship!

Psalm 147:11 (CEV)

The Lord is **pleased only with those who worship Him** and trust in His love.

Revelation 4:11 (NLT)

You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created everything, and **it is for your pleasure** that they exist and were created.

I. WORSHIP IS FAR MORE THAN _____

Worship Involves:
God's ACTION toward us
Our REACTION toward God
Our INTERACTION with Others
All by the Power of the Holy Spirit through Faith in Christ!

Genesis 4:21

His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the harp and flute.

II. WORSHIP IS NOT PRIMARILY FOR YOUR _____

Isaiah 29:13 (NASV)

...this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me, and their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote ...

III. WORSHIP IS NOT JUST _____ OF YOUR LIFE,
WORSHIP IS YOUR _____!

Psalm 105:4 (TEV)
...worship Him **continually**...

Psalm 113:3 (TLB)
Praise Him **from sunrise to sunset**...

Psalm 34:1 (RSV)

I will bless the Lord **at all times**; his praise shall **continually** be in my mouth.

Romans 12:1 (The Message)

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life — your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life — and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

CONCLUSION