



North Shelby Baptist Church

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And in Closing Dr. Gary Fenton

Recently someone asked me what were the most unusual statements I have heard while standing at the door following worship service as people leave. While I have not yet compiled that list, below are two lists suggesting what church members should say and not say to each other after worship.

Five questions and statements church members should never ask or make following worship.

1. **“What did you think about church today?”** This usually means, “were you as displeased with worship or Bible Study as I was?” Worship is to be pleasing to God and as fallen and sinful human beings what is pleasing to God is not always pleasing to us. The only people that need to like the wedding ceremony are the bride and groom as it is their day and the ceremony is in their honor. Christian worship is to honor Jesus the Christ.
2. **“Today’s worship experience did not make me comfortable.”** Authentic worship often makes us very uncomfortable. In the process of worship, we realize who we are that is very discomfoting, and we recognize who God is and that gives us hope.
3. **“Nobody spoke to me today.”** If you are a member it is your responsibility to reach out to both members and guests. When folks join a church, they are accepting responsibility for taking initiative.
4. **“Too many things are changing.”** The church is the living body of Christ in the world and all things living are constantly changing.
5. **“The church is just one generation from extinction.”** While those who make that statement are usually very well-intended, they are wrong. The true body of Christ will go through difficult times, but the body of Christ will survive. This is the message of the Book of Revelation. God created the church and God will not allow the church to be defeated. We do not have to develop survival strategies, instead we are to be seeking ways to take the Gospel to more people. Reaching people is not about getting more people to come to church, it is about helping people become the church.

Four questions or statements church members need to make following Sunday School and worship:

1. **Did our worship honor God by reflecting the values of Jesus today?** Values like reaching out to strangers, encouraging one another, and praising the heavenly Father.
2. **Did I make every guest and every member feel that God was the reason they came to participate in worship?** God was present in worship today whether I felt His presence or not. My certainty is not based on my feelings but on His promise.
3. **Am I changing each week to be more Christ-like and are we changing as church to become more Christ like?** This is a question we should ask each week until Jesus returns. God and His Kingdom will prevail therefore I will not worry about survival as I am confident God will lead our church to take the Gospel to our neighborhood and to the world.

And one more statement we need to make each week, “See you next Sunday as we again celebrate the Good News of the Risen Lord.

Your interim pastor,
 Gary Fenton



Glory Road in Concert Sunday, April 15th 6:00 PM Sanctuary

New NSBC Pictorial Directory!

Sign up now to have your picture made for the church pictorial directory! Photos will be taken in the fellowship hall May 10th — May 15th. All appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis! Use the link on our website

www.northshelbybaptist.org to signup. If you have questions contact Lynda Freeman (205)678-7084.

Joyful Gathering...

Sunday, April 8th, 10:00 AM Worship: 430
 Sunday, April 8th, Morning Sunday School: 424

Joyful Giving...

2018 Weekly Budget Goal \$31,557.52
 Week of 04/08/2018 Actual Budget Receipts \$20,026.52
 Year to Date Budget Goal @ 04/08/2018 (14weeks)
 \$441,805.28
 Year to Date Actual Budget Receipts @ 04/08/2018
 \$406,686.32

Text NSBC to 73256 to give using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply.

Ushers for Sunday, April 15th & 22nd

Patrick Bass, Chad Hartsfield, Randal Headrick,
 David Hyche, Will Hyche, Gary Kelley, Gary Maddox,
 Donald Warren, Charles Wright

Security Team for Sunday, April 15th & 22nd

AM: Wendell Braswell, Bob Battles,
 Danny Roland, James Parsons
PM: James Parsons

Greeters for Sunday, April 15th

Carol Lewis, Laura Short, Mary Jane Carter

Church Staff

Dr. Gary Fenton, Interim Pastor
Dr. John Boozer, Interim Minister of Music
Jon Jeffries, Minister of Education & Families
Alex Lovorn, Student Pastor
Julie Donovan, Children’s Minister
Daniel Birdsong, Student Worship Director
Chris Byrd, Interim Administrator

SUNDAY, APRIL 15th

A representative from Vanderbloemen Search Group will be with us on Sunday, April 15th. Listed below are the times and focus groups they will be speaking with. All groups — except the 7:00 pm—will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Focus Group Times

- **2:15—3:25** Active Deacons
- **3:30—4:15** Youth and Children’s Sunday School Teachers, Parents, Volunteers
- **4:30—5:15**—Adult Sunday School Teachers
- **5:15—6:00** Choir and Music Ministry Volunteers, Other Church-Wide Volunteers and Committee Chairs
- **7:00 - 8:15**—Open Session for all Church Members (Sanctuary)

SPECIAL EVENING SERVICES

Sunday, April 15th—Glory Road in Concert, 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, April 22nd—4Ever Praise in concert 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

