

March 2022

# The Lighthouse

## SINGING IN WORSHIP

The most important thing we do as a church is worship. Which reminds me: Please join us for morning AND evening worship if you are able. The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 21, paragraph 8 states...

“This Sabbath is then kept holy unto the Lord, when men, after a due preparing of their hearts, and ordering of their common affairs beforehand, do not only observe an holy rest, all the day, from their own works, words, and thoughts about their worldly employments and recreations, but also are taken up, the whole time, in the public and private exercises of his worship, and in the duties of necessity and mercy.”

That being said, singing is a large part of worship.

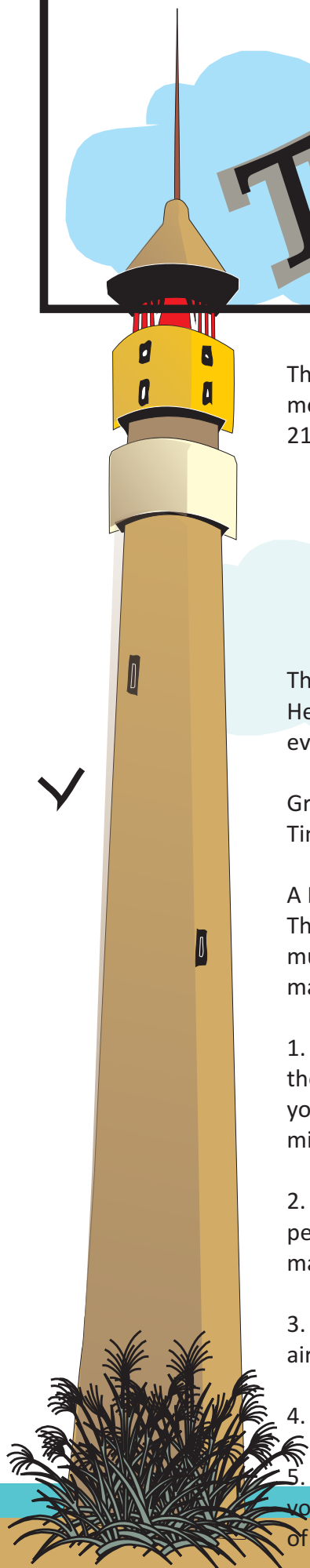
Here is the helpful section of an article in the front of the Trinity Psalter Hymnal that everyone should read and take to heart.

Grace & Peace,  
Tim

### A NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION

The Lord commands us to sing to him in worship, so whether or not we enjoy singing, we must all do it to the glory of God. Here are some suggestions to improve your singing (and make it more enjoyable):

1. If you know, prior to the service, which hymns will be sung, study the words, think about their meaning, speak them out loud (if possible), and look up any unfamiliar words, so that you will be able to sing with understanding (1 Cor. 14:15). This will enable you to focus your mind on God during the singing.
2. Carefully follow the punctuation of the poetry when singing. Breathe with commas, periods, and semicolons; don't breathe at the end of a musical line, if there is no punctuation mark. This will add greatly to your comprehension of the text.
3. Be aware of your posture. Stand or sit tall, so that you will be able to take in a full breath of air.
4. Take in a big breath before singing, with shoulders relaxed (diaphragmatic breath).
5. Open your mouth tall for vowels. Singing is elongating the vowels of speech, so open vowels are very important, and will greatly improve your sound! Exaggerate your enunciation of consonants to help others understand what you are singing.



6. Hold your hymnbook at a height at which you can see the words without looking down. This will keep your instrument (your voice) pointing forward, instead of down to the floor, greatly improving your sound.

7. If you are able, sing the alto, tenor, or bass part. This adds richness to the congregational singing.

8. Finally, don't worry about what others may think of your singing. Whether you are classically trained or consider yourself monotone, God wants you to sing. Your voice will blend with all the voices now and through eternity to bring praise to our God. Singing is one of our few corporate activities during worship. And remember that our singing here on earth is a rehearsal of what we will be doing in heaven forever!

Timothy and Lou Ann Shafer  
Musicologist and Music Editor

*From the ministry in the garbage dump in Zihuatanejo, Mexico to, well, all over the world! -- here's an update from our missionary, Jody Collinge...*

# Prayer and Praise

Jody Collinge

February 21, 2022



**Children's CHE in Uganda Schools**

## **Travels: (Dios mediante--Lord willing)**

- March 23 to April 6: CHE Internship (Residencia) in Guatemala

## **Prayers and Praise**

1. In the photo above, you can see Children's CHE being used in schools in Uganda. Thank God for how CHE is being used in many schools! Give thanks to God for our CHE trainers, and pray that children and teachers and families will learn new health skills, and that they will come to know Christ through the Bible training.

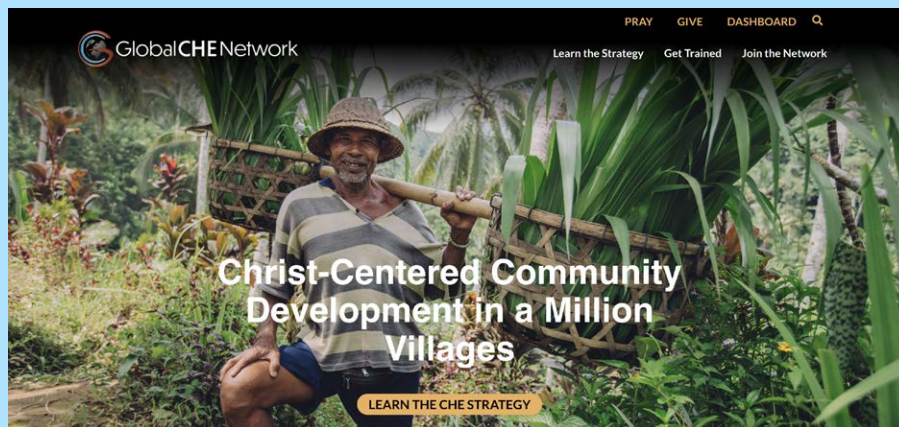
2. Thank God also for our ministries with children, both in Zihuatanejo and over the Internet. With BTI, we are leading online studies with children (on the book of John) and a new study on Ruth with teens. Thank God for their enthusiasm and responsiveness!

3. Thank God for his protection and provision during my trip to Texas--for a board meeting, doctors appointments, updating prescriptions, and fixing my computer. And I enjoyed spending time with Candi, Greg and Wanda and their family.

4. Thank God for the CHE Internship in Ghana, with CHE leaders gathering for more training. We taught online, in person, and also with hybrid (online and in person) teaching. Thank God for the Internet and for the technology, but it was a challenge! Pray that the training was an encouragement to them and that it will boost their CHE ministries in many countries.

5. In March, I hope to go to Guatemala for another CHE Internship or Residencia, to give training in Children's CHE. Pray for Hugo and his team who are preparing this, and pray for each of the participants who are coming.

6. Please check out our new Global CHE Network website at [www.chenetwork.org](http://www.chenetwork.org) and give thanks to the team who put it together.



6. A note to financial supporters: Thank God for your faithfulness over the years! This year, I will be taking no salary, so feel free to reduce your support to me and give more to the Global CHE Network or other ministries. Please note a change: Send online or recurrent gifts to:  
<https://engage.suran.com/atm/s/give/gift/gcn>.

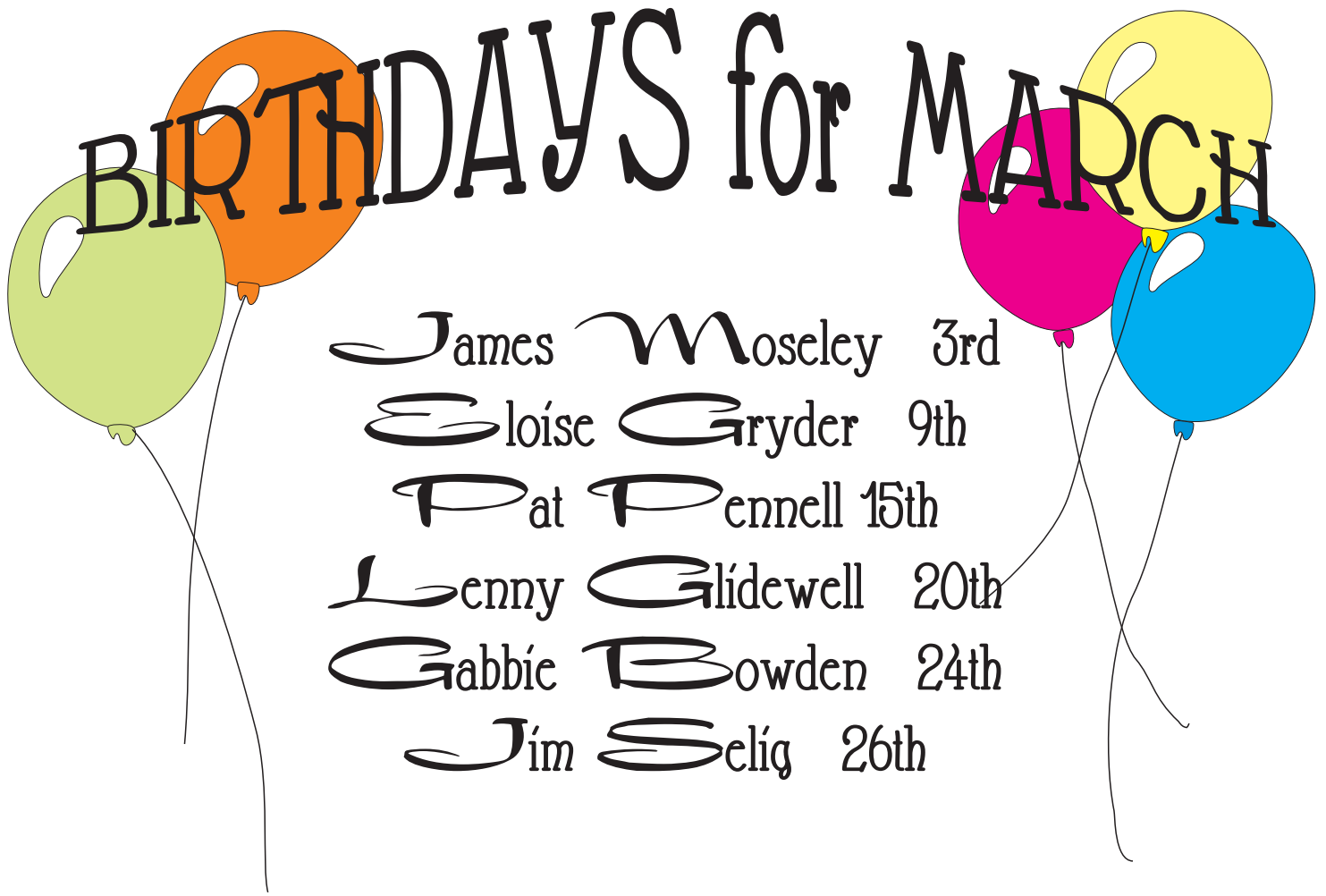
Thank God for his watching over each of us! And thanks for your prayers, support, and encouragement. Let me know how I can be praying for you.

With love in Christ,  
*Jody*

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Please designate that they are for my support. Thanks!



James Moseley 3rd  
Eloise Gryder 9th  
Pat Pennell 15th  
Lenny Glidewell 20th  
Gabbie Bowden 24th  
Jim Selig 26th

## Dates to Remember for March

- March 2 Ladies Circle at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- March 5 Men's Breakfast at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall
- March 6 Communion at the morning service
- March 13 Monthly Luncheon after the morning worship service, please bring a dish to share
- March 20 Evening Communion

Mid-South Regional Women's Leadership Training. "Thinking Biblically and Living Covenantally" will be held Friday, March 18th at 6pm to 9pm, Saturday, March 19th, at 8:30am - 2pm. Hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Gulfport. Register at [FPCGulfport.org/womenstraining](http://FPCGulfport.org/womenstraining) or call church office at 228-863-8664. Registration closes on Friday, March 11th. Child Care is provided from birth to 5 years old. Lunch is offered for a fee.