

## PRAISE TEAM LEADER MARK BISHOP



Mark Bishop joined the staff at Grace Community Bible Church as Praise Team Leader in March of 2012. He and his wife Kathy are originally from Indiana where Mark served on staff at Mounds Baptist Church in Anderson for 15 years. Mark is a self-taught musician who has many years of experience leading worship, commercial and home studio recording, and performing live in bands covering a variety of musical styles. Mark selects music that is both traditional and contemporary, with a focus on truly engaging people to offer up heartfelt praises to our Lord. Mark and Kathy enjoy camping and other outdoor activities. Though living in Texas, they keep in touch with their daughter and 5 grandchildren who reside in Indiana.

## Vital worship experiences go far beyond just singing songs.

And she added, "We have plenty of straw and fodder, as well as room for you to spend the night." Then the man bowed down and worshiped the LORD.

Gen. 24:25,26

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.

Mtt. 28:8,9

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II Chron. 29:25-30

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Rom. 12:1,2

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What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

I Cor. 14:26

Vital worship experiences are best when you have an understanding of order and etiquette.

For God is not a God of disorder but of peace. As in all the congregations of the saints . . .

I Cor. 14:33

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Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary... praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

**Psalm 150** 

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Heb. 13:15

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord

Eph. 5:19

Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy.

Ps. 33:2,3

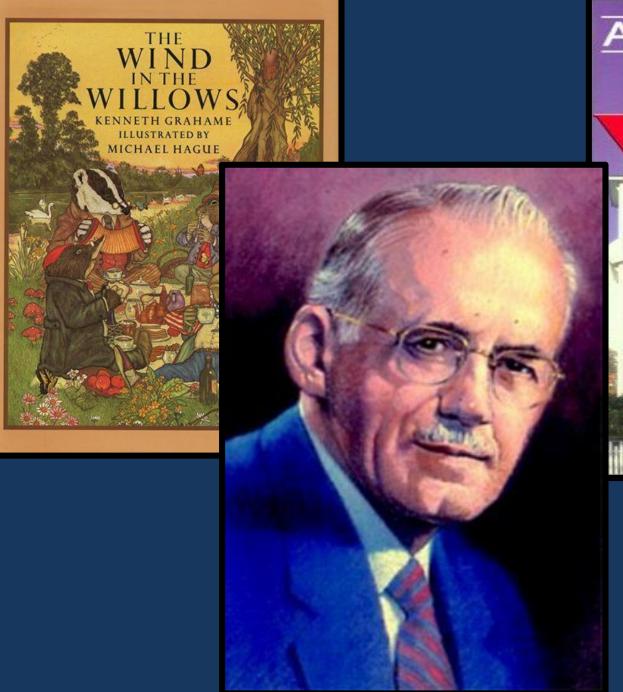
I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined to me and heard my cry...He put a <u>new song</u> in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many will see and fear and will trust in the LORD.

Ps. 40:1-3

## WHAT SHOULD CHANGE OVER TIME . . .

OUR THEOLOGY OR OUR SONGS?

... THE PSALMIST WOULD INSIST YOU SIMPLY MUST EVER BE SINGING A NEW SONG!



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