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Does God Care About Our Methodology in Music and Worship? Part 1 of 2

By Pastor Erik D. Hanson



Does God care about our methodology in how we use and select music in our worship today? This is a question that we often do not ponder upon enough or dismiss quickly since we erroneously tend to assume that the Bible does not answer this question. Christians are all too eager to embrace the new and relevant in order to reach the lost, while not giving much consideration to the heartbeat of the local church; worship. Worship comes from an old Anglo-saxon word, weorthscipe, which conveys giving worth, respect, and reverence to the object of one's worship which for a true believer is God. There are 110 verses in the OT and 72 verses in the NT where some form of the word worship is used. It should be noted that in most of these passages, no specific mention of or even an ambiguous reference to music can be found. Rather, the crux of these passages seems to be on obedience, humble submission, praise, prayer, and pleasure toward the object of our worship, God. The focus on worship should be on giving to God and not on getting from God. Dr. Gary Reimers rightly defines the essence of worship. "Worship is an event where God should be the center of attention and the guest of honor."¹ It must be understood that worship is not merely an event; it is a lifestyle. Thus, worship is both corporate and personal. One author accurately notes, "To know God is to worship God; therefore our view of God will directly affect how we approach Him."² Our view of God will affect our lifestyle and our worship of Him. Ron Owens asserts, "If our view of God is anything other than His Self-revelation through His Word, then the god we worship is one of our own making, one fashioned to suit what we want God to be."³ Therefore, our greatest need is to know God intimately and accurately so that every area of our lives (including our worship) would reflect an accurate view of God according to His Word (Jer. 9:23, 24; Eph. 3:19). Dr. Michael Barrett correctly concludes, "True worship, therefore, arises from the knowledge of God. The greater the knowledge of God, the greater will be the exercise of true worship."⁴ Therefore, the knowledge of God is essential in understanding how to worship Him. Ron Owens is correct in his premises that "we must know who God is if we are going to worship Him as He desires."⁵

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A Line in the Sand

I have always enjoyed being around water. I grew up being around the lakeshore and the seashore. Walking along a beach can be extremely relaxing and tranquil to me. As I have strolled along the water's edge I have observed different markings in the sand. Some folks are able to

create large designs on the sandy tablet. I liked to take a stick and just draw a simple line in the sand. But as I would return the next day I'd discover the line worn down or disappeared. Most likely the wind, waves and tide were the contributing factors. So I would take another stick and draw another line in the same place.

I have found in my walk with Christ and serving Him in the ministry for almost fifty years that lines of distinction and differences are drawn or established only to be blurred, distorted or destroyed in time. On the beach it is the elements of nature that move on the scene. In Christianity it is the nature of man, weakness of the flesh and a tendency to lose focus, and may I say, a lack of character, that are constantly surfacing and breaking down biblical convictions and standards. We who are holding a Baptist "line" of separation are simply striving to be holy, for our God is holy and He expects us to seek after holiness (Lev. 11:44). Separation from this world is drawing a line from a biblical perspective and determining to stay on the side of holiness (Rom. 12:1-2).

There are increasing efforts by men to blur the lines of distinction or to wash them away altogether. I'm talking about brothers in Christ who up until now have aligned themselves as fundamentalists, but are becoming evangelicals / neo-evangelicals in policy and practice, like waves rolling in on the beach changing and reshaping the sand. While they are in this process they claim there is no change taking place. Then when their change is so obvious that others see the change very clearly, then they justify their drift from a separatist's position as trying to make fundamentalism better and more realistic

Dr. John MacArthur in his book The Truth War (Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2007), makes some very interesting statements concerning "evangelicals" in the following quotes:

"Multitudes of 'enlightened' evangelicals have therefore wholeheartedly embraced those cardinal

From the Parsonage Window



PICKING

The Chicken Coop Syndrome

by Anita Fordyce

Recently my company made some changes in compensations and made the pay scales public. Employees who had happily worked together previously, now began to judge one another based on their compensation. The company soon realized the public disclosures was a big mistake. The picking at one another was unmerciful and several wounded employees quit.



I call it "The Chicken Coop syndrome." Chickens pick on each other--often causing disfigurement or death. The reasons are numerous: heat and overcrowding or new and weaker birds. Some of my co-workers are new, but like in the chicken coop, the older employees did the picking. Sadly, the whole situation reminds me of what I've seen in churches.

Picking happens over the simplest issues, usually involving differing opinions. Then, of course, there are the personal and spiritual issues. A sin made public. A divorce. Gossip. Sometimes it's jealousy over new church members who have outstanding talents, may be similar to our own. Do we welcome them and get them busy in service or keep them at arm's length? Feeling threatened, do we talk about them behind their backs and make them "earn" their way? What about young Christians? Do we disciple them? Include them in our circle of friends and encourage them.

Ultimately, who gets hurt when picking happens? It's the ministry of our churches. Chickens pick with their sharp bills but our weapon is the tongue, which James says is "...a little member, ...a fire, a world of iniquity... unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (3:5-8). However, David said, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." (34:3). How? His method: "Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile" (34:14). The answer to picking is just that simple. Tame the tongue; think through what you are saying before you say it and open your arms to new people. Picking causes our churches' outreach to be compromised and the glorious message about our Savior will cease. It also dissolves unity and thwarts our ability to "exalt his name together."

Now, it would be wise to look at God's concern for the methods that we use in our worship of Him. In perhaps the earliest worship scenario recorded in scripture, God certainly is particular to how He is to be worshipped (Gen. 4:3-5). When Abel brought "the firstling of his flock" to God (Gen. 4:4a), we see that the "the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering" (Gen 4:4b). However, when Cain "brought of the fruit of the ground and offering unto the LORD" (Gen. 4:3b), it is recorded that "unto Cain and to his offering he (God) had no respect" (Gen. 4:5a). Since the scripture explicitly states that it was both Cain and his offering that God was displeased with, this indicates that both his heart and his method of worship were wrong. Although some may say that the problem was not with Cain's method but rather his heart, the Bible clearly states that "by faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain..." (Heb. 11:4).⁶ Furthermore, we see God's concern for the right methodology of worship in the situation regarding the transportation of the ark of God (II Sam. 6:1-11). In this scene, David and the people of Israel "set the ark of God upon a new cart" (II Sam. 6:3a). They genuinely desired to demonstrate honor and reverence to God by putting His ark upon a new cart. However, this action disobeyed God's commandment to carry His ark "upon their shoulders" only (Num. 7:9b). It also resulted into having the ark nearly upset by the oxen which led to Uzzah reaching over to save it (II Sa. 6:6). This led to the second disobedience since only the priests were authorized to touch the sacred ark (Num. 4:15). As a result of this sin, God killed Uzzah (II Sam. 6:7-8). In both of these worship situations, we see that God is particular about the methods that we are to use in our worship of Him and that disobedience to His instructions brings disastrous results.

In Christ's most explicit worship instructions in the NT (Jn. 4:22-24), He begins by contrasting the Old Covenant worship with the New Covenant worship (Jn. 4:22). Under the Mosaic Law, worship was restricted to a specific place (II Chron. 6:6), time (Exod. 30:10), animals (Deut. 16:2), and reserved for a specific nation, Israel (Lev. 26:46). However, under the New Covenant, worship is no longer restricted to a specific place, time, or race (Jn. 4:23). It is now available to all who have a saving relationship with Christ (Heb. 8:10-13). After contrasting the worship of the Old and New Covenants, Christ then tells us how we are to worship Him; namely, in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:23-24). Simply put, we must worship God with our whole being and according to His Word! Although, the methodology in worship has changed, the object and nature of true worship have never changed (Exod 20:1-5; Deut. 6:4-8; Matt. 22:37; Heb. 8:5; Heb. 13:8).

Since the object and nature of true worship are timeless, we can still learn important worship principles from the OT today. Remember, the entirety of God's Word is sufficient and profitable for doctrine (absolute truth of God), reproof (conviction of sin), correction (Christ-likeness), and instruction in righteousness (child rearing in the right way) (II Tim. 3:16-17). We must be in the Truth in order to know and to apply truth! (Jn. 17:17b). This certainly requires much work; however, discipline is necessary for godly living. Our God-given responsibility is to apply timeless truths in a changing culture (Ps. 119:89; Jn. 15:10. I Jn. 2:15-17). This is not legalism; rather, it is obedience out of a love for God (Jn. 14:15).⁷ Thus, God's Word is enough in understanding and applying certain essential truths regarding methodology in our worship today. For example, Lev. 10:1-3 helps us understand the truth that God wants us to reject our own methods of worship.

And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

In verse one; we see that man has the tendency to worship God his own way (1). Coincidentally, Nadab and Abihu worshipped God their own way (1a). They both offered a "strange" or an unauthorized fire to the Lord. Some possibilities of this strange fire may have been going into an unauthorized place in the sanctuary, offering certain coals that were from outside the temple, offering the incense at the wrong time of day, or using their own ingredients for the incense for their own purposes.⁸ Although both men seemed sincere in their worship, a sincere heart still falls short of an obedient heart which God wants from each one of us (I Sam. 15:22). Nadab and Abihu also disobeyed God in their worship. They "offered strange fire before the LORD, which He commanded them not to do" (1b). In Exodus 30:9, 34-38, God clearly commands Aaron and his sons to follow His exact ingredients and regulations. It is also clear that they are not to offer strange incense to Him made by human creativity. God also explicitly states the consequence of the offender who disobeys His command "will be cut off from his people" (Exod. 30:38b).

Lev. 10:2-3 displays God's displeasure with man's own methods in his worship of God. We see that God

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postmodern virtues—broad-mindedness and diversity—while deliberately setting aside critical biblical values, such as discernment and fidelity to the truth.”

“The larger evangelical movement today is obsessed with opinion polls, brand identity, market research, merchandizing schemes, innovative strategies, and numerical growth.”

MacArthur goes on to say, “Maintaining a positive image has become a priority over guarding the truth. . . The leading strategists for church growth today are therefore all pollsters and public relations managers. In the words of Rick Warren, ‘If you want to advertise your church to the unchurched, you must learn to think and speak like they do.’”

“Evangelical churchgoers desperately want their churches to stay on the leading edge of whatever is currently in vogue in the evangelical community. For a while, any church that wanted to be in fashion had to sponsor seminars on how to pray the prayer of Jabez. But woe to the church that was still doing Jabez when The Purpose-Driven Life took center stage. By then, any church that wanted to retain its standing and credibility in the evangelical movement had better be doing “Forty Days of Purpose.” And if your church didn’t get through the “Forty Days” in time to host group studies or preach a series of sermons about The Da Vinci Code before the Hollywood movie version came out, then your church was considered badly out of touch with what really matters.”

“The sad truth is that the larger part of the evangelical movement is already so badly compromised that sound doctrine has almost become a nonissue.”

When I read this from an evangelical evaluating evangelicals it is even all that more evident to me the lines of distinction are being blurred and washed away by leaders / churches / colleges and organizations today. Some are determined to blur the lines so they might attract more people, more students and much more money.

That is why the PARBC and its state representative must maintain the “line” to help ourselves and others to clear up confusion and seek after righteousness / holiness and to protect and promote the Gospel of Christ. The Keystone Baptist is a means to remind us of our true biblical position and heritage. It is necessary to revisit issues, like the excellent article on music presented in this Keystone Baptist. Our fellowship is a place where we can encourage one another to stand true together. Don’t give in – Don’t give up – Don’t sell out – Don’t soften your position. KEEP THE LINE DRAWN! The old hymn “Hold the Fort for I am Coming” is well applied in keeping the line drawn till Jesus comes.



Josiah Walter & TFC Quizzing,

by

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Our Church family is very grateful for the opportunities provided to us through the Talents For Christ Bible Quizzing Competition. In particular, it gives us an avenue to challenge our teens to be memorizing the Word of God. The material chosen each year for the quizzing competition is sequential chapters of a book

or entire epistles, which is a great way to learn the Scriptures and to remember where certain verses or passages are located. We place a high value on memorizing the Scriptures, and, praise God, we have had teens active in the TFC quizzing competition for the past fourteen years!

A number of adults from the church family have also benefited from the quizzing competition. The last few years we have asked for adults to form a team to challenge our teens in a monthly quiz. This competition is a tangible way to encourage the teens in their study, but it also has encouraged the adults to keep memorizing and learning the Word!

Three years ago, Mrs. Walter asked if her son Josiah could join the team. Josiah is a member of our youth group. He has watched each of his three older siblings quiz in previous years, and his friends in the youth group were currently quizzing. Because I don't want to discourage anyone who wants to memorize the Word of God, of course, Josiah could join!

Josiah was born with Downs Syndrome. Josiah is "special" – just like every other teen in the youth group! From his birth, Josiah has been part of our church family, loved by everyone, and included in church activities, play days, birthday parties, etc. Josiah loves being part of the youth

group, and he is loved by the teens. He says his favorite part of quizzing is just being on the team with his friends and doing what they are doing.

That first year, Josiah memorized much of Philippians 4. Last year, he memorized the first 5+ verses of each chapter of John 10-15, and this year, Josiah memorized 5+ verses from each chapter of Acts 24-28. His mom, Judy, has help Josiah learn the verses. In the mornings, often while waiting for the bus, she would read a verse to him numerous times. Josiah would learn by repetition, and soon he would be saying the verse by himself and be ready to begin the next verse.

No one would use the word speedy to describe Josiah, and he's not a jumper. Since we use a quiz box with seat pads which the quizzers must jump off when they know the answer to the question, an exception had to be made on Josiah's behalf. So, in our monthly quizzes between the adult team and the teen team, Josiah would have one question asked specifically to him. He would rise at his speed and then proceed to answer correctly. He rarely gets it wrong!

If you are a youth leader, I encourage you to make the TFC Bible Quizzing an annual event for your youth; it is a great opportunity to challenge all of our teens to memorize God's Word! I would also like to publicly express our appreciation to the officials of the TFC quizzing who were very willing to make some adjustments so that Josiah could participate in the quizzing and have an opportunity to answer a question. Thank you!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE COMPETE LISTING OF TFC WINNERS

Methodology—Continued

brought punishment upon Nadab and Abihu for using their own methods (2). God certainly is not impressed with our offerings as He is with our obedience (Amos 5:21-23). God wants our complete obedience and desires us to worship Him the way that He commands us to in His Word. If not, He will punish us for our disobedience regardless of the success of our worship methods. A.W. Tozer accurately states, "Men and women continue to try to persuade themselves that there are many forms and ways that seem right in worship. But God in His revelation has told us that He is spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."⁹ Finally, God desires to receive all of the glory in worship none to be received by the individual. In verse three; we see that God desires to be set apart and unique from all else. He is holy and there is none like Him. We must give God the holiness due to His name by obeying and worshipping Him His way. As a result, God will be glorified. In every situation of life including our worship methods, God desires to receive all of the praise and glory (I Cor. 10:31; I Pet. 2:9).

(Endnotes)

1 Gary Reimers, *The Glory Due His Name: What God Says about Worship* (Bob Jones University Press, 2009), 5.

2 ² Ron Owens, *Return to Worship: A God-centered Approach* (Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1999), xi. Henry T. Blackaby writes this statement in his forward of this book.

3 *Ibid.*, 10.

4 Michael P. V. Barrett, *The Beauty of Holiness: A Guide to Biblical Worship* (Greenville, SC: Amassador-Emerald International, 2006), 59.

5 Ron Owens, *Return to Worship: A God-centered Approach* (Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1999), 10.

6 There is an idea that since Cain was a farmer, God allowed him to bring the best of his produce. However, nowhere is this indicated in scripture. Although some may debate on this issue, it is clear from the Scripture that this text illustrates God's concern for methodology in worship.

7 Often times, applying timeless truths in obedience to God is confused with legalism. However, applying truth is a God given mandate for every believer. A true love for God should result into genuine obedience to Him. Whereas, legalism is in essence a work based method of earning God's merit in either salvation (Pharisaism) or sanctification (performance based Christianity).

8 Mark F. Rooker, vol. 3A, *Leviticus*, electronic ed., Logos Library System; *The New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2001, c2000), 157.

9 A.W. Tozer, *Whatever Happened to Worship?: A Call to True Worship* (Camp Hill, PA: WingSpread Publishers, 2006), 44.

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COMING EVENTS!



Fall Conference
September 16, 17, 18, 2013
Hope Baptist Church
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Speaker: Dr. Layton Tailbert
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Teen Harvest Rally
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Speaker: Evangelist Tom
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Pastor & Wife Retreat
February 3-4, 2014

Country Cupboard Inn, Lewisburg
Speaker: Dr. Bob Jones III, Chancellor
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Greenville, SC



Youth Retreat & Talents for Christ
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Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg, PA
Bible Quizzing – II Corinthians Chapters 1-10
Bible Knowledge – II Corinthians Chapters 1-10



RESOLUTION on HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

WHEREAS April 8, 2013 is the official date by the modern nation of Israel for Holocaust Remembrance Day, known in Israel as Yom HaShoah; and

WHEREAS this day is the 60th anniversary of Holocaust Remembrance Day by the nation of Israel; and

WHEREAS the Nazi's "Final Solution" led by Adolf Hitler resulted in the genocide of approximately six million Jews during WWII between the years 1939-1945 through the systematic state-sponsored murder of Jews, of which over one million Jewish children were executed, along with their parents resulting in the deaths of approximately two-thirds of the population of European Jews; and

WHEREAS the Holy Scriptures bare record of God's curse upon any person who curses Abram (Genesis 12:3) and the nation of Israel (Deuteronomy 30:7); and

WHEREAS the Bible teaches that God is not finished with the nation of Israel (Daniel 9:24-27, Romans 11:23-29); and

WHEREAS anti-Semitism is on the rise in several countries around the world, among them Hungary, Venezuela, Turkey, and neo-Nazis in the United States and Europe; and

WHEREAS many nations and people in the Middle-East, such as Iran, refuse to acknowledge the right of the nation of Israel to exist, and or seek the destruction of the Jewish people and the nation of Israel,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the Pennsylvania Association of Regular Baptist Churches meeting at Calvary Baptist Church, New Stanton, Pennsylvania, April 8 and 9, 2013, support the right of the nation of Israel to defend itself against all enemies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage the pastors and church members to pray for the "peace of Jerusalem" (Psalm 122:6) and pray for the salvation of Jews, Arabs, Palestinians and others (1 Tim. 2:1-6; 2 Peter 3:9).

LIKEWISE, WE RESOLVE to resist and denounce anti-Semitic sentiment whether political, legal, cultural, religious, social, or any form of anti-Semitism.

WE FURTHER CALL UPON OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS to cease and desist in its financial and military support of any nation, political party or group which does not recognize the right of the nation of Israel to exist and defend itself.

RESOLUTION ON the GOD-GIVEN RIGHT OF MARRIAGE

WHEREAS, Marriage has been designed and defined by God as the lifelong bond exclusively between one Man and one Woman, as Husband and Wife, respectively (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6; I Corinthians 7:2; Ephesians 5:31), and

WHEREAS, Marriage has been instituted of God and sanctified by Him, as a unique picture of the relationship existing between Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:21-33), and

WHEREAS, Homosexual behavior, by either men or women, is condemned by God in both the Old (Leviticus 18:22) and New Testaments (Romans 1:26,27; Luke 17:29), even using the word "abomination" to describe it as a great offense against God, and for which God has condemned and destroyed nations that accepted such behavior (Leviticus 18:24,27-29), and

WHEREAS, under the pressures of those organized for the acceptance of perverse sexual conduct, elected persons in local, state and national governments have presumed to pass laws making sexual perversion, as defined by the Bible, acceptable conduct in American society and would redefine Marriage as a civil right to

RESOLUTION ON the GOD-GIVEN RIGHT OF MARRIAGE--continued

which homosexuals are entitled, which laws are beyond the purview of human government and stand in open defiance to the Will and Word of God,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we the messengers now gathered in Calvary Baptist Church, New Stanton PA, April 8,9, 2013, do hereby encourage our brethren, as well as ourselves that we are absolutely opposed to any legislation, by any government, that supports homosexual conduct and seeks to redefine Marriage to include any union other than one man married to one woman, which God has ordained in His Word (Genesis 2:4; Matthew 19:4-6; I Corinthians 7:2,3; Ephesians 5:31),

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we oppose the adoption of children into homosexual homes, which contradicts the Biblical pattern for homes and families, as well as the Biblical model for parents and children, Be it finally resolved, that: Because there are no genetic markers to demonstrate that homosexuality is inborn, it must be a result of environment and learned behavior; therefore, we support any opportunity for men and women to turn from homosexual practices and lifestyle, because behavioral change is possible, beginning with their trust in Jesus Christ as a personal Savior, by Whom "old things are passed away" and " ..all things are become new (II Corinthians 5:17; I Corinthians 6:9-11).



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Kellie Boyer	Superior	Home Ec. / Baking	Faith Baptist Church, State College
Emily Ervine	Superior	Home Ec. / Baking	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Bryan Heckman	Superior	Home Ec. / Baking	First Baptist Church, Roulette
Daniel Stank	Superior	Home Ec. / Baking	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Hannah Greene	Meritorious	Home Ec. / Handiwork	First Baptist Church, Roulette
Megan Miller	Superior	Home Ec. / Handiwork	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Hannah Greene	Superior	Home Ec. / Sewing	First Baptist Church, Roulette
Heather Greene	Superior	Home Ec. / Sewing	First Baptist Church, Roulette
Sarah Bastian	Superior	Oral Interpretation	Faith Baptist Church, State College
Andrew Bourne	Meritorious	Photography	Faith Baptist Church, State College
Mikayla Amick	Excellent	Photography	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Judson Greene	Excellent	Photography	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Bryan Heckman	Excellent	Photography	Faith Baptist Church, State College
Isaac Rees	Excellent	Photography	Calvary Baptist Church, New Stanton
Timothy Smith	Excellent	Photography	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Daniel Stank	Excellent	Photography	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Mikayla Amick	Excellent	Piano	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Abigail Risser	Excellent	Piano	Hope Baptist Church, Hanover
Daniel Stank	Excellent	Piano	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Emily Bourne	Superior	Piano	Faith Baptist Church, State College
Kellie Boyer	Superior	Piano	Bible Baptist Church, Shickshinny
Kristen Broadt	Superior	Piano	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Megan Miller	Superior	Piano	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Daniel Nazaruk	Superior	Piano	Fellowship Baptist Church, York
Ben Armstrong	Superior	Public Speaking (Male)	Hope Baptist Church, Hanover
Daniel Nazaruk	Superior	Public Speaking (Male)	Fellowship Baptist Church, York
Tim Nazaruk	Superior	Public Speaking (Male)	Fellowship Baptist Church, York
Ben Risser	Superior	Public Speaking (Male)	Hope Baptist Church, Hanover
Sonshine Gang	Superior	Puppetry	Hope Baptist Church, Hanover
Faithful Followers	Superior	Puppetry	Fellowship Baptist Church, York
Kristen Broadt	Superior	Strings	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Judson Greene	Excellent	Visualized Bible Teaching	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Autumn Scalari	Excellent	Visualized Bible Teaching	Dexter Baptist Church, Wellsboro
Abigail Risser	Superior	Visualized Bible Teaching	Hope Baptist Church, Hanover
Emily Erwin	Excellent	Voice (Female)	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
	Excellent	Voice (Lg Group)	Hope Baptist Church, Hanover
	Excellent	Voice (Lg. Group)	First Baptist Church, Roulette
	Excellent	Voice (Sm. Group –duet)	East Lawrence Baptist Church, Lawrenceville
	Superior	Voice (Sm. Group-quartet)	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Andrew Bourne	Excellent	Voice (Male)	Faith Baptist Church, State College
Judson Greene	Excellent	Voice (Male)	Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
Heather Greene	Meritorious	Woodwinds	First Baptist Church, Roulette
Emily Ervine	Excellent	Woodwinds	Faith Baptist Church, State College