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## Weekly Happenings

### Sunday Morning

10:00am - Coffee & Friends  
10:30am - Celebration Service\*  
\*Childcare Provided

### Wednesday

6:00pm - Worship Team Practice  
7:00pm - Adult Bible Study

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## Office Hours

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9:00am - 5:00pm

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## Letters

### Yard Sale Thanks

Thank you to everyone who contributed to or worked on the missions' rummage sale. We netted \$185.78, which is about equal to 3 months' sponsorship for Bose, Esteri, and Gideon (that is, \$21 per month per child).

## snapshots

### A New Roof for Crossroads

With a generous loan offer provided by the denominational conference, Crossroads was able to install a new roof and insulation, ensuring that we will remain dry and warm this coming winter!



### Swim Party

Crossroads' Annual Swim Party was a roaring success. Along with enjoying cooling off in the pool, taking turns sliding down the water slide, and floating through the lazy river, attendees were treated to a full BBQ meal, fresh fruit, cookies and soda.

# Missions Update: Congo and Missions

## Elections In The Congo

July 30 marked the first democratic election in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in over 40 years, with 25.6 million votes cast (a 70 percent turnout). Since none of the 33 candidates received the required 50 percent vote to win, there will be a runoff of the two candidates with the highest percentages on October 15. Current incumbent president, Joseph Kabila received 44.81 percent of the votes, while current vice-president Jean-Pierre Bemba received 20.03 percent (five vice-presidents were appointed from opposition parties in 2003 in an effort to restore peace). Though the election was peaceful, fighting broke out in the days after, with both parties equally at fault. Additional international peacekeepers will aid the 17,000 UN peacekeepers who were present for the election.

President Kabila is supported mainly in the eastern part of the country, as he is credited there with ending the war. People from the western side of the DRC, who have been the dominant group in the country for many years, mainly support Jean-Pierre Bemba, as many feel Joseph Kabila is not a true Congolese (he grew up in Tanzania but is the son of the former DRC President Laurent Kabila). However, easterners dislike Bemba because they associate him with major atrocities committed by rebels during the recent conflict.

Please pray for Esteri, Bose, and Gideoni's homeland as they await the runoff election and discover whether the forthcoming president will be successful in leading and rebuilding the country.

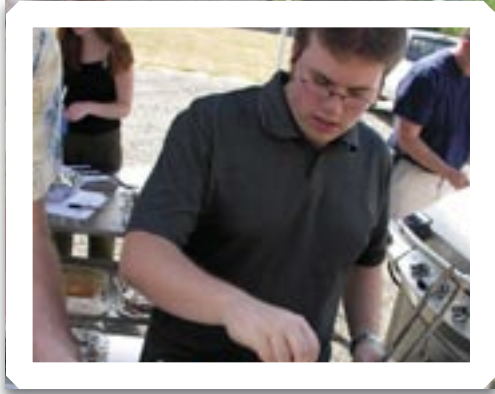
## Desiree Simon

Desiree Simon had a great time on her short-term missions trip to Thailand and Cambodia in July, and a large part of the congregation met at Hartley's on July 30 to barbeque and to hear her report and see her photos and souvenirs. Desi feels ready to go again and is looking forward to beginning her formal education at Multnomah School of the Bible this fall with the goal of becoming a missionary pilot. Please keep her in your prayers.



# upcoming events

Check out all the events that Crossroads is planning as we prepare for Fall!



## Labor Day Picnic

3 September 2006

Crossroads

You are invited to join us after church on Labor Day weekend for a time of good food, good friends and great fellowship. Come prepared for a relaxed time just to enjoy one another's company as we celebrate God's blessings this summer. See you there. Questions? Call or email Pastor Shannon.

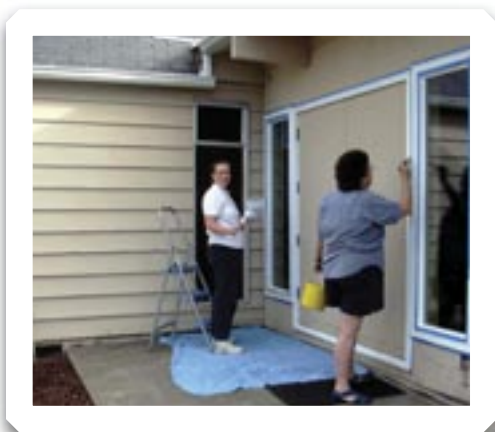


## 24 Prayer

8-9 September 2006, 7:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Crossroads

One of the special privileges of living in fellowship with God is the ability to communicate with God. Through prayer, we can bring ourselves, whether broken or jubilant, weary or energized, into God's loving presence. Here, the God of restoration meets with us. And in that time, we find our hearts begin to reflect God's heart as well as finding rest and renewal, and a renewed sense of calling and God's indwelling. Join us for a powerful 24 hours of prayer. For more information check in the entry of the church or on line at [www.crossroads-covallis.org](http://www.crossroads-covallis.org)



## Fall Clean Up - Workday

16 September 2006, 9:00 am

Crossroads

Our annual fall church workday is fast approaching. A variety of things need to be done around the building to prepare for winter. As always, breakfast foods and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Suan Ott, 231.4018.



## **Greek Festival**

**7 October 2006, 6pm  
Meet at Crossroads**

Tradition, music, Gyros, and Baklava, the Portland Greek Festival has become an exciting event for the C20s small group to attend annually. Along with eating lots of great food, the festival gives the attendees the opportunity to learn more about a very unique and ancient part of the Christian tradition.

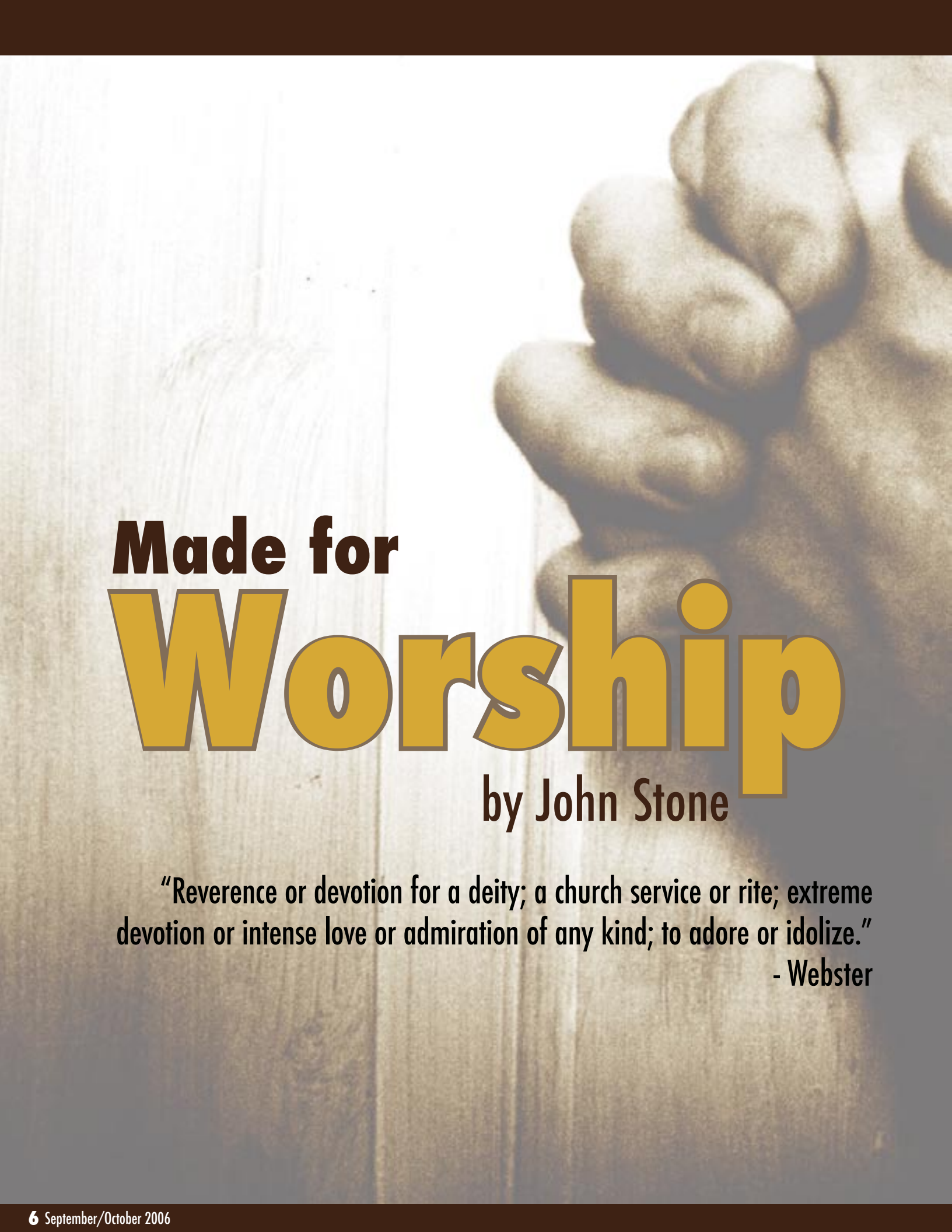


## **Halloween party**

**29 October 2006, 3:00 pm  
Crossroads**

Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, October 29th, for our children's Halloween Costume Party. There will be lots of games and fun. You are also invited to wear your costumes to church in preparation for the afternoon celebration. Candy donations can be marked and left in the church office. Please remember to keep costumes tasteful as young children will be present. For more information, contact Pastor Shannon.

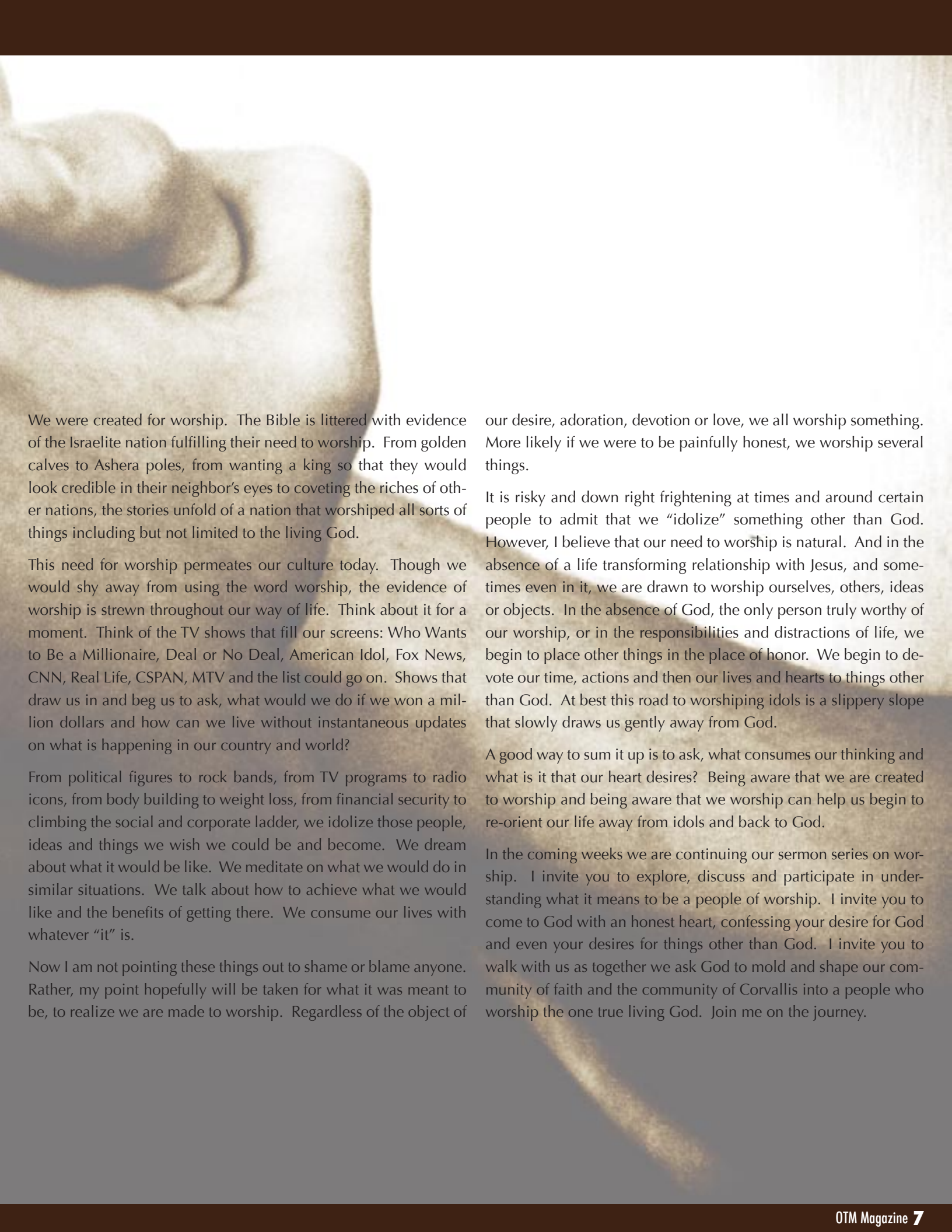




**Made for**  
**Worship**  
by John Stone

**“Reverence or devotion for a deity; a church service or rite; extreme devotion or intense love or admiration of any kind; to adore or idolize.”**

**- Webster**



We were created for worship. The Bible is littered with evidence of the Israelite nation fulfilling their need to worship. From golden calves to Ashera poles, from wanting a king so that they would look credible in their neighbor's eyes to coveting the riches of other nations, the stories unfold of a nation that worshiped all sorts of things including but not limited to the living God.

This need for worship permeates our culture today. Though we would shy away from using the word worship, the evidence of worship is strewn throughout our way of life. Think about it for a moment. Think of the TV shows that fill our screens: Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, Deal or No Deal, American Idol, Fox News, CNN, Real Life, CSPAN, MTV and the list could go on. Shows that draw us in and beg us to ask, what would we do if we won a million dollars and how can we live without instantaneous updates on what is happening in our country and world?

From political figures to rock bands, from TV programs to radio icons, from body building to weight loss, from financial security to climbing the social and corporate ladder, we idolize those people, ideas and things we wish we could be and become. We dream about what it would be like. We meditate on what we would do in similar situations. We talk about how to achieve what we would like and the benefits of getting there. We consume our lives with whatever "it" is.

Now I am not pointing these things out to shame or blame anyone. Rather, my point hopefully will be taken for what it was meant to be, to realize we are made to worship. Regardless of the object of

our desire, adoration, devotion or love, we all worship something. More likely if we were to be painfully honest, we worship several things.

It is risky and down right frightening at times and around certain people to admit that we "idolize" something other than God. However, I believe that our need to worship is natural. And in the absence of a life transforming relationship with Jesus, and sometimes even in it, we are drawn to worship ourselves, others, ideas or objects. In the absence of God, the only person truly worthy of our worship, or in the responsibilities and distractions of life, we begin to place other things in the place of honor. We begin to devote our time, actions and then our lives and hearts to things other than God. At best this road to worshiping idols is a slippery slope that slowly draws us gently away from God.

A good way to sum it up is to ask, what consumes our thinking and what is it that our heart desires? Being aware that we are created to worship and being aware that we worship can help us begin to re-orient our life away from idols and back to God.

In the coming weeks we are continuing our sermon series on worship. I invite you to explore, discuss and participate in understanding what it means to be a people of worship. I invite you to come to God with an honest heart, confessing your desire for God and even your desires for things other than God. I invite you to walk with us as together we ask God to mold and shape our community of faith and the community of Corvallis into a people who worship the one true living God. Join me on the journey.

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