**Songs of the Oak Ridge church of Christ**

A song book is not inspired by the Holy Spirit. Not holy or without error. Many of us have our favorite songs etc. Sometimes songs include error or things that may offend a conscience of a brother or sister. We do not want to put a stumbling block in front of a brother or sister.

* Most of our songs have Good Biblical thoughts and concepts
* When used, most of our songs use appropriate poetic license
* Some songs go a bit too far with poetic license
* Some songs include a phrase or a verse that is not scripturally accurate
* Some songs convey a message that is not appropriate
* And sometimes there are just songs that we may not like, simply because we do not like the music or the words, but they are spiritually accurate

If one has a problem with a song:

* The problem should be a spiritual problem with the song
* A brother or sister should go to the song leader
* The song leader should have a good attitude
* The one approaching the song leader should have a good attitude
* The problem with the song may be because one thinks the song is not scripturally accurate or because of one's conscience that prohibits them from singing all or part of the song

I have been on both sides of this:

* As a song leader, I have directly or indirectly found out that a brother or sister had a problem with a song. I have tried to listen to the concerns of the brother or sister. If it is a verse, I simply will not lead that verse. If it is a song, I simply will not lead the song. This can be because I have considered the concern of the brother or sister and understand their issue with it. Or I realize that their conscience would be violated if they sung the song.
* As one approaching a song leader, I have tried to simply point out the spiritually concern I have with the song or the verse. And have tried to do that with a proper attitude. Most times the song leader has been considerate and humble and understanding. If they continue to lead the song, I simply try to sing all of the song I can.

These are basics that we should remember in our treatment of songs and of each other. What I want to focus for the rest of this lesson is a reminder of the attitudes, we Christians here in Oak Ridge, should have toward one another☺.

**1. Humble and Submissive (Colossians 3:12-15, 1 Peter 5:5-7)**

**2. Thankful for each other (1 Thessalonians 1:2-4, 2 Thessalonians 1:3)**

**3. Peaceful and Peacemaking (Romans 14:19, 2 Corinthians 13:11, 1 Peter 3:11)**

**4. Honest with one another (Ephesians 4:25, James 5:12)**

**5. Patient (1 Thessalonians 5:14, Ephesians 4:1-3): Being patient and longsuffering is a challenge sometimes. It seems hardest to be patient with those we are closest to, including our brethren.**

**6. Kind (1 Peter 3:8-9, Ephesians 4:32, Romans 12:10)**

**7. Considerate of each other (Galatians 6:1-2, Philippians 2:1-4, 1 Corinthians 10:24, James 3:17-18)**

**8. Not a stumbling block that hinders a brother or sister (Romans 14:13, 1 Corinthians 8:9)**

**9. Love one another (Romans 13:8-10, 1 Corinthians 16:14, Galatians 5:13-14, 1 Peter 1:22)**

These attitudes apply to all aspects of our lives, including how we communicate about songs folks may have a concern or issue with. Being humble, submissive, thankful, peaceful, patient, kind, honest, considerate, and loving of each other are attitudes that are biblical and follow the example of Jesus. Let us all seek these virtues on a daily basis. If we do, we will be able to help each other on our path to Heaven and we will be effective in approaching those who are lost and in need of salvation.

If you are not a Christian, we encourage you to believe in God and Jesus, to realize you are in sin, to be willing to confess that Jesus is the Son of God. repent of your sins, and submit yourself to being baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To start your journey to Heaven, it will take consideration of God's Will, submitting to God's Will, and humility in acknowledging you have sinned and need the salvation of Jesus.

Please make your wishes know and come forward now if we can help you!