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## HOM Editorial

There were many dance worship forms in the sanctuary in the month of April. First there was the BB and GB, followed by the tambourine dance on Palm Sunday and then the streamers dancers on Easter Sunday. Unknown to many, there were also the flag dancers at the Dialect service. Is dance an acceptable form of worship? Most of us will remember that David danced (2Samuel 6:16). Then there were mention of dance in the Psalms:

Psalm 30:11, *“You turned my wailing into dancing.”*

Psalm 149:3, *“Let them praise his name with dancing!”*

Psalm 150:4, *“Praise him with tambourine and dancing!”*

However, all mention of dance stopped in the New Testament.

There are no records of Jesus or the apostles dancing. Using an argument from silence, some churches do not regard dance as a suitable form of worship.

In Acts 3, we read of the healing of a lame man. After he was healed, it was recorded in Acts 3:8b, *“Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.”* Was he performing a dance to praise God? I cannot assume he was dancing but certainly he was moving with emotion. One of the definitions for dance in the Merriam Webster dictionary is - to move or seem to move up and down or about in a quick or lively manner.

Dance has its negative side; it can be seductive like in a tango which is why some churches are not in favour of it. Shall we dance? Follow us in the next issue of



The Vine for a deeper study of this thorny subject, as another MMM team member shares her views on this topic.

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