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Attendance at the services of the church is the best index of interest in one's own spiritual growth, and is a certain indication of one's own interest in the Lord's church.

One of the purposes for which God gave the church is that we might be edified as a member of the body (Eph. 4:16). The edification of the body as a whole depends upon each member contributing his individual part thereto. This is the object of worship and fellowship in the church. We need this strength for life's problems and temptations, and we cannot successfully live the Christian life and render an acceptable service to God without it. Every one of us should be determined, therefore, to obtain it by attending every service that is possible for us to attend. The services of the church are designed for this very purpose. They can be a blessing for our souls and make us stronger Christians. We must attend them, however, with the right attitude if we are to receive a blessing from them. No service can do us any good without our being present, no matter how much truth is preached. Every service will benefit us unless we come to it with an improper attitude – unteachable, and prejudiced in heart. We rob ourselves of the strength we need if we fail to attend with the right disposition of the soul.

In these services, through study and instruction, and the worship ordained of God, we receive admonition and exhortation, and therefore strength. No member of the church can be the strong Christian that he should be without attending every service possible. It is entirely impossible for us to be the Christians that we must be in order to please God, and grow as we should, if we habitually miss the services held for the very purpose of helping us. Neither is it possible for us to please God, and grow as we should, by merely attending on Sunday morning. Sunday morning Christianity is half-hearted Christianity, and the person who has it needs a whole-hearted conversion to the Lord.

When our services on Sunday evening present only about 60% of our attendance on Sunday morning; when, on Wednesday night, we have only about half of those present for the breaking of bread on Sunday morning; when attendance at the Bible classes is less than the membership of the congregation; and when more than half of the membership of a congregation do not attend and support a series of gospel meetings to preach the gospel; something is seriously wrong with the church. Such half-hearted devotion to duty and the interests of the kingdom can only be a reproach to the church, and be disappointing to the Lord. Where do you, as an individual, fit into this picture? If you have been attending only a part of the services, won't you become a full-time Christian?

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Hebrews 10:25 and Its Context

"Must I

...attend every service?" There are two types of people who ask that question, those who honestly wonder, and those who don't desire to give God their all. The latter make up the majority that ask this question. They are not going to spend time reading an issue like this for that will take up their valuable time and their mind is already made up; they just don't like to go to all the services. If this is not you, we are glad you are taking the time to do some reading on this subject. We believe this entire issue will serve you well. It has been designed to answer from top to bottom questions surrounding attendance as well as other facets of our assembling. This particular article is designed to better understand Hebrews 10:25 in its context.

Hebrews 10:25 says, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

THE CONTEXT

Hebrews 10:25 is one verse, in one chapter, in one book. As with any Bible study it is good for us to know the context of a passage. We want to spend time talking about the passage itself, but we first want to learn of its setting.

The book of Hebrews was written to Christians of a Jewish background. Evidently many were thinking of making a return to the Old Law or to merge parts of it into the New Law. Thus, Hebrews was written to note the superiority of Christ and His new covenant and the annulling of the first covenant. Note the following passages:

"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things" (Heb. 1:1-2).

"And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end" (Heb. 3:5-6).

"For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God" (Heb. 7:18-19).

"But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second" (Heb. 8:6-7).

Chapter 10 continues the arguments of the writer to emphasize the new system of Christ. He is the new sacrifice for sin (10:1-10), He is the new priest (10:11-18), and He is the new and living way (10:19-39). Jesus was both the priest and the sacrifice. Therefore, the Old Law was no longer in effect for a new way has come.

This was made possible by the blood of Jesus Christ (10:19-20), a blood we must treasure for it is precious (10:29). If we turn away from this new and living way we make all things void for our salvation (10:26). *Since Christ did this "for us" (10:20) the writer exhorts all to service for Him... Therefore, "Let us" (10:22, 23, 24)!* Chapter 10 verses 22, 23, and 24 all begin with the

phrase “Let us” which excludes no one who desires to be a part of the new and living way, not even the writer. Let us understand these verses.

Hebrews 10:22 – “Let us draw near with a true heart.” Conversion to Christ ought to lead one closer to Him every day. A true heart is always seeking to please His Lord.

Hebrews 10:23 – “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering.” When we were converted we declared our allegiance to Him and His cause. We must be diligent to maintain our word.

Hebrews 10:24 – “Let us consider one another.” We also have a commitment to each other who are in Christ. Our life has many spiritual pitfalls. Satan is quick to utilize them all to make us fall. We need each other to be encouraged to keep on keeping on and to grow. How do we do this? The simple solution is given by the Holy Spirit. *Verse 25, don’t forsake your assembling.*

The wisdom of the Holy Spirit is given to keep us faithful, to give us the best chance for spiritual survival. He said we need each other. When we come together as a church, that is a time when we are stirred up to love and good works. Remember this is part of the new and living way. To reject it is to reject the way. Interestingly, you can’t keep the commands of verses 22, 23, and 24 if you violate verse 25. If you violate verse 25, how are you considering others (v. 24)? If you violate verse 25, how are you holding fast your commitment you made to God (v. 23)? If you violate verse 25, how are you drawing near to God, when you miss opportunities to do so with the saints (v. 22)? Ironically, like a toppling house of cards your commitment falls to the ground.

THE VERSE

Now let us look more closely at verse 25. We want to answer the question about forsaking. There are some who make the argument that this only includes those that completely abandon the assembly. Is this what is taught in verse 25?

Notice first the Holy Spirit makes His argument from the negative. *Do not* forsake. There is

great wisdom in such wording if you didn’t want Christians to miss any services. Had the Holy Spirit put positively “go to the assembly” then one could go once a week or month and would be technically “going to the assembly.” And if someone challenged him he would simply reply, “But I do go to the assembly” and he would be right. But when God says negatively, *don’t forsake*, he can’t make that argument. Such wording necessarily includes all assemblies that a local work would provide. Not just Sunday morning only! Let’s not be guilty of adding to the word of God. The Spirit could have said, “on the first day of the week” if He wanted but He did not. The term “assembling” refers to any coming together and a local church has a right to decide how many assemblies it wants to have. There were some New Testament churches that met more than once a week (Acts 2:46; 12:5; 14:27).

What about the term “forsaking,” does it *only* mean complete abandonment forever? No, this Greek word has been used sometimes to refer to actions of abandonment lasting a couple of hours or a couple of days (Matt. 27:46; Acts 2:27, 31). Our question is this, how many times does a Christian have to miss to forsake the assembly? Could *forsake* ever be used to speak of a one-time act? Consider the following: How many times does a man have to cheat on his wife to have forsaken her? How many times does a judge have to break the laws to have forsaken the law? How many times does a soldier have to disclose classified information with the enemy to have forsaken his country? Now closer to our discussion, how many *Sabbaths* did a Jew have to break to have forsaken the Sabbath law? Would it be acceptable if he argued like many do today saying, “Well, I keep most of them?” What if he reasoned, I will only miss one Sabbath to do yard work? Scripture reveals one was picking up sticks one Sabbath and he was stoned to death. Question: Did he forsake the Sabbath? How many times?

Further, the passage says that it is the manner (or habit) of some. If “forsaking” is defined here as “complete abandonment,” how is that at the same time one’s habit? It looks like complete is not so complete if it is one’s habit. Think of it this way; if one misses 8 out of 10 times does he have a habit of missing? Yes. Has he left forever? No. But has he forsaken the assembling of ourselves together? Yes. When one willfully fails to assemble one time, he has abandoned the assembling on that one occasion. If he often fails to assemble, he has made a habit of forsaking the assembling.

What is hard to figure out is the “complete abandonment” theory. At what point does missing church services become forsaking? Is it at 5 assemblies, 10, or 25? Could one come once a month, 12 times a year, and satisfy God because after all he has not completely abandoned the assemblies? Who knows, since no one would be able to tell definitively when forsaking takes place. God’s law is to convict a sinner of sin, but how can that be done if one doesn’t know when sin enters the picture regarding this? However, when this verse is preached in its simplicity it convicts those who are guilty of willful forsaking.

THE CONTEXT CONTINUED

When one decides to be a member of a local work he is agreeing to be a part of that work and to meet with that work. If he doesn’t want to meet with that work why commit to it by being a member? This passage here shows that the new and living way is designed to bring us close to God and help others do the same and this involves the assemblies. If the church has decided to have Sunday morning Bible class, and I am a member, then I will be there. If the church has decided to have Sunday evening service, and I am a member, then I will be there. If the church has decided to have Wednesday night Bible class, and I am a member, then I will be there. If the church has decided to have a Gospel Meeting, and I am a member, then I will be there. And if I CHOOSE not to be there then I am sinning.

“For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries” (Heb. 10:26-27).

There may be circumstances when you have no choice but to miss. God understands such situations and they will be further discussed in this issue. But it is ironic that verse 26 would follow the often neglected command in verse 25. It seems almost as if the Holy Spirit can see that this would be an issue that brethren will always wrestle with. The new and living way cannot be rejected. Attendance, which is part of that way, cannot be rejected. And if we do get careless with it, we are outside of the way of salvation and Jesus’ sacrifice cannot arbitrarily forgive us. The Hebrew writer emphasizes the judgment to come for forsaking the new way. When they forsook the old way in Moses’ time they were stoned. Just imagine the pain that awaits those who reject Christ and His way (10:29). We ought to fear falling into God’s hands in such a condition (10:31). And yet many today will do so because they had a great distaste for His assembly, they disdained preaching on attendance, and they rejected the will of God for themselves.

The chapter ends discussing the life of faith one must have. Christians were being tempted to not continue in the new and living way due to the hardships they faced (10:32-36). Sadly, we are tempted by much less today. We must be like the men and women of faith who did not sit at home and “believe” but were very active in their trust (the context continues to talk of these people in the entire 11th chapter). It stands to reason that assembling is referenced here lest anyone forget it is part of our life of faith. Let us do so and stir each other up to do so as well. This is the new and living way. Why would any want to forsake it, even once?

Not On Sunday Night

Gus Nichols

I love the church that Jesus built,
And I know that it is right;
I go every Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

I love to sing the songs of God,
Such worship must be right;
This I do on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

And may God bless our preacher, too;
And give him power and might,
But put a sinner in my place,
I won't be there Sunday night.

I'd go through rain and sleet and snow,
Do anything that's right
To be in church on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

I know I need more hope and strength
To keep me in the fight;
For help I come on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

Yes, we all must someday die;
I hope I'll be doing right
And I'd rather die on Sunday morn,
And not on Sunday night.



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The Joy of Worship

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Many attendance problems that exist in a local church come from church members who really do not enjoy assembling together with the saints to worship the Almighty God of heaven. If Christians who struggle with their attendance would raise the level of joy they have for worshipping God, they would find that attending the worship service is not a problem for them at all. I was raised by parents who taught me not only to attend, but also to enjoy worshipping God when I attend. I was taught to enjoy singing, Bible study, praying, the Lord's supper, and contributing and I had no trouble at all attending the services.

WORSHIP ATTITUDE AND CULTURE

The worship attitude of many religious people (and some brethren) is often affected by our present-day culture. We live in a "get it, and get it quick" society and many want their church service to be the same. Many want a more comfortable and convenient service. Many would rather change the worship service instead of changing their attitude. Some want to shorten the worship service or make it more entertaining. Others have even organized drive-in sermons and drive-through communion. What's next?

TIME IS PROPORTIONAL TO INTEREST

The length of time someone spends doing something is often proportional to the level of interest he has in what he is doing. We often spend more time doing those things we are interested in doing. Do you spend a long time attending sporting events, or school functions? Do you spend a long time outdoors hunting, fishing, boating, etc.? Do you spend a long time playing video games or board games, cards, etc.? Do you spend hours watching T.V. or movies? Do you spend a long time texting, chatting online, surfing the Net, or checking your Facebook page? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, it is probably because you have a high level of interest in doing those things. What about the time you spend worshipping God? If you are truly interested in worshipping God and enjoy it then you will be a part of what the local church has planned for worship each week. Who do you love more, God (Matt. 22:37) or the world (1 John 2:15-17)? The answer to this question may be found in the amount of time spent with one or the other.

IMPROPER WORSHIP ATTITUDES

If you really enjoy worshipping God you will not have an improper worship attitude. One improper worship attitude is coming to a church service just to socialize. Another improper attitude is turning worship into a ritual or a routine. Some come to worship because they have an "I have to go" attitude. Others think that their worship is pleasing to God if they just go to the proper location (a "Church of Christ" building). Still others think that merely going through the "five acts of worship" is enough (without the proper attitudes to accompany the acts). Some come to worship a few times a year when they think they need a periodic "tune-up." A faithful Christian will not have any of these improper attitudes toward worship. A faithful Christian will enjoy worshipping God with the right acts and the right attitudes (Josh. 24:14; John 4:24).

PROPER WORSHIP ATTITUDES

We must all approach our worship to God with a proper attitude and we can learn from the Psalmist what that attitude is. For example, we must worship God reverently and respectfully in “fear” (Pss. 5:7; 89:7). We must all come with “love” into His presence (Psa. 26:8). We must make a “joyful noise” when we sing to God and to one another (Psa. 95:1-2). We must be mindful of our own personal purity throughout the week and come offering a worship that is “holy” (Psa. 96:7-9). We must enter into worship with “thanksgiving” for all that God has given us throughout the day (Psa. 100:4). Our worship must not be lukewarm, coming from apathy or indifference, but from a “whole heart” (Psa. 111:1). We must be “glad” to know that we can go and worship the Almighty God of the universe (Psa. 122:1). Finally, we must be regular in our worship of God “every day” and “forever and ever” (Psa. 145:1-2).

When we all have these proper worship attitudes in our heart, we will solve many of the worship problems that show up in a local church. There will be no texting, talking, or passing notes during the assembly about non-worship matters. No one will attend with an “I have to go” mentality or with drudgery. There will be no hypocrites or selfish ones in attendance; no one sleeping, day-dreaming, bored, or clock-watching. There will be no attendees saying after the service, “I didn’t get anything out of the songs or the sermon.” No one will dread to come. Absenteeism will be limited to those occasions that are truly “providentially hindered,” like illness. No one will take a bare minimum approach to attendance asking, “How many times do I have to come to be right with God?” or, “Nowhere in the Bible do you read about Sunday night service, Wednesday night service, or a gospel meeting.”

JOY IN NEW TESTAMENT WORSHIP

There is indeed joy found in worshipping God. We witness it in the New Testament church and we need to see it today in our local assemblies. There is joy among Christians in continuing “steadfastly” to hear the preaching of God’s word (Acts 2:41-42). There is joy in praying “earnestly” together for others (Acts 12:5,12).

There is joy in partaking of the “cup of blessing which we bless” and the “communion of the body of Christ” because we are all unified and “one body” (1 Cor. 10:16-17). There is joy in giving a contribution because “God loves a cheerful giver” and because God will be thanked and glorified as a result of our giving (2 Cor. 9:6-15). There is joy in our singing knowing that we are “teaching and admonishing one another” with our songs and we are “singing with grace (grateful, thankful, CHR) in our hearts unto God” (Col. 3:16).

HOW CAN YOU HAVE JOY IN WORSHIP?

Before closing, I want to discuss how you can have and maintain joy in worship. Joy over anything in life, including worship, comes when a person understands three important things. First, you must understand the value and greatness of what you are doing. When you realize how valuable and great God is to you, then you will enjoy worshipping Him. Remember, you are assembling to worship a great God, not just a man (Num. 23:19; Hos. 11:9)! Second, you must understand that joy comes from feeling good about what you are doing. When you “renew” (rebuild, rejuvenate, refresh, revitalize, restore) your feelings for God and your brethren each day, you will enjoy being in their presence (Isa. 40:31; Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 4:16; Eph. 4:23). Third, you must understand the positive and lasting results that will follow what you are doing. When you look ahead for the positive, spiritual results that will follow the worship service (better knowledge, changed character, saved children, etc.), you will enjoy being in the worship service with other followers (Lk. 24:52-53).

WORSHIP IN THIS LIFE PREPARES YOU FOR WORSHIP IN THE NEXT LIFE

Time spent worshipping God is time well spent (Deut. 31:9-13; Josh. 8:30-35; Neh. 8:1-18; Mark 6:34-35; Acts 2:41,46; 20:7-11). Let me encourage you to spend more time worshipping God and less time with the unimportant things of this life. There is a great joy in worshipping a great God! And, we must remember that our



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Excused Absences

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In the first century, Christians assembled together regularly (Acts 4:31; 11:26; 14:27; 20:7-8; 1 Cor. 5:4; 11:17-18; 14:23, 26). The Hebrew writer commanded, “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. . .” (Heb. 10:25). A lot of church members today offer all kinds of excuses for being absent when the saints are assembled. So we take a look at excused absences.

1. Where Is The Scripture? Whatever excuse is made for one’s absence, where is the Scripture that justifies the absence? A good exercise for each of us is to make a list of reasons, along with the Scriptures, that grant exemption to or release from the command to assemble. We’re not talking about what some churches may tolerate, but what the Scriptures allow.

2. Ways Some Members Excuse Absences. There are about as many excuses for absences as there are people absent. Here are a few I’ve heard recently.

I was sick. Would this sickness keep you from work, from school, or from play? It’s strange that some are too sick to assemble with the saints, but not too sick to do other things they really want or need to do. Is it possible to be affected with disease or ill health

to the point of being unable to assemble with the saints? Sure it is. But that doesn’t excuse one’s missing for every ache and pain.

I’m shut-in. Some seem to have misconceptions of who a shut-in is. A shut-in is “a person who is confined to home, a room, or bed because of illness or incapacity” (*Merriam-Webster’s Online Dictionary*). Those on the “shut-in” list who attend sporting events, eat out at restaurants, or shop at the mall or grocery store really are not shut-in. It’s odd that some can sit through a basketball game, but are unable to sit through the services of the Lord’s church! Some have used “I’m shut-in” as an excuse for shutting out assembling with the saints.

I had to work. Are there some exceptional situations that may arise beyond one’s control? Absolutely. A doctor, for example, may be called away for emergency surgery. There’s a difference, is there not, in that and the doctor who schedules office visits during the assembling times. Paul was a tentmaker by occupation (Acts 18:3), yet “assembled with the church” (Acts 11:25-26; 20:7). Can you imagine him missing services for tent-making? There may be some jobs I just don’t need to take so as to be present when the church is assembled. What’s more important?

I had a ball game. Why is it that some will not miss a ball game, but will miss the services of the church? Is throwing, catching, and hitting a ball more beneficial and of greater importance than singing, praying, and studying? Jesus said, “. . .whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:33). One who is not willing to give up a ball game may just not be able to be the Lord’s disciple.

The preacher is gone. Remarkable that some will use the preacher’s being away in gospel meeting work or vacation time (where he assembled with the saints while away) as an excuse for their not assembling with the saints faithfully! The preacher’s been gone, so I think I’ll just stay home tonight—how

absurd! A preacher's absence does not excuse unfaithfulness (Phil. 1:27).

I was away on vacation. Where is the Scripture that teaches we have intermission from our responsibilities to the Lord? Some will choose a vacation destination where there is no church, or go to a place where there is a faithful church, but just not attend. There are others who plan their vacations so as to be with faithful churches of Christ at every service while they are away. Why the difference? I asked one couple where they attended while away on vacation, they responded, "We didn't. We just kind of lost track of time."

I had a family gathering. There is a family gathering every time the church is assembled – the church is God's family (Gal. 3:26; Eph. 2:19). Why not bring your family with you (John 1:40-42)? If they don't want to go with you, leave them behind and, by your example, teach them a good lesson about "seeking first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness" (Matt. 6:33).

I've not totally abandoned. Some have the idea that to be guilty of "forsaking the assembling" (Heb. 10:25), they would have to entirely give up or totally abandon the services of the church. Can one just attend once a week, once a month, once a year, drop in every five years and say, "Don't worry. I'll be back. I haven't abandoned" ?

3. Would It Have Been Accepted in the First Century? Paul and Barnabas "assembled themselves with the church" in Antioch (Acts 11:26). Would the excuse you offer for not attending have been made or accepted by them? If it's not good enough for them, why is it for you?

4. When You're Absent. There's more to being absent than meets the eye with most brethren. When one deliberately and willfully is absent from assembling with the saints, he has violated a spiritual "thou shalt not" (Heb. 10:25), sinned "willfully" (Heb. 10:26), failed to consider his brethren to provoke to love and to good works (Heb. 10:24), neglected to exhort one another (Heb. 10:25), not taught and admonished one another in song (Col. 3:16), not fulfilled the command to remember the Lord's death and lay by in store, when absent on the Lord's day (1 Cor. 11:23-29; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2), missed an opportunity to encourage visitors, witness baptisms and erring brethren restored, set a good example, and the list goes on.

It all boils down to one question: where is your treasure? Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21).



attitude and acts of worshipping God now on earth are preparing us for our future worship of God in heaven. Anyone who does not enjoy worshipping God now on earth will not be given the privilege of worshipping God in heaven. All who enjoy

worshipping God now will be given access around the throne of God to worship, sing, and serve the Almighty God day and night forever and ever (Rev. 7:15; 14:3,7; 22:3-9).





JUSTIN MONTS

May Churches Practice Corrective Discipline On Members Forsaking Sunday Evening Services And Midweek Classes?

Why

...THE QUESTION IS RAISED

Many discussions have taken place as to the meaning of Hebrews 10:25. (See the article on "Hebrews 10:25 and Its Context" by Steve Monts.) The writer said, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Those absenting themselves from additional services argue that the writer meant a first day of the week assembly only, and some maintain he meant only one service on Sunday at that. But the expression "first day of the week" does not appear in this verse. The one defending Sunday-morning-only worship generally confesses he does not know exactly why the phrase is not there but he appears sure that this is what the writer meant. Then he may counter "it's not anyone's business" why he is not at other services; he doesn't have to "explain himself." And he may even tack on an exclamation stating that the brethren should not be "judgmental."

FACTS AND ATTITUDES

When we look at the first day of the week in Scripture an interesting point can be raised.

The Holy Spirit certainly was familiar with the phrase "the first day of the week." He used it eight times in Scripture (Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:2,9, Luke 24:1; John 20:1, 19 ; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2). So, if the Spirit meant to communicate that only one day a week was obligatory at a local church He could have phrased this that way. Yet the Spirit did not do this. He did not say, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves *on the first day of the week.*" He said, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." The inference is that every scheduled service is meant. The issue tends to be deeper though as most are familiar with. The issue speaks to a matter of the heart. As I heard one preacher say, "When I encounter defensive absentees, I do not even get into a detailed discussion of Hebrews 10:25 with them. I just ask, what is so important that you cannot be there with your brethren?"

And this is where a focus should be taken: What *is* said about our spirituality if we choose to stay home and watch TV or involve ourselves with recreational activities or go out to eat when our brethren assemble to worship, study, and grow? God provided us with health. God provided us with jobs to afford a vehicle to travel. God gave us a nice, comfortable building to worship in. God gave us brethren to strengthen us and encourage us in difficulties (Rom. 12:3-16; 1 Cor. 12:12-27). God gave us His word to direct us, challenge us, and inspire us (2 Tim. 3:16; Ps. 119:105; Acts 20:32). God sent His Son to save us (John 3:16; 1 Tim. 2:3-6; Rom. 5:6-11). Why would we not want to be at church learning more about the One who gave so much to us, and to be there encouraging our brethren so as to reach heaven one day?

The case is at times brought up that if we were to even remotely encourage Sunday-morning-only worshippers to make an improvement in attendance that they would "quit altogether." Do we genuinely mean to suggest that, if one humbly appeals to them about doing better with attendance, they would quit coming and taking the Lord's Supper, quit

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giving of their means, quit singing and praying with the saints, and completely walk away from the brethren? If that is so, respectfully, perhaps they are already too far gone to begin with. Their love is not what it ought to be. It is a poor attitude on their part, leading to a complete separation from God and His people for whom they did not have an abiding investment. Herein do I see the problem – it is a heart issue. Those with such mindsets should question how eager they are to be in the assembly of God with the saints and to be in heaven with them one day.

CONGREGATIONAL DISCIPLINE

May a church ever carry out corrective discipline in these cases? Granted, patience and forbearance should be shown. No one I know would ever question or deny that. We must seek to study with these members first (Isa. 1:18; Rom. 15:14; 1 Thess. 5:14). The erring ones need to see that the church as a whole is desirous that they do better. If an eldership exists at a local congregation, they may have a specific process as to how they go about this. If there is no eldership, the men of the church are to determine who is to study with them and how much time should be allotted (1 Tim. 2:8-15). Some improvement may yet come. And we can be glad and rejoice when we see

the fruits of such labors. But what happens if no positive changes are made?

Any given church will have to determine how much time is enough time. Wisdom should be prayed for. Remember that we are talking about one *forsaking services*, *choosing* not to be there, which is a *willful sin*, even though technically he may come every Sunday morning (Heb. 10:25-26). We are not talking about individuals who struggle with issues of health, work, or other variables meriting legitimacy or understanding. Admittedly one's health or infirmities of age may only permit him to come to one service. We are talking about those *forsaking* the services, and thus walking disorderly (2 Thess. 3:6). Only one guilty of willful sin is a candidate for corrective discipline (Tit. 3:10). May God help us to use wisdom and discernment as we seek to serve Him in Spirit and in truth, staying faithful to His word, and preserving the integrity of the flock. May God bless us all in our walk with the Lord as we stir each other up to love and good works by our faithful assembling.

He Missed One Service

The following story was found in a church bulletin. It's amazing to learn that one's life may rest on the very question "Do I attend on Wednesday night?"

Anonymous

Paul Harvey once reported news of a 73-year old man who was pinned beneath his farm tractor for four days and nights in rain and a terrible storm. Concerned friends went to see about him just in time. He lived after his ordeal but lost a leg.

Several newspapers picked up on the story and centered upon the amazing fact that a 73-year old man could live after being pinned beneath a tractor for four days. That is amazing,

but what is more amazing is what caused his friends to go see about him. One friend said the reason was that he "missed prayer meeting Wednesday night." That's all? He just missed one service and his friends went to check on him. This man was so faithful and regular in his church attendance that everyone knew if he was not there, something had to be seriously wrong.

A question: What if you had been the one pinned under the tractor? Would your absence have been noticed? Or would you have died under the wheel?



JARROD JACOBS

Challenges for Parents with Small Children During Worship Services

INTRODUCTION

It is an exciting time when our children are infants and toddlers. Small children in this stage of life are learning new skills as well as new facts about their environment every day. If we recognize the importance of teaching our children the alphabet, the colors of the rainbow, how to read, etc., we ought to see how much more important it is that our children know their God! Sadly, many parents will neglect spiritual training during their children's formative years. I know of parents who are Christians themselves, yet they are forsaking the assembling of the saints (violating Heb. 10:25), and use their children as an excuse. They say they are concerned that their child will act up; therefore they often stay home instead of gathering with the saints. Something they need to consider, as do all of us, is this: If parents neglect bringing their small children to worship, what motivation will these children (and their parents) have for attending services and worshipping with the saints later in life?

WORSHIPPING GOD MUST BE TAUGHT TO OUR CHILDREN

Parents, it is imperative that our children are taught the importance of assembling with the saints to worship God (John 4:24). When I see a young couple bring their new baby to services,

being just weeks old, I know they are on the right track! Yes, infants and small children need to understand that "we" regularly and faithfully gather to worship God, and that this is important in "our" family. Yes, this can present difficulties when children are young and in need of diaper changes, or when they are fussy, tired, etc.; but if parents can just endure this for a short while, the children will learn and it *will* get better!

Small children need to know that this time of worship is a special time, and that we act a certain way when assembled. Yes, it can be disconcerting to a child that is used to running, playing, and talking aloud as he pleases during the week to sit still and be quiet for a while. But, the sooner he learns this lesson, the better it will be! Little children can be taught about God and what it means to be quiet while we worship God, and they will respond when they see how important it is to God and their parents! Remember, Jesus taught that our example is evident before others. Therefore, our example ought to be godly so that folks will glorify God (Matt. 5:16). Shouldn't our being mindful of our influence over others begin at home? When parents show their children the proper example, it will rub off! Solomon knew this and said, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). Parents, are we training our children like we ought?

DISCIPLINE DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS NEEDED

As we study this point, let us understand one basic rule of life: Babies cry! In fact, I find it quite comforting in a way when I assemble with the saints and hear a few babies crying or cooing. This tells me that there are some conscientious parents who realize that assembling with the saints is where they (and the children) need to be. A crying baby *does not* always mean it is ill-mannered or uncontrollable. A baby cries because this is his only means of communication. The parents' responsibility is to learn what that little one is "saying"!

Having said this, parents must also be

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conscientious of others who are present, trying to worship God. Therefore, a baby or small child whose crying continues needs to be taken out of the auditorium for a *short* time while those needs are met (diaper change, to be calmed, fed, etc.). Then, the child can be brought back in, to learn to sit quietly once more. No, we're not encouraging unnecessary disruptions, but at times, it is good to take a child out.

As we think about discipline during services, let us be mindful of the fact that the word discipline means, "1. Training to act in accordance with rules; drill: 2. Instruction and exercise designed to train to proper conduct and action: 3. Punishment inflicted by way of correction and training" (Webster's). Therefore, there are two sides to discipline. Discipline includes an "instructive" aspect, i.e., having to do with teaching someone the rules. There is also a "corrective" aspect to discipline, i.e., punishment, or consequences for not following the rules. Therefore, discipline is a necessity in teaching small children how to act during worship times (example: we are quiet, we listen, we sing songs together, we bow our heads for prayer, etc.). Yet, when children misbehave, parents cannot simply leave the children to their own devices! Rather, correction must take place. Solomon understood this, and declared how necessary it is that parents train and correct their children while they are young (Prov. 22:6; 13:24; 22:15; 29:15, 17; 19:18).

In some places, where a "cry room" is provided, let parents understand that this room serves a purpose as a quiet place suitable for changing diapers, calming children, or spanking a naughty child; but it is not a "play room." Our children learn their "boundaries" quickly, so they need to understand that this room is a "temporary stop," and they will soon return to the auditorium where they will be quiet. To make a "play room" out of a "cry room" just delays the inevitable day when he must sit with the rest of the group and show reverence toward God in worship (1 Pet. 2:17; John 4:24)!

SOME "DO'S" AND "DON'TS" FOR PARENTS DURING WORSHIP SERVICES

Having considered the above points, I would not consider this article complete unless we considered some practical applications for how a parent can work with a small child during the worship services. In considering these things, I realize that some of the suggestions below may seem too old for your child right now, but bear in mind that your child will grow out of infancy! For infants, there may be little a parent can do but try to soothe the child, feed him, and make sure the child is well-rested. However, as a child matures, and is more aware of his surroundings, please keep the following suggestions in mind.

DO:

1. Show your children that worship is not only for the "adults," but is something they can do as well. Small children love to "help" and love to know that they are able to do something their parents are doing. Therefore, hold the songbook close to your child, or allow him to hold it, so he can see the words. Then, follow along with your finger. This helps your child see what we are doing. Encourage your child to sing. When a little one raises his voice, saying, "Ahhh," and "Oohh" *during* the song, do not discourage this. This is a small child's effort to sing and mimic what he thinks his parents are doing!

2. In like manner, follow along during the Bible reading with your child. Show him what passage is being read and then follow along together. This shows our children that these men are not just up there "talking," but they have something to say, and it is coming from this precious book we call the Bible. In connection with this, you may wish to give your child an old Bible, or a small Bible that is "his," so he learns to take care of a Bible and learns that it is special.

3. Parents, take notes during the preaching! In so doing, give your children some paper and a pencil (not a pen) so they can take their own notes, too. Remember Matthew 5:16? How can our children learn what is most important if we do not show interest?

4. When a prayer is about to be offered, it is entirely appropriate to whisper quietly in your child's ear: "We are going to pray now, bow your

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head and close your eyes.” Then, let your child see you do it! It will not take long for him to learn what is going on.

5. Be patient and consistent in this training, for success will not occur overnight!

DON'T:

1. Bring a large bag of books, toys, dolls, etc., in the vain hope that this will keep a child quiet. Often, the more “options” a child has, the quicker he goes through them and becomes bored. While it may be necessary for an infant to have a teething ring, a pacifier, or similar quiet things, this is not necessary for the toddler, or small child who is aware of his surroundings.

2. Come to services with packages of food, candy, various snacks, etc., for your child. Often, after the parents leave, the seat looks like a pig sty due to the numerous packages, crumbs, etc., left in the seat. I personally know of only one exception to this rule, where a little girl had a stomach problem, and needed something small every few hours to settle her stomach. Due to their long drive to worship services, these parents brought something for this girl to snack on between the Bible class and worship services. Yet, 99% of the time, such things are unnecessary. In fact, most infants can go two to three hours between feedings! I don't think I have ever been in a worship service that lasted three hours in this country. Have you?

3. Encourage naps during worship services. It goes without saying that infants fall asleep frequently and nap many times in a day. This is not what we are talking about. Rather, when a child reaches around three-years old (and up!) he is quite capable of staying awake during worship times, and in fact, needs to stay awake during these times. Do not encourage children to nap. Start the training early, and encourage your child to pay attention.

4. Allow your children to bring school work, comic books, etc., to the worship services. They, like you, need to be there for the purpose of worshipping God. Allowing children to bring various books, homework, etc., to worship is to leave them with the impression that these things

are more important than the Bible, worshipping God, and learning His eternal truth (John 17:17).

5. Give up if your children are older than toddlers. Start today to make the corrections where needed.

SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FOR FRUSTRATED PARENTS

Small children will challenge their parents from time to time in various ways. When we are gathered with the saints, some parents feel this “pressure” even more, and are conscious of the need for all the people to concentrate and worship God. Unfortunately, young parents (especially mothers) can become frustrated as they do their duty in training and correcting children on a weekly basis during the worship services. Some may think: “What is the use?” Some may wonder what the point is in assembling when they do not get to hear a full sermon for weeks at a time due to a small child's needs. Let me encourage parents as they do this and remind them of some very important points:

1. The fact you continue to come week after week shows your faithfulness to the Lord's command (Heb. 10:25).

2. Your efforts during this time will not go unnoticed. God knows what you are doing, and your children are being taught what is most important. You are not allowing various challenges to keep you from doing what you know is right.

3. When you look into the eyes of your child, or watch him sleeping, is this not encouragement enough for making sure this little one's soul is safe? Continue bringing your children to worship services, and know that a good harvest will come from the seed that is being sown today (Matt. 13:8, 23; 1 Cor. 3:6).

4. Bear in mind that your regular, faithful attendance makes things better instead of worse. When children are brought up with a “routine,” they will soon learn what is acceptable and unacceptable. When children are rarely or irregularly brought to services, they will not learn what is right.

Are There Legitimate Reasons To Miss Worship Services?



STEVEN J. WALLACE

This question has been asked and answered in various ways. In attempting to answer the above question we should caution readers to steer clear of looking for reasons to miss services and diligently strive to enter into the service of the Master in every way that we may.

Missing services does not necessarily imply that one has always “forsaken” the services. For example, who would question Paul’s desire to be with brethren and work actively in service to the Lord? He would often stay with churches for seven days to work with them (cf. Acts 20:6; 21:3, 4; 28:13, 14). Yet he was clearly not forsaking any service when he was caught up in the tempest Euroclydon (a hurricane) in the Adriatic Sea for 14 nights (Acts 27:27). It is clear that he “missed” the services of the church, but it is equally clear that it was beyond his control.

THE SCHOOLMASTER’S EXAMPLE

In the Old Testament schoolmaster we find this type of concession when some were not able to partake of the Lord’s Passover due to the peril of travel or the defilement of touching something unclean (Num. 9:1-14). These were considered valid reasons to God. However, the reckless abandonment of the Passover carried with it the penalty of death and the burden of bearing sin, “But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and ceases to keep the Passover, that same person shall be cut off from among his people, because he did not bring the offering of the LORD at its appointed time; that man shall bear his sin” (Num. 9:13). “Cut off” is language denoting death (Gen. 9:11). This parallels the strong condemnation

against those who forsake the assembling of ourselves today, showing that they no longer have the forgiveness of sins and have trampled over the Son of God, profaned the blood He shed and insulted the Holy Spirit who revealed these things to us (Heb. 10:26-29). God is no less strict today. If the mere manner of partaking of the Lord’s Table can make us spiritually dead, then obviously the willful neglect of the worship assembly would make us equally condemned (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

There are at times valid cases that would prohibit our ability to worship (Luke 14:5). However, those who take lightly the importance of worship services commit sin that is insulting the God of heaven. Staying home to watch the Super Bowl at the expense of going to worship, going on vacations away from sound churches, practicing Sunday sickness and Monday wellness, placing any personal ambition above services, leaving the church, etc., is only heaping the coals of unquenchable hell fire upon their future. The solemn words of Paul come to mind, “Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?” (1 Cor. 10:22).

WHAT ABOUT MIDWEEK SERVICES?

Some think that only Sunday is important and midweek can be discarded at will. There are a host of sins committed when any act of congregational worship is neglected by the membership. To mention a few, we commit the sin of omitting the good that should have been done (Jas. 4:17). We do not do our share (Eph. 4:15, 16). We bring discouragement upon the brethren rather than stirring them up for good works (Heb. 10:24). We violate seeking first the kingdom of God (Matt. 6:33). We do not imitate the example of Paul (1 Cor. 11:1; 2 Cor. 11:28; Phil. 3:8).

Would we expect to hear the words “well done good and faithful servant” if Jesus decided to come back when we decided to not attend while the church met (Matt. 25:21)?



STEVEN DEATON

What Do Our Visitors See?

Christians are to be evangelistic; seek to reach the lost and dying world with the saving word (Matt. 28:19, 20). Churches have the duty, therefore, to teach non-Christians (1 Thess. 1:7-9). This may happen in many ways. Members of the church will talk to their friends and neighbors. The church might have a newspaper article, radio program, or internet site where the gospel is taught. Another way sinners are exposed to truth is when they attend one of our assemblies.

WHEN VISITORS ARE PRESENT, WHAT DO THEY SEE?

The Corinthians had a problem with this. Paul had to tell them to straighten up or risk turning people away from the Lord. He wrote, "Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?" (1 Cor. 14:23).

DO VISITORS TO OUR SERVICES THINK WE ARE "OUT OF OUR MIND"?

Here are a few areas of concern that every member of every congregation ought to consider regarding assemblies and the impression they leave with visitors.

ORDERLINESS

The thrust of 1 Corinthians 14 is for a church to have a reverent and orderly time of

worship (1 Cor. 14:40). Orderliness includes the ability of the audience to understand what the leader of the service is saying, whether it is in the preaching, a prayer, or in singing (1 Cor. 14:1-19). Speaking clearly and loudly enough is not a matter of convenience; it is a matter of acceptable versus unacceptable worship. The visitor who attends yet cannot hear or understand what is being done will think we are "out of our mind" and have a negative impression of the Lord's church.

Another point on orderliness is organization. Is the service reasonably planned so everything runs smoothly? Does the man leading the first prayer know he is the one to lead it? Does he know *when* he is to lead it? Did the song leader pick out songs and prepare to lead them ahead of time or is it off-the-cuff? Is the preacher of the hour studied and ready to instruct the audience in God's word or does he meander in his thoughts? Are the men at the table prepared to make appropriate comments or do they stumble around trying to think of something at the moment? This has led to many disasters, distracting people away from the occasion instead of focusing them on it.

OUR ACTIVITY

Another issue Paul dealt with was interruptions in the assembly (1 Cor. 14:26-35). Such things do good for no one, especially a visitor. So, what does the typical visitor see going on during the worship service? People playing with babies (three rows back from the baby)? Are children banging and clanging toys around? Is the teen in the next pew using a cell phone to text a friend or surfing the net . . . are adults doing it? Are there notes being passed around or people carrying on a conversation totally unrelated to the sermon? If the members of the church are not paying attention and participating, then why should the visitor care?

Visitors need to see members and their children engaged in reverent activity. This will include singing, quietly meditating or reading during the Lord's Supper, and listening attentively to prayers and the lesson, maybe even taking notes (Eph. 5:19; 1 Cor. 11:23-29; Acts 17:11).

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OUR DRESS

The way we dress sends a message. Do not try to deny it. This is true regarding modesty (1 Tim. 2:9, 10; 1 Pet. 3:1-5). It is also true regarding reverence. There is no dress code for our assemblies. However, the way we dress reflects our attitude. This is why companies do have dress codes. Casual and revealing clothing detracts from the environment; the mind set of people present is corroded with such things.

The way we dress needs to show our respect for the reverent occasion of coming before our Creator and Savior. A visitor who sees members wearing graphic tees, showing cleavage, or underwear sticking out of the waistline, cannot be impressed with our holiness. It is more common these days to see young people wearing shorts to services (we see this in meetings). Would they wear this to a job interview? Would their parents cringe if their child decided to wear shorts to his or her year-end band concert? Let us not be like the world around us, desiring a casual time at worship. Let us be respectful and reverent in our attire; visitors will take note of it.

THE SERMON

Preaching in some places is less than desirable. Stories, jokes, and general shallowness are creeping in among God's people. Some so-called gospel preachers seem to be racing to be another Joel Osteen. Solid, forceful preaching is out of style. Yet, in the Bible, God's heralds were always plain, to the point, and powerful in their preaching (Acts 2;

7; 13; 2 Tim. 4:2-5). This does not mean every point of every sermon must be a rebuke, but it does mean truth must be taught boldly (Acts 4:29; Phil. 1:20).

When a visitor comes to an assembly, does he see the plain declaration of truth or something he could find in any church in town? Is it likely he will hear a distinct message that will prick him in his heart or will he walk away feeling secure in his beliefs and sin? Does he realize there is a difference here?

THE BUILDING

One last thing, the building plays a part in the impression made on visitors. If it is dark, smelly, and generally dirty, what will the visitor think? Buildings are authorized by the command to assemble (Heb. 10:24; cf. 1 Cor. 11:20; Jas. 2:2). Just as the condition of the home reflects on its occupant, the place where we assemble reflects on us. If the grass is uncut, weeds are spreading around, siding is falling off, dirt is in the entry, and so on, it shows we really do not care about who we are and what we do. We need to keep the place of assembly neat, clean, and in good repair.

It ought to be our desire to do what we can to reach the lost and dying world. When we are blessed to have visitors present in our assemblies, they should not be turned away because of our unrighteous or thoughtless actions. Let us give them the best opportunity possible to hear the truth and submit to the Lord.



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CONCLUSION

I am quite aware of the "challenges" small children bring into a family, as well as the abundant blessings that parents experience as a result of having children (Ps. 127:3). Parents, please be patient and know that what you do now will produce great dividends later on! Being a parent is not for someone who wants "instant" gratification! Yet, the continual work, remembering who we are serving, and our effort in teaching our children the way that is right and

cannot be wrong will bring about great blessings. "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). Mothers, be that guiding light and example to your children so that one day they will "arise up, and call (you) blessed; (your) husband also, and he praiseth (you)" (Prov. 31:28). Parents, you have a responsibility to the spotless, sinless soul that has been given to you (Mark 10:14). What kind of soul will your child have when you are through teaching him?





JESSE FLOWERS

The Relevancy of Bible Classes

Just how important are the Sunday morning and mid-week Bible classes that are conducted in the local church? How valuable and helpful are these classes to both young and old? What positive purpose do they really serve?

Clearly there are brethren in practically every local church that do not view the Bible classes as important, valuable or helpful. How can I be so sure of this? Simply because certain members and/or families seldom, if ever, attend the Bible classes. Along the way, an attitude was developed within them that attending Bible class is neither necessary nor required. Perhaps if someone could be shown the relevancy of Bible classes, they would then readily recognize its need and benefits.

WHY BIBLE CLASSES ARE RELEVANT

1) The Bible, the Word of God, is Relevant. The Bible is the most relevant book ever given to mankind. No other book so perfectly addresses the needs of every child, young person and adult. Through divine revelation, God has “given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness” (2 Pet. 1:3). All of Scripture is “profitable” and will cause “the man of God” to be “complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Furthermore, “the word of God is

living and powerful” (Heb. 4:12). Since the Bible is so relevant to every aspect of our lives, why would we not afford our families and ourselves every opportunity possible to study it?

2) Faith is Established by Hearing the Word of God. The origin of every person’s faith begins with hearing the divine message of God (Rom. 10:17). How vitally important it is then for our little ones to be instructed in the way of righteousness. Parents, of course, are primarily responsible for providing this teaching (Deut. 6:4-9; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4). However, regular, twice a week Bible classes, will help further establish and develop that precious faith.

3) Bible Study will Result in Spiritual Growth. The apostle Peter wrote: “as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby” (1 Pet. 2:2-3). Near the close of his second epistle, he taught the extreme importance of growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord (2 Pet. 3:18). Study to grow in your faith (Heb. 5:11-14). Study to rightly divide the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15). Study to keep yourself protected from error of the wicked (2 Pet. 3:17-18). Attending Bible classes will help us in all these areas and more.

4) Focused Upon a Certain Age Group. The relevancy in Bible classes can be seen in that they are especially geared to certain age groups. Children of similar age are placed in a classroom together. The material that is covered is also focused upon a specific age range. Therefore, Bible classes are the ideal setting for students of whatever age to learn and advance in their knowledge of the Scriptures.

5) Makes One Wise unto Salvation. Perhaps nothing else speaks more to the relevancy of Bible classes than what Paul said to Timothy. “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, **which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus**” (2 Tim. 3:14-15). Since the Holy Scriptures are able to make us wise for salvation, why would we ever

choose to miss an opportunity to learn the enduring truths that it contains (1 Pet. 1:25)?

HOW TO ENSURE OUR BIBLE CLASSES ARE RELEVANT

1) Teach the Bible. The emphasis should always be upon the inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 4:2), rather than games, toys, or art and crafts. Teachers are not to present their thoughts and opinions (Isa. 55:8-9), but the Word of God. Bible class teachers are responsible to come to class well prepared. Some do not, and more or less shoot from the hip, and it becomes obvious that our children are not learning much at all about the Bible.

2) Desire to Learn. The righteousness that is found in the Bible is something for which we ought to hunger and thirst (Mt. 5:6). Every member of the church (and family member) would attend all the Bible classes offered by the local church if they possessed this hunger and thirst for God's Word. That desire to learn is seen in students who have studied and prepared; as well as parents that have worked with their children on their lessons. Some members attend Bible classes regularly, but do not prepare or participate. They must regain that true desire to learn.

3) Implement a Teaching Program. Elders need to lead in this area (1 Pet. 5:2; Heb. 13:17). Map out a definite plan for the Bible curriculum that is used. Sometimes there seems to be no rhyme or reason to what is being taught in the Bible classes of some local churches. Choose materials that are truly Bible-based, and filled with Scriptures. Some workbooks (even written by brethren) may be eye-catching with great pictures and graphics, but what about the actual contents? Select the best material that will aid one and all to "understand what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17).

Answer me this please. What is more relevant than attending and participating in Bible class? Is staying at home more relevant? Watching TV? Sleeping in? Hunting? Traveling? What is it that you can name that is more relevant than studying and learning "the words of eternal life" (Jn. 6:68)? Since nothing is more relevant to our lives at that moment than being in Bible class, let us be resolved that "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" and faithfully attend!



Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs Hymnal

Due out in early 2012, this hymnal has the potential to benefit congregational singing for a generation. Words are the focus of this hymnal, not the musical notes or size of the page, as the work is firmly based on the New Testament teaching that our musical worship is for teaching and admonition as we praise God – Colossians 3:16.



DAVID DANN

The Value of Gospel Meetings

The apostle Paul writes, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes” (Rom. 1:16). The gospel message is the power that God has decided to use to work on the hearts and lives of men and women in order to draw them to Himself. But in order for the gospel to do any good, it must be preached (10:13-14).

The book of Acts demonstrates that the gospel was preached to those who were already Christians, as well as to those who were not, by preachers who traveled to various places. The Scriptures describe various preachers traveling and preaching for various congregations for short periods of time in order to reach the lost and build up the saved with the gospel of Christ (Acts 14:21-22; 15:36, 40-41; 20:6-7). An incredible amount of good was accomplished through the efforts of these churches and preachers as the saving message was spread. Many local churches and preachers engage in something similar today. We commonly refer to these modern efforts as “gospel meetings.”

It seems that many brethren have grown weary of “gospel meetings.” Meetings are becoming shorter in length, less frequent in number, and are not as well attended as they used to be. Furthermore, for those that

have not abandoned the practice of having gospel meetings altogether, there exists the danger of continuing to have meetings each year simply out of habit. In addition to these concerns, the question is sometimes raised as to whether or not there is really any value in having gospel meetings anymore. For these reasons, we would do well to give some much-needed consideration to the subject of gospel meetings.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF A GOSPEL MEETING?

1. The value of reaching the lost with the gospel of Christ. Jesus is the only hope of salvation for the sinner (John 14:6; 8:24). In fact, the apostle Paul states that the Lord will one day come “in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thess. 1:8). In order for a lost sinner to obey the gospel he must first hear the gospel. Many of our religious friends regularly attend religious groups in which they hear the opinions and doctrines of men, rather than the gospel. They may never visit the services of a church that is serving as “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim. 3:15) in their community on a Sunday morning due to obligations already in place. But they may be willing to come visit one of our services during a gospel meeting, since the gospel meeting presents opportunities in addition to our normal meeting times on Sunday. There are people all around us who are in dire need of hearing the gospel and, contrary to what many seem to believe, lost sinners do still attend gospel meetings when invited by members of the church. A gospel meeting is used as a valuable tool for evangelism when the lost are invited to hear the good news.

2. The value of spending more time together worshipping God. It is obvious that the early disciples of Christ spent as much time as possible together praising the Lord and studying His word (Acts 2:42, 46-47). Gospel meetings provide an opportunity to take time out of our busy schedules in order to

spend some more time worshiping God and studying His word together. Are you interested in doing that? Gospel meetings provide those who have a sincere interest in spiritual things with a great opportunity to meet together more often in order to glorify God. Time spent stirring one another up to “love and good works” is valuable time (Heb. 10:24).

3. The value of edifying the members of the church. One of the primary responsibilities of each local church is to edify, or build up its members (Eph. 4:14-16; cf. 1 Cor. 14:26). Each local church of Christ is responsible for seeing to it that each of its members is built up and strengthened spiritually. Edification takes place when we worship together in spirit and truth and study God’s word together. Gospel meetings provide a great opportunity for edification as the members of the church gather each night to sing, pray, and listen to God’s word being taught. Those who are bored with gospel meetings, or who ignore gospel meetings are sure to discourage their brothers and sisters in Christ. Any time spent in the interest of edifying the saints is time that is spent in a valuable pursuit.

4. The value of learning and growing. The apostle Peter charges God’s people with the responsibility to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 3:18). A gospel meeting provides a great opportunity for the local church to hear a faithful man preach the word of God. While we may have the opportunity to hear eight or ten sermons in an average month, a gospel meeting may present the opportunity to hear that many lessons over the course of only one week. Do not forget that “faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). What value can be placed upon an opportunity to learn and grow by hearing the word of God proclaimed?

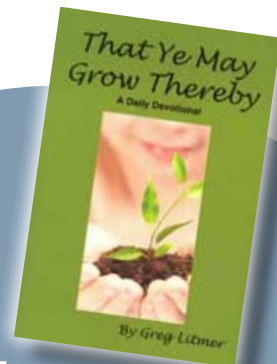
5. The value of putting spiritual things ahead of worldly matters. Jesus expects those who follow Him to seek the kingdom of God first in life (Matt.

6:33). A gospel meeting provides a unique opportunity to focus on spiritual matters and to put the kingdom of God ahead of other things. In many ways, a gospel meeting also exposes one’s priorities in life. We will prepare for social occasions, weddings, fun events, and holidays and circle them on our calendars so that we will be sure to set time aside for them even if it means booking time off of work. How many of us place the same emphasis on setting time aside to attend a gospel meeting? There is inestimable value in laying aside worldly matters in order to focus on things of eternal importance.

CONCLUSION

Gospel meetings are certainly not the only method by which the local church may seek to reach the lost and edify the saved. But at the same time, gospel meetings can be used as a very effective tool in accomplishing the Lord’s work once we recognize the potential value of such concentrated efforts to “proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Pet. 2:9). Don’t give up on gospel meetings!

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JOE R. PRICE

The Second Assembly: Our Opportunity or Our Excuse?

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching (Heb. 10:24-25).

The Holy Spirit's exhortation to consider one another in order to "stir up love and good works" is thus fortified with practical application by warning not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together."

The question arises as to which assembly is one obliged not to forsake. The prohibition against forsaking our assembling together is properly applied to all scheduled assemblies of the saints, inasmuch as stirring up love and good works also equally applies to all. Please note that the verse does not say "assembly," but, "the assembling of ourselves together," thus generally denoting all occasions of assembling together.

The focus of this article is multiple assemblies on the Lord's Day and our view toward them. What is our Bible authority for multiple worship assemblies on the first day of the week? Why do we have a second assembly? How should we view our participation in it? What happens when

we choose not to faithfully assemble for all of the scheduled services of the local church?

THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER

1. *We assemble to worship.* Worship assemblies on the first day of the week are sanctioned by the apostolic approved example of Acts 20:7, "when the disciples came together to break bread." The early Christians had daily assemblies to hear the apostles' teaching (Acts 2:46; 5:42). Consequently, a mindset toward attending worship services that says, "I'll come if I can" is not the heart of a disciple of Christ that is given to being like the Teacher (Luke 6:40).

2. *We assemble to be edified.* Saints assemble to worship God and to be edified (built up) in the faith: "Whenever you come together... let all things be done for edification" (1 Cor. 14:26; Eph. 4:11-16). Breaking bread, teaching God's word, giving, praying and singing each contribute to this godly purpose.

A WRONG ATTITUDE TOWARD ATTENDING WORSHIP ASSEMBLIES

1. *Deemphasizing faithful attendance at every worship service.* Some Christians have yielded to the temptation to deemphasize attendance at every scheduled assembly of the saints (including Bible classes). Rather than expressing a diligent faith toward worship, these brethren have become "sluggish" in thought and deed (Heb. 6:10-11). Such spiritual fatigue is observed when one's attitude says: "As long as I make it to the Sunday morning service to eat the Lord's Supper" everything else is fine. No, dear brother or sister, everything else is not fine! Ought not God's elect desire to do everything we can to participate in every worship assembly? Or, shall we display the same attitude of weariness that doomed Israel (Isa. 43:22-24)?

At the turn of the 20th century one Methodist preacher bemoaned the "oncesters" – those who only attended worship services on Sunday morning (*The Sunday Night Service*, Wilber Fletcher Sheridan, 14). One who thinks "showing up once on Sunday is really all that matters"

has already forsaken some of the gatherings of the saints! We must instead have the attitude David expressed, "I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psa. 122:1). Has the second Sunday service lost its glory as it has among the denominations? What about the mid-week assemblies? Shall we call these additional assemblies, "Ichabod" (1 Sam. 4:19-22)?

2. *The erosion of an attitude of excellence.* Instead of "doing all we can do" the "oncenter" betrays an attitude of mediocrity, if not lazy apathy, toward attending all of the scheduled worship services of the congregation. Christians are not to be indifferent, but "conformed to the image of His Son" (Rom. 8:29; Col. 3:10). It is impossible to conceive of Jesus having such a lackadaisical approach to worship. Our assemblies are opportunities to express devotion and to give adoration to the Lord. Multiple assemblies on the Lord's Day as well as throughout the week are all chances to stir up love and good works among us. Instead of saying, "What do I have to do?" let us say, "What can I do?"

3. *The second assembly becomes an excuse for not attending every assembly.* The second assembly on the Lord's Day provides another worship opportunity to all the members as well as the chance to worship when one could not attend the earlier assembly. It is not an excuse to minimize attending every worship service. Its use must not become a vehicle for condoning apathetic and unfaithful absenteeism.

Second assemblies do not exist because we live busy lives. Some may say, "Life is so much busier today than in New Testament times" to defend a failure to assemble with the saints at every assembly. There are undoubtedly more things that vie for our time, but do not be deceived; we have more leisure time today than ever before, especially when contrasted with the first century. There was a life of daily subsistence, whereas ours is one of abundant free time. Instead of offering excuses we must seize every opportunity that exists to worship and praise our Almighty God.

CONSEQUENCES OF FORSAKING SOME WORSHIP ASSEMBLIES

Consequences follow when the second assembly on the Lord's Day becomes our excuse not to attend every worship assembly.

1. *We set a poor example for others.* Instead of lights that shine with faith and hope as we worship, our light grows dim (Matt. 5:14-16). Would we be satisfied if the elders only attended worship on Sunday morning, or only on Sunday night? Why then should not all the members set the same good example of full attendance when the church comes together?

2. *We become poor stewards of our time.* We must redeem the time we have to do God's will (Eph. 5:16). What better use of our time is there than to worship God: Recreation? Entertainment? Sleep?

3. *We are not sacrificing for the Lord.* Jesus commended the widow who gave "her whole livelihood" into the treasury; her sacrifice was complete (Mark 12:41-44). Now, some are comfortable to reason that "because of my livelihood I cannot worship God." Jesus will not commend us after commending the widow when she gave "her whole livelihood," will He?

4. *We have failed to set proper priorities.* Seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness compels us not to be "forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Heb. 10:25). When we abandon the assembling of ourselves together for other things, we have sinned against our Lord and need to repent of our sin (Heb. 10:26; Rom. 2:4-10).

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JOHN R. GENTRY

Cultural Pressures Affecting the Church

Israel of old “refused to hearken unto the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay: but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations” (1 Sam. 8:19, 20). Although God was their king, they gave in to the cultural pressures around them and demanded a physical king. The truth is, all people of all ages in all places are tempted to fit in, to be like the people around them. The Lord’s people of today are no different. However, we must not allow even a small amount of worldly leaven to penetrate us, for “a little leaven leavens the whole lump” and can cause us to cease “running well,” to be “hindered” in our service to God, and to influence us to “not obey the truth” (1 Cor. 5:6–8; Gal. 5:7–9; cf. Matt. 16:6, 12). In what ways are cultural pressures affecting the church?

ATTENDANCE

Some brethren treat assembling with the saints the same as they do assembling with the local civic or country club—it is something extra that can be tacked onto their schedule when it is convenient, but if the family comes for a visit or there is something they would rather do then it can be skipped. What saith the Scripture? “Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the

more, as ye see the day drawing nigh” (Heb. 10:24, 25, ASV).

More and more brethren and their children are missing services for sporting events. Many an email has been sent by brethren looking for a place to assemble with the saints only *after* all the other arrangements for their annual or bi-annual vacation have been planned. Sometimes there is not a place within driving distance, yet the vacation continues as planned. What is worse is some brethren feel their religion goes on vacation when they do and don’t bother even attempting to make plans and arrangements to assemble with the saints even if there is a meeting place nearby. There is nothing wrong with sports or vacations, but when these things (or anything else) become a priority so that we “forsake the assembling of ourselves together” then such have become idols to us, we have become idolaters, we are not seeking “first the kingdom of God and his righteousness” (Matt. 6:33), and, just as Israel of old fell and failed to enter the promise land, we will not enter into our eternal rest in heaven (1 Cor. 10:1–14, esp. v. 7; Heb. 3:7–4:16)!

ATTIRE

Nakedness is everywhere in our society, not just at the beach. And it is affecting the church. Christians are seen at work, about town, and even in the assembly of the saints wearing clothes that are too revealing by either not having enough material to cover their nakedness or by being too tight and therefore accentuating various parts of their body. The people in the first century were also tempted to dress like the society in which they lived. To help those people (and all people) understand that they needed to avoid being affected by the cultural pressures around them, Paul penned, “In like manner, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety; not with braided hair, and gold or pearls or costly raiment; but (which becometh women professing godliness) through good works” (1 Tim. 2:9, 10, ASV) Peter proclaimed, “Whose adorning let it not be the outward adorning of braiding the hair, and of wearing jewels of gold, or of putting on

apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible apparel of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Pet. 3:3, 4, ASV). Christ counseled the Christians of Laodicea, "I counsel thee to buy of me . . . white garments, that thou mayest clothe thyself, and that the shame of thy nakedness be not made manifest" (Rev. 3:18, ASV).

Casual dress has become such a way of life in our culture that many people can be seen wearing their pajamas at the grocery store or discount department store. This too is affecting the church. There is no such thing as one's "Sunday best" anymore. Men get up to publicly lead in worship wearing faded jeans and a t-shirt. God does not define or describe a dress code per se, but He expects, nay demands that we give our very best in everything we do, including what we wear (cf. Mal. 1:6–14). Some brethren will wear their best clothes, such as a suit and tie, to a funeral or wedding but will not give the same to God! And some brethren who wear their best clothes while working for a human boss have been known to change into "something more comfortable" to worship the Lord of the universe! Something is majorly wrong with that picture. David, who had been lying in the dirt while he "besought God for the child," upon hearing of the child's death "arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel; and he came into the house of Jehovah, and worshipped" (2 Sam. 12:15–20, ASV). Brethren, we should never dress down to assemble with the church; if anything, we should always dress up!

ATTITUDE

Over the last several decades our society has become one of specialization. Everyone must specialize in something, and only those who specialize in a certain thing are qualified to do that certain thing. While it is true that we would not want just anyone operating on us, we must get away from the mentality that only certain brethren, such as the preacher, elders, or deacons, are responsible for carrying out the work of the church because they have "specialized" in such. At one time the members of the local church in Jerusalem "were all

scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles" (Acts 8:1, ASV). If anyone was ever "specialized" in spreading the gospel, it was the hand-picked ambassadors of Jesus, the apostles! And yet, they stayed in Jerusalem while "they . . . that were scattered abroad, went about preaching the word" (Acts 8:4, ASV). Every member has a function to fulfill, a part to perform, and a role he is responsible for so that the body can be built up and do the work God gave it to do (1 Cor. 12:12–31; Eph. 4:15, 16).

Apathy abounds and laziness leaks out of the hearts of many in our society. This attitude has spilled over into the church so that many do not want to work. As the Lord lessoned the loathing, lukewarm Laodiceans, we should "be zealous therefore, and repent" (Rev. 3:19, ASV)! We should be like those numbered with Nehemiah who, though unskilled in wall building, rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem in 52 days because "the people had a heart to work" (Neh. 4:6, NET marg.; cf. 6:15).

Edutainment, headlines, and sound bites have become commonplace in learning and gathering information in our society. These cultural pressures have also affected the church so that what is being preached in many pulpits today are sermonettes filled with jokes, quotes, and anecdotes with little to no Scripture. Dr. Phil, Max Lucado, *The Shack*, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, other self-help books, or the funny papers do not have a single ounce of power to save the soul of a single person! Have brethren become ashamed of the gospel?! Paul proudly proclaimed, "I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16, ASV)! When the word of God is not the center and circumference of all sermons (and any writing said to be biblical) then in the words of God, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee" (Hos. 4:6, ASV)! "Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God" (Heb. 3:12, ASV; cf. 1 Tim. 4:1ff;

2 Tim. 4:3, 4; 2 Pet. 3:17, 18). Digression, dissension, disbelief, and damnation are all the inevitable end of preaching filled with jokes, quotes, and anecdotes! This is a matter of life and death (Deut. 30:11ff; John 6:68; 12:48). Choose life, and demand, not tolerate, but demand Bible-filled sermons, for a church is only as strong as the preaching it demands! Regarding the trends of shorter sermons and shorter meetings, note that Ezra, Peter, and Paul all preached to audiences made up of people of all ages for long periods of time (Neh. 8; Acts 2.40; 20:7, 9). If anyone can name a single thing that is more important to the saving of souls than the preaching of the word of God, then I will lay down my sword and never preach another word! But alas, "it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Cor. 1:21; cf. Rom. 10:13-17). "Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee. ... Preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. . . . Be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry" (1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim. 4:2, 5, ASV).

THE ANSWER

The limitations of space do not permit the discussion of other cultural pressures affecting the church such as feminism and ecumenicalism ("we're all going to the same place, we're just taking different roads to get there"). However, no matter the specific cultural pressure, the answer is the same. Although we must be "in the world" we must not be "of the world" (John 17:11, 14, 16; cf. 1 Cor. 5:9, 10; Jas. 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17). "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1, 2, KJV).



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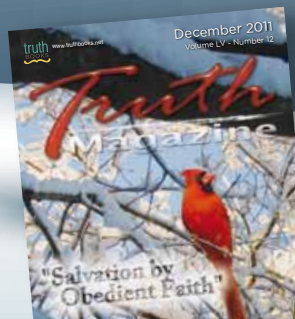
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HEATH ROGERS

Reverence in Worship

"God

... is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him" (Ps. 89:7).

Our society has become increasingly more relaxed and casual. This change in attitude is seen in our appearance, heard in our speech, and displayed in our overall lack of respect for various things – including religion. For several years now, various denominational churches have been catering to the “un-churched” (as well as satisfying a growing segment within their own churches) by offering alternative “casual” worship services. They extend an invitation for visitors to “come as they are” and worship God in a relaxed, non-judgmental atmosphere.

Sound churches of Christ may not be offering casual worship services, but I am afraid this trend has still found its way into some of our assemblies. Sporadic attendance, routine tardiness, casual dress, and a constant parade of folks going to visit the water fountain and bathroom are all evidence of an indifferent attitude toward the assemblies. God is to be held in “*reverence*,” yet this trend stresses casualness. The words “*reverence*” and “*causal*” simply do not go together. It is impossible for

one to fear God and hold Him in reverence with a casual attitude.

There are some things that we can do which will help us to reverence God in our assemblies and to worship Him acceptably.

1. Remember the purpose for which we are assembling ourselves together. Brethren sometimes say that they are “going to church.” While we understand what is meant by this popular statement, it fails to convey what we are seeking to accomplish when we assemble ourselves together. A more accurate statement would be that we are “going to worship.” We are not assembling ourselves together to listen to the preacher, to see or be seen, to make others happy, etc. The church assembles together in order to worship God.

2. Remember who God is. None of us has seen God, but the Bible lets us know what it is like to be in the presence of God. When the Lord descended upon Mount Sinai, the sky was filled with lightening, the whole mountain quaked, the top of the mountain was on fire, the smoke ascended thick and black like out of a furnace, and the children of Israel *trembled* (Exod. 19:16-19). When the prophet Ezekiel saw the Lord coming in a fiery whirlwind, in the brightness of a rainbow, with the noise of a great army, he *fell on his face* (Ezek. 1:28). When John saw the great throne scene from Heaven he noted that “*the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne*” (Rev. 4:10). These scenes are recorded to show us the reverence and fear that God’s holiness and majesty demand of us.

3. Remember why God is worthy of our worship. To worship means to show religious devotion or reverence to one. The Bible teaches that God is worthy of such devotion and reverence. “*Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness*” (Ps. 29:2). Worship is due unto God on our part because He is our Creator (Pss. 100, 95:6-7). We owe our very existence to Him.

4. Respect. In order to worship God

acceptably, our hearts must express respect for who God is and the occasion for which we have assembled. God told the prophet Isaiah, *“But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word”* (Isa. 66:2b). We need to take God and His Word very seriously. When Ezra opened the book of the Law, all the Jews who had assembled *“stood up”* (Neh. 8:5). Why did they stand up? Why do those in a courtroom stand when the judge enters? Why do all the guests at a wedding stand when the bride walks down the aisle? These actions show respect and honor. We need to learn to show even greater respect and honor for what happens during our worship services.

Respect is shown, in part, by the way that we dress for an occasion. There was a time when people had their “Sunday-go-to-meeting-clothes.” Today, some brethren think nothing of showing up to wait on the Lord’s Table like they are about to mow the lawn (and think nothing of insulting their brethren by dressing in such a shabby manner). Different kinds of attire are appropriate for different occasions. Assembling to offer praise to one’s Creator is not an appropriate time for a Christian to “dress down.”

We also need to show respect for others who have assembled to worship. If you must bring your cell phone to services, please put it on “silent” and put it away in your pocket or purse. If your little one starts to fuss, take him out so that others can hear what is being said. In general, conduct yourself in such a way that contributes to an atmosphere of reverence and respect.

5. Participation. Worship is not a spectator sport. We sometimes hear people refer to the assembled congregation as “the audience.” This word conjures up an idea that we need to get as far away from as possible. God is the audience when we assemble to worship. All of us as worshippers are to join in the singing, follow the thoughts of the man leading the prayer, give of our means, remember the body and blood of the Lord, and listen while the gospel is being preached. It is impossible to reverence God in our worship if we are not actually worshipping.

CONCLUSION

As our Creator, God has every right to require us to worship Him. His word not only tells us what specific acts define our worship, but how we are to perform them – *“with reverence and godly fear”* (Heb. 12:28).



Mary had a little boy,
His soul was white as snow.
But he never went to Bible Class,
'Cause Mary wouldn't go.

He missed the story of the Christ,
That thrills a young child's mind.
While other children learned of God,
Mary's boy was left behind.

And as he grew from babe to youth,
Mary saw to her dismay
A soul that once was snowy white
Became a dingy gray.

Realizing now that he was lost,
Mary tried to win him back.
By now the soul that once was white
Had turned an ugly black.

Mary Had a Little Boy

Unknown

She even started back to church,
And Bible classes, too.
She begged the preacher constantly,
“Isn't there something you can do?”

The preacher tried, and failed, and said,
“We're just too far behind.
I tried to tell you years ago,
But you would pay no mind.”

And so another soul is lost,
That once was white as snow,
Bible classes would have helped,
But Mary wouldn't go.

MATT BASSFORD

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By contrast, *Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs* is laid out with a focus not on margins, but on meaning. The width of the hymns on its pages is controlled not by some pre-determined formatting decision, but by the length of the phrases in each hymn. "This isn't to be cute or scholarly," said board member Craig Roberts. "This is to be practical. We are trying not to interrupt the thought."

As a result, the amount of white space on either side of the staff varies from hymn to hymn, much like the margin width in a book of poetry varies from poem to poem. "'Abide With Me' and 'Nearer, My God, to Thee' tend to be a little narrower on the

page," said Roberts. "16-syllable hymns, like 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross', fill the page margin to margin."

Similarly, the editors sought to improve worship through the use of optional verses and composite hymns. The hymnal contains three hymns with optional verses, which are verses taken from another hymn that shares both a topic and a lyrical meter with the first hymn. As a result, the optional verse can be sung at the end of the hymn to add to its meaning. For example, the last verse of "Hallelujah! What a Savior!" appears as an optional verse at the end of "We Shall Stand Before the Throne" because the meters match and the content is complementary. "The optional verse enhances the thought," said Roberts.

In addition, the hymnal contains eight composite hymns. "Composite hymns take similar thoughts or thought progressions that happen to be in different hymns," said board member Steve Wolfgang, "and put them together in a way that is spiritually meaningful." For example, verses from "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed?" and "He Loved Me So" were used to construct a composite hymn focused on the death of Christ.

The hymnal also includes a metrical index for experienced songleaders. Almost all hymnals that contain metrical indices arrange them by tune names, but most Christians are not familiar with the names of tunes. As a result, the editors decided to arrange their metrical index by hymn name.

Wolfgang noted, "A metrical index might allow an enterprising songleader to create composite hymns on his own initiative, to find different verses that fit a common tune and arrange them thematically for the benefit of the congregation."

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs also uses daggers. "Daggers are footnotes that indicate a way that a hymn could be sung," said Roberts. "The clearest example of this is 'Nearer, My God, to Thee.' You can sing the first verse and read a few verses from Genesis 28, then sing a few more verses." This emphasizes to the congregation that "Nearer, My God, to Thee" is based on the story of Jacob's ladder from Genesis 28, which will help them to worship more meaningfully.

Other daggers highlight suggestions to raise or lower a hymn half a step, or point out an optional arrangement that the congregation may use to sing the hymn.

Also, throughout *Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*, when “Lord” appears as a reference to Yahweh, it is placed in small caps, as is often done in modern translations of the Bible. Thus, “LORD, our Lord, Thy glorious name” becomes “Lord, our Lord, Thy glorious name.” This draws attention to the nuances of meaning contained in the original Hebrew text. “It’s like calling Yahweh by name,” said Roberts.

Finally, as many hymnals are, *Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs* is organized thematically. “We have put all the psalms together in the first group,” said Roberts, “so that the first 66 hymns will be psalms or psalm derivatives.”

After that, the next section of the hymnal contains only praise hymns. It is followed by a section about the life of Christ. This section is organized chronologically, so that it begins with hymns about the birth of Christ, follows them with hymns about the life of Christ, and concludes with hymns about His death, resurrection, and return.

“By this point,” said Roberts, “we have gotten through 270 hymns before we have even sung about the gospel. This is a God-first hymnal—Psalms, praise of God, life of Christ. All the songs that men have written stress their own wants and needs come after this.”

The editors trust that their work will help Christians to put God first in their lives as well.



Phrased Versus Unphrased Notation

*Lord, we thank Thee for the bread, And the cup from the nameless dread;
Help us to discern our head; And remember Thee.*

vs.

*Lord, we thank Thee for the bread, And the
cup from the nameless dread; Help us to dis-
cern our head; And remember Thee.*

or


*Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears, within, without; O Lamb of God, I come!*

vs.

*Just as I am, though tossed about With many a
conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears with-
in, without, O Lamb of God, I come!*

Directory of Churches

The following congregations have paid for advertising in *Truth Magazine*. Inclusion of churches in this list is not an attempt by *Truth Magazine* to certify their faithfulness to God. We do believe the vast majority are striving to uphold the Word in faith and practice.


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<p>BIRMINGHAM, AL Pinson Church of Christ 4233 Glenn Brook Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ken Chapman (205) 681-6231 or 680-5770</p>	<p>NORTHPORT, AL Northwood Church of Christ 4601 Northwood Estates Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David Hartselle</p>	<p>TUCSON, AZ Tucson Church of Christ 2020 N Forbes Blvd., Suite 107 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 520-622-8986 www.tucsonchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p>JACKSONVILLE, AR Church of Christ 1807 McArthur Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (501) 982-6413 - church bldg (501) 982-6776 - William Engel</p>	<p>ALAMEDA, CA Alameda Church of Christ 2167 Santa Clara Ave. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Olen Holderby (510) 523-9547 www.alamedacoc.org</p>	<p>HEMET, CA Church of Christ 203 W. Acacia Ave. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Will Wilson (951) 846-9174</p>
<p>BIRMINGHAM, AL Vestavia Hills Church of Christ 2325 Old Columbiana Rd. (near I-65 & Hwy. 31) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Harold Comer and Jason Cicero (205) 822-0018 or 822-0082</p>	<p>OWENS CROSS ROADS, AL Church of Christ at Elon In Elon Community 4021 Hobbs Island Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Charles Maples 256-539-0772</p>	 <p>WWW.TRUTHBOOKS.NET</p>	<p>JONESBORO, AR Stone Street Church of Christ 1607 Stone St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dick Blackford (870) 933-9134</p>	<p>BELLFLOWER, CA Rose Ave. Church of Christ 17903 Ibbetson Ave. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (562) 866-5615</p>	<p>LONG BEACH, CA Church of Christ 3433 Studebaker Rd. Bible Study 9:50 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Darryl Schmelzer (562) 420-2363 Mark Reeves (562) 420-9577 www.JustChristians.org</p>
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<p>HUNTSVILLE, AL Chapman Acres Church of Christ 2137 Penhall Dr., NE (I-565, Exit 21, left on Maysville Rd., left on Chapman Ave., right on Penhall Dr.) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jonathan Reeder (256) 536-5296 www.chapmanacres.org</p>	<p>SCOTTSBORO, AL Eastside Church of Christ John T. Reid Pkwy. (Hwy. 72, 2 mi. E. of Hwy. 35) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Wayne Chappell, Sr. (256) 574-1603 or 575-2664</p>	<p>CONWAY, AR Hwy. 65 Church of Christ 271 Highway 65N Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bruce Reeves Bldg: (501) 336-0052</p>	<p>MARSHALL, AR Marshall Church of Christ (North Central, AR) Hwy. 27 N, 1 Mi. from 65 Jct. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Randy Searight (870) 448-2055</p>	<p>DUBLIN, CA Tri-Valley Church of Christ 11873 Dublin Blvd. Dublin, CA 94568 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Joshua Higgins (925) 828-8747</p>	<p>ARVADA, CO (Denver) Northgate Church of Christ (Lincoln Academy Charter School) 6980 Pierce Street Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Afternoon Class/ Worship 1:30 P.M. (303) 456-4895</p>
<p>MOBILE, AL West Mobile Church of Christ 129 Hillcrest Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (251) 342-4144 or 342-2041</p>	<p>FAIRBANKS, AK Chena Small Tracts Road Church of Christ 5033 Chena Small Tracts Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (907) 479-8918</p>	<p>CONWAY, AR Prince Street Church of Christ 2655 Prince St. (Hwy. 60) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (501) 339-6917</p>	<p>PINE BLUFF, AR Church of Christ 4700 W. 28th St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:35 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Clarence W. Fell (870) 879-2097</p>	<p>EL CAJON/SAN DIEGO, CA Church of Christ 523 S. Johnson Ave El Cajon, CA 92020 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Mulligan (619) 444-6106 (619) 922-0395</p>	<p>FT. COLLINS, CO Foothills Church of Christ 1200 Raintree Drive Worship 11:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:30 A.M. Call (970) 482-9690 for Wednesday Service (Meets in home.)</p>
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<p>BRONSON, FL Church of Christ 894 E. Hathaway (Hwy. 27A) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Thursday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Zellner (352) 528-3058</p>	<p>FT. WALTON BEACH, FL 6 Lane Dr. Mary Esther, FL Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joey Rankin (850) 244-9222</p>	<p>MIAMI, FL Flagler Grove Church of Christ (Nearest to Airport) 500 N.W. 53rd Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: John Buttrick (305) 634-5924</p>	<p>PANAMA CITY, FL Church of Christ 3339 Florida Ave. (Between Baldwin Rd. & Hwy. 390) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Marvin Hudson (850) 265-6539</p>	<p>CORDELE, GA Crisp County Church of Christ 120 Emmaus Road Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evangelist: Jimmy Tuten Call for directions: (229) 271-1964 (229) 382-8766 (229) 3263715</p>	<p>DOWNERS GROVE, IL Church of Christ 1236 63rd St. (1 and 1/2 mile E. of 1355) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (630) 968-0760 • www.dgccc.org</p>
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<p>LUBBOCK, TX Indiana Ave. Church of Christ 6111 Indiana Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (806) 795-3377 or 928-9262</p>	<p>RED OAK, TX Methodist Street Church of Christ 211 Methodist St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (972) 576-3119 or 363-7672 info@methodiststreet churchofchrist.com</p>	<p>THE WOODLANDS, TX Woodlands Church of Christ P.O. Box 7664-77380 3987 Wellman Road Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (281) 367-2099 www.simplychristians.net</p>	<p>ROANOKE, VA Blue Ridge Church of Christ 929 Indiana Ave. N.E. 5 min. from Roanoke Convention Center 1st Lesson 9:15 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (540) 344-2755</p>	<p>FAIRMONT, WV Eastside Church of Christ 1929 Morgantown Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (304) 363-8054</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ADVERTISING RATES ON CHURCH AD PAGES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">----- Rates are \$25 per quarter or \$95.00 per year (when paid in advance). The ads are run once each month -12 times a year. Help travelers find your place of worship! -----</p>
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10:00		O Happy Day! <i>Dan King</i>	There Is A God <i>Mike Willis</i>	The Army of Our Lord <i>Steven Deaton</i>
11:00		There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood <i>David McClister</i>	Day by Day <i>Bob Waldron</i>	We Will Glorify the King <i>Jeremy Paschall</i>
2:00		Revive Us Again 1 <i>Steve Niemeier</i>	Revive Us Again 2 <i>Steve Niemeier</i>	Revive Us Again 3 <i>Steve Niemeier</i>
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