

WHY SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP?

Why should we have Sunday night worship? This same question could be, and has been, raised about Sunday morning Bible study and a mid-week Bible study.

Before we answer these questions, let us first look at what worship is and is not. When one thinks about the word worship, it may bring to mind many things. One might think of coming to a building to sing praises, give of our means, fellowship with others, hear someone deliver a message from God's word and offer prayers to God. Another person might think of being out in a field enjoying nature. Still another might say it is the person, not the place. Others say you can worship anywhere you want as long as your heart is in it.

We must first understand what worship is and what it entails. The word worship is defined as "to kiss the hand (as a dog might lick his master's hand), or to prostrate oneself in homage" (Strong's #4352). It literally means "to lay down before, to be in reverence to, or to adore someone or something." One must intend to worship for it to be worship. Our heart must be in our worship (John 4:23-24). To worship, we must give homage to someone or something. Some may give almost all of their time to an activity (whether it is a job or a hobby). They may not be calling this worship; but it is in fact worship because they are bowing down before it and giving it precedence over the one true God.

Now that we have looked at what worship is, we still must answer the question of why we should be here during times other than Sunday morning worship.

1. Shows the love we have for God, Christ and the Holy Spirit (John 12:24-26,32,42-43; Matt. 6:24,33).

2. Allows me to learn more about God, Christ and the Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Pet. 1:5; Eph. 4:12-16).

3. Edifies the church, other Christians, new Christians and myself (Eph. 4:12-16; 1 Thess. 5:11; Rom. 14;19; Eph. 5:19).

4. Allows more time for me to be with those of like precious faith (Heb. 10:24-25).

5. Allows those who COULD NOT attend the morning service an opportunity to assemble with the saints.

6. Shows that you take seriously your commitment to serve God (Matt. 6:33; 10:37-42).

So, when you think about whether you should attend Sunday Bible study, Sunday evening worship or Wednesday Bible study, think of the commitment you made to God and all that being there would accomplish by being in services.

Greg Lewis from *Light for Living*

GOOD REASONS TO ATTEND EVERY SERVICE

An elderly lady, dreadfully crippled with arthritis, would hobble painfully to church on two crutches. It was an agonizing ordeal for her, and someone asked her how she managed to be at every service. Her answer was, "My heart gets there first, and my legs just follow after." Can it be that we really do not have an attendance problem, so much as we have a heart problem? Consider these good reasons to attend every service:

* To have the Scriptures opened to us (Luke 24:25).

* To receive the comfort and encouragement which is found in Christian fellowship (Heb. 10:24).

* To feed and exercise our faith (Rom. 10:17).

* To maintain our spiritual fervor (Mat. 24:12). A coal of fire alone on the hearth will die; so we, by ourselves, will grow cold and lifeless.

* To set a good example for others to follow (Mat. 5:13-16).

* To seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness (Mat. 6:33).

* To prevent backsliding (1 Cor. 11:20-30). Absenteeism is invariably one of the first warning signs of apostasy.

* To obey God's command not to forsake the assembling of His saints (Heb. 10:25).

* To cast your vote for righteousness and godliness, and against the closing of the church building (Mat. 12:30).

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SOME THINGS NON-ATTENDERS CAN'T DO

1. They can't pray for the success of the church without being hypocrites.
2. They can't say that Christ is first in their lives!
3. They can't say they were made stronger by their absence!
4. They can't say they glorified God by their neglect!
5. They can't blame anyone else if the affairs of the church don't please them.
6. They can't criticize if the church doesn't seem to grow like they think it should.
7. They can't have any assurance that God was pleased with their actions.

from *Eastside Edifier*

BIRTHDAYS

Louise Dodson, 01-23; Jillian Marcum, 01-23;
Ken Greer, 01-24; Keith Wilson, 01-25;
Kyle Greer, 01-28.

ILL

Sunday: Anne Adams, Lynda Cole, and Jeff Nemechek (PM). **Wednesday:** Anne Adams, and Melissa Cole. Those battling cancer: Kathleen Camp's sister-in-law is hospitalized; Bo Marcum's sister is at home; Ledgia Campbell began chemo-therapy but is at home. Please remember these in your prayers, as well as: Janice Carter, Allen Scott, Kim Clark, and Ralph and Helen Franklin.

AT HOME

Bob Adams is at the Del Mar Gardens, Room 229. Marion Stone is at home. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

OUT OF TOWN

David Adams was in Nebraska last week for training. Jeremy Keifer was in Sapulpa for the past few weekends, but returned on Wednesday night. Chris Edwards was in Mexico last week and scheduled to return on Wednesday.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM, 62; Sunday PM, 49; Wednesday PM, 46.

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Hebrews 10:23-25

Those To Serve

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BUILDING AND COMMUNION..... Nelson

MORNING WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS..... George Thomas
SONG LEADER..... Joel Nelson
OPENING PRAYER Myron Nebergall
PRESIDE..... Jeff Nemechek
ASSIST..... John Cody Carter
ASSIST..... Allen Scott
CLOSING PRAYER..... Michael Simmons

EVENING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER Charles Tullis
CLOSING PRAYER..... John Carter
LORD'S SUPPER..... Jeff Nemechek

WEDNESDAY 25th

SONG LEADER..... Ted Thrasher
INVITATION George Thomas

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

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