

ASSEMBLING WITH THE SAINTS

Attending worship services faithfully is of the utmost importance. Many a strong Christian has become weak, and many a weak Christian has totally fallen away because at some point they began to miss worship services and Bible study on a regular basis. A Christian's attendance of the worship services, as been rightfully declared by many, as a thermometer indicating one's fervor for the Lord. One cannot truthfully say he is a faithful child of God if he does not attend worship services regularly. Consider now the following reasons why we must attend worship services faithfully. The Hebrews writer penned the following passage giving us several reasons for not forsaking the assembly of the saints.

“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” (Heb. 10:24-25).

Our assembling together for worship services stimulates the brethren to love and good works, and exhorts and encourages us to greater Christian enthusiasm. It is important, because of the trials, temptation, and heartaches we face each week as Christians, to assemble together at each opportunity so that we might be stimulated and encouraged, and to do the same for others. It is reassuring to be around those of “like precious faith” (2 Pet. 1:1). We all need encouragement, but we must attend worship services and Bible study to receive this precious privilege.

Another reason we should attend worship services and Bible study faithfully is seen in Hebrews 10:25—it is

a command of God. Jesus said, “If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments” (John 14:15). Furthermore, we also need to remember, “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” (1 John 5:3). The Lord informs us that we must assemble at every opportunity with the saints. If this were the only reason for attending worship regularly—it would be enough. If you really love the Lord you will keep His commandments.

Still another reason we should attend worship services regularly is that we must be a good example to others. Peter declared, “For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps” (1 Pet. 2:21). Jesus left us innumerable examples of how we should live. One of these examples is that he kept the Law of Moses perfectly, which included attending all of the different feasts and special days of the Jewish religion. We, too, learning from the example of Jesus, should regularly attend all of the worship services as well as all other gathering for the purpose of study and edification. We should do this to please God, but also to set good examples for others. Paul said that we are to be “an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Tim. 4:12). What kind of example do you think we set for the non-believer by our apathetic attendance, or for the weak Christian? Not a good one I assure you.

Would one consider a car faithful if it only starts every other time? Would you consider your spouse faithful if she cheated on your marriage once a month? Of course not! Then what makes us think that we can be faithful Christians if we are not attending worship services regularly? It is vital that we are faithful in attendance—our eternal destiny is hanging in the balances. We are not condemning those who are ill at home, or having to care

for a sick loved one—we speak to those who have no reason for not coming other than being deficient in concern for spiritual matters. We love you and hope to see you in our next scheduled meeting time.

John Moore - Adapted

Be present for every lesson of our

SPRING GOSPEL MEETING

*“All Things Pertaining
Unto Life and Godliness”*

Dudley Morton

Evangelist of

Lee's Summit, Missouri

April 6-10, 2008

Sunday: 9:30 am ~ 10:30 am ~ 6:00 pm

Monday-Thursday: 7:00 pm

Wednesday Class: 10:00 am

Luncheon following class

BIRTHDAYS

John Dodson, 04-07; Bo Marcum, 04-08.

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Sunday: Kathleen Camp. **Weds:** Janice Carter.

Glennis Foust was admitted to a rehabilitation center last week. Helen Franklin is in Room 523 at the Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, Louisiana. Richard Massey is recovering in the Veteran's Hospital in Dallas, TX.

Those battling cancer: Jamal Abyad, David Cole, Ledgia Campbell, Betty James and Cleo Stone. Please remember these in your prayers, as well as: Millie Robertson, Allen Scott, and Ralph and Helen Franklin.

HOME BOUND

Bob Adams resides at Room D-4 of the Johnson County Nursing Center in Olathe. Marion Stone is at home. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Robin Brown in the passing of her grandmother in Texas last week. The Brown's are in Texas for the funeral.

OUT OF TOWN

Chris Edwards was in Las Vegas last week on business.

MEETING MEALS

Our Pot Luck Dinner will be this Sunday. The Ladies Class will provide a taco salad luncheon on Wednesday. There is a signup sheet for those who wish to provide an evening meal for the Morton's during the meeting.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

The monthly Men's Business Meeting will be held next Sunday, April 13 following our AM worship. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM, 44; Sunday PM, 28; Wednesday PM, 29.

Those To Serve

April 6, 2008

BUILDING AND COMMUNION..... Parish

MORNING WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Joel Nelson
SONG LEADER..... Trent Thrasher
OPENING PRAYER Steve Brown
PRESIDE..... John Dodson
ASSIST..... Chris Edwards
ASSIST..... John James
CLOSING PRAYER..... George Thomas

EVENING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER Jared Nelson
CLOSING PRAYER..... Jeff Nemechek
LORD'S SUPPER..... John Dodson

WEDNESDAY 9th

SONG LEADER..... Jeff Nemechek
INVITATION Gospel Meeting

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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