

Attend All Services Of The Church

God has not only given orders for the church to assemble, but He also commands that we do not forsake those assemblies (Heb. 10:24-25). Acts 2:46 informs us that through the guidance of inspired apostles, the early church was meeting more than just once a week so the above passage is not just addressing Sunday morning. The apostles knew that the church needed multiple meetings each week in order for the church to be properly fed (Acts 20:28). God is not requiring something that is useless, but something that will actually help us grow spiritually and ultimately gain heaven. All Christian should want to do everything necessary to get to heaven.

Hebrews 10:25 says some Christians disobeyed God and forsook the assemblies. The same thing happens today—Christians forsake the assemblies for no good reason. They are not sick nor are they working—but are just staying home or going somewhere other than worship. Jesus said that the love of many would grow cold (Matt. 24:12). Has this happened to you? This was the problem with the church in Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-4) and those at Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-16). Please do not let it happen to you nor to this congregation.

If you get irritated while reading this article what does that indicate about you spiritually? Do you have a disdain for doing what God requires?

If we do not come to Bible class or worship we are saying, "I do not need any further spiritual development, nor do I need to encourage or be encouraged, and I do not need to give God any more devotion." To such attitudes the Bible warns, "Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12). There is not a Christian alive that does not need to become spiritually stronger.

If we forsake the assembling of the saints we are doing the opposite of what God said to do and exactly what the devil wants us to do. Have you considered that when we miss services we cast a vote in favor of accomplishing the devil's goal---that is to weaken and kill the church. No true Christian wants to please the devil, therefore we should spit in his eye by attending all services. The devil knows that when you attend all services you are making yourself stronger and you are also making the church stronger. Because he is against our attendance, we should be one hundred and ten percent in favor of it.

The Lord knows exactly what we need and that is why He requires us to attend church assemblies (Matt. 4:4; Acts 20:28). He is the Wise Shepherd, the Great Physician, and Almighty God. Who are we to oppose or question His knowledge?

Why should we attend all assemblies? After all that has been said, the answer is simple, because our Lord said do not forsake them—Hebrews 10:25.

Richard Massey

What Can I Do to Promote Our Summer Sermon Series?

- ♦ I can purpose to attend (Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:24-25).
- ♦ I can personally invite others to come (Luke 14:23).
- ♦ I can mail invitations.
- ♦ I can pray for this work of the church.
- ♦ I can call and encourage others members.
- ♦ I can come early and enjoy a common meal which is an expression of fellowship (1 Cor 5:11; Acts 2: 42-46).
- ♦ I can also log on to: http://njcofc.com/Summer_Sermon_Series.html and hear lessons I missed. Check it out!
- ♦ If you are not out of town, you can make the work of this congregation priority one!

Please Remember These in Your Prayers:

Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Doris Bell, James & Sue Browning, Billye Campbell, Gene Campbell, Suzanne Charlton, Randy Cooper, Jim Duncan, Barbara Duncan, Irene Duncan, Bob Hedges, Wade Miller, Wayne Pickrel, Thelma Reed, Brenda Riley, and Helen Roper

Also: Ozroe Bush, Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Odis Duncan, Denise Hess, Cato Jones, Margaret Laurence, Mary Jo Lee, Janice Lineberger, Mike Norfleet, Kristen Powell, Kent Stephenson, Kaitlin Taylor, and Charles Whitney

Congregational Shut-Ins:

Pleasant Springs Assisted Living: Doris Jean Bell, Annah Brown, **Home:** Irene Duncan, **Villa Assisted Living:** Georgia Lide.

HEALTH UPDATES

Wayne Pickrel has returned home from his last trip the hospital in Tyler. He continues to struggle following the last round of treatments. He did have a fall after returning home but was not injured. Please pray for Wayne and Ann as they struggle with his illness and other things in their lives. Many thanks to all the volunteers who are helping this family in many ways.

Brenda Riley is feeling much better and was able to be at worship services this past Wednesday evening. She continues to need our prayers.

Wade Miller's foot is healing well according to his doctor this past Wednesday. The family would covet the prayers of our brethren.

Pray for those you know about, who have not been mentioned here or who are on our current prayer list. Please advise us when you know of someone in need.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Following evening services today, there will be fireworks at the home of Jody and Stephanie Sparks. It will be a night for hot dogs and chips ... and you can bring ice cream if you wish, and other desserts. Also, your favorite soft drinks. See Stephanie for more information today and get a copy of a map to their home on the round table in the foyer.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

For those who are unable to attend on Wednesday nights for the Summer Sermon Series ... take a visit to our church website at: njcofc@sbcglobal.net and listen to the sermon. We also have the sermons from some of the Sunday morning services.

Last week John McCain's guard unit was been sent to the Gulf Coast for the storm coming in. No update from him on this.

Wednesday Nights this Summer

Congregational Supper 5:45pm
Congregational Singing 6:45pm
Summer Sermon Series 7:00pm

Menu for Wednesday night supper on July 07, 2010:

Spuds and Salads

Team No. 3: Sparks, Robison, Thomas

All are welcome to join us for supper! If you are eating, monetary donations for the chefs are appreciated, but not necessary.

Contact Keely McCary at (903) 563-7895 for more information.

GOSPEL MEETING

Mt. Mitchell church of Christ

6238 FR 144 North—Omaha, Texas

July 4th—8th, 2010

With Bro. Jamal Hamilton

Of Mountain View church of Christ

Dallas, Texas, preaching

Sunday—Dinner will be served at

12:30 PM to 2:30 PM and

The meeting begins at the afternoon

fellowship starting at 2:30 PM

Then 7:30 PM nightly Monday thru Thursday

Summer Youth Series

(SYBSNET)

Will be at the Pittsburg Church of Christ on July 05 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Topic for the Series is **Fact or Myth.**

The topic Wednesday night will be:

"Modest Apparel—My Clothes—My Business?"

*Pick up a SYBSNET schedule in the foyer.

Summer Sermon Series

(each Wednesday Evening

Beginning at 7:00 PM)

This week we will have

Jeff Blanton from the

Fullbright Congregation

Topic:

"How Faith Shapes Us in Dealing with Guilt"

18th Annual Bible Lectureship 2010

Longview church of Christ

1401 Eden Drive—Longview, Texas

Friday August 27 thru Sunday August 30

Beginning at 6:30 PM Friday Evening

"What Do The Scriptures Say"

Theme:

"Unchanging Truths for a Changing World"