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Our
Area Wide Youth Devotional
at the
Green Plain
Church of Christ
will be
June 8, 2010
7:00 pm
Victor Eskew, Speaker

“Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord”

Wendell Winkler

David said, “*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord*” (Psalm 122:1). May we ever cultivate and maintain the same noble attitude. However, when the saints assembled, often-times there were empty seats (1 Samuel 20:18, 25, 27; Hebrews 10:25).

Reasons Why We Should Attend Services

1. **We love the Lord.** The Lord is present when we assemble (Matthew 18:20). And, we love to be in the presence of those we love.

2. **To maintain our spiritual fervor.** Like a coal of fire alone on the hearth will die, correspondingly, one way to lose interest and grow cold (Matthew 24:12) in the Lord’s

work is to absent ourselves from the services. There is no exception to this.

3. **We feel that we need to go and we feel that we are needed.** We need the association, the teaching, the prayers, and the spiritual communion which come from the worship assembly. And, our brethren need our presence, our prayers, our interests, and our participation.

4. **In order to satisfy our spiritual appetites** (Matthew 5:6; 1 Peter 2:1-2). The loss of the physical appetite is a danger signal. Such is also true spiritually.

5. **Because of the example we would set, and the advice we would give, by our absenteeism.** Look at the example we would be setting before our children (Ephesians 6:4). Look at the example we would be setting before our companion (1 Peter 3:1-7). Look at the example we would be setting before our non-Christian neighbors (Matthew 5:16). Consider the advice we would be consciously or unconsciously giving to a new babe in Christ by our absenteeism. We are advising him by our action, "Worship and attendance is very unimportant and inconsequential."

6. **This is where we would want to be when the Lord comes** (Mark 13:32; 2 Peter 3:14).

7. **We are no better than anyone else; yet, we expect others to attend.** Would we be willing to be a member of a congregation where the preachers, the elders, and the deacons consistently and unnecessarily absented themselves from the services? Can we rightly expect faithfulness in attendance from these, and others, and not from ourselves (Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 2:21-22)?

8. **We do not want to defile and sear our consciences** (Titus 1:15; 1 Timothy 4:1-2). The first time we missed a service we

hurt our consciences. Is this not true? A persistence in such will defile and sear the conscience until we can miss without a twinge of regret or guilt. Study 1 John 3:20-21.

9. **To be in subjection to the elders** (Hebrews 13:7, 17).

10. **To prevent backsliding** (1 Corinthians 11:20-30). Absenteeism is one of the first indications of ultimate apostasy. Now study 2 Peter 2:20-22 and observe how awful it is to apostatize.

11. **To keep from sinning.** It is a good thing to attend all of the services, and, if we know to do good and do it not we commit sin (James 4:17).

12. **Jesus is there** (Matthew 18:20). The Lord could have met with the Israelites in their separate tents; but, He had a given place where He was to meet them (Exodus 19:17). In like manner, the Lord could have chosen to meet with each of us in our separate homes. However, He chose to meet us in the assembly of the saints.

13. **To walk in the footsteps of the early saints** (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 14:23).

14. **To keep from casting our vote to close the doors of the church.** If we can miss a single service, then every other member of the congregation can, too. And, if we miss one, why not two, three, yea all of them? Such obtaining, why have a meeting house at all?

15. **To prevent robbing God.** The first day of the week is the Lord's (possessive) day (Revelation 1:10). To take His day and use it for our own selfish desires is to take that which is not rightfully ours. We thus stand convicted of robbing. Yes, it is possible to rob God (Malachi 3:8). We can rob God of money and of time.

16. **To keep from disobeying** (Hebrews

10:25). The key word in this text is “forsaking.” When one is away preaching, he has not forsaken the assembly. When one is ill, he has not forsaken. When one is out of town (but attending worship while out of town) he has not forsaken the assembly. The meaning of the text is, then, that when a person misses services when he could be present, but because of unconcern and indifference he stays away, he has forsaken the assembly. Accordingly, then, Hebrews 10:25 has been violated; and, consequently sin has been committed.

The Cure for Absenteeism

1. **True conversion** (Romans 6:3, 4; Acts 2:38-42). True conversion is predicated upon the sinner seriously assuming the role of a helpless and hopeless beggar (Matthew 5:3; Acts 2:37). And, when a person responds to the invitation out of this condition of heart, you will not baptize him on Sunday and miss him at prayer meeting!

2. **As much as we possibly can, delinquents should be prevented from “slipping back into duty” without proper restoration.** No lapse of time will take care of a previous period of delinquency. If so, then time will take care of any sin. Study James 5:16; 1 John 1:8-10; Acts 8:22.

3. **Elders watching for the souls of the members** (Hebrews 13:17). Each congregation should devise and execute its own plan by which the elders can know the attendance patterns of each member.

4. **The cultivation and maintenance of genuine love for God** (Matthew 22:37; John 14:15; Hebrews 10:25). If we really love God we will love to be where God is. Now see Matthew 18:20.



Prayer List: John Brinkley, Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent’s sister), Matthias Meredith, Bennie Tyson, and any who may be in need of our prayers.

Shut-ins: Anne Brinkley, Tom Meredith & Mary Miller.

News at Green Plain

Vacation Bible School: Coldwater Church of Christ, Saturday, the 5th, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Visitation Group #1 will meet **Sunday, the 6th.**

One little boy was having difficulty lifting a heavy stone. His father came along just then. He asked, “Are you using all your strength?” “Yes!” “No, you’re not,” the father replied, “I’m right here, and you haven’t asked me to help you.”

As we face our difficulties, are we using *all* our strength (Matthew 7:7-11)?

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

“I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord.”
(Psalm 122:1)

ATTENDANCE May 30, 2010

Bible Study	65	Worship P.M.	60
Worship A.M.	72	Mid-week (5-26)	113

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
June 2010

USHERS: Jesse Vincent & Preston Barrett
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chad Canter

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: Rex Enoch & Bobby Hall
Substitute: Roy Wyatt

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Ira Sellars & Robert Barrett
Substitute: Dave Thompson

Sunday PM
6-6.....Rex Enoch
6-13.....Bobby Hall
6-20.....Rex Enoch
6-27.....Bobby Hall

SCRIPTURE READING:
6-6.....Charles Enoch (Lk. 16:19-24)
6-13.....Larry Enoch
6-20.....James Pigg
6-27.....Rob Enoch

OPENING PRAYER:
6-6.....Robert Meredith
6-13.....Larry Enoch
6-20.....Preston Barrett
6-27.....Mike Ernstberger

CLOSING PRAYER:
6-6.....Frank Towery
6-13.....Dave Thompson
6-20.....Eddie Ward
6-27.....Rob Enoch

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Roy Wyatt & Ira Sellars

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS
Matthias Meredith & Cody Canter

SONG LEADERS:
Sunday Morning.....Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening.....James Pigg
Wednesday.....Chad Canter
Substitute.....Larry Enoch

LAWN CARE: Rob Enoch
GREETERS: Robert & Wanda Barrett
If you are unable to serve, please
contact Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.

? **Luke 13**

1. What was reported to Jesus that Pilate was guilty of doing?
2. What was Jesus answer to this report?
3. What name did Jesus call Herod?
4. When the ruler of the synagogue criticized Jesus for healing on the Sabbath how did He answer him?
5. In this chapter twice Jesus likened the kingdom of heaven to something, what were they?

1. That he had mingled the blood of the
Galleans with their sacrifices (v. 1)
2. He told them twice except they repent
they would meet the same fate (vs. 3, 5)
3. That fox (v. 32)
4. Thou hypocrites, do you not hose your
ox or ass and lead them to water? (v.
15)
5. A grain of mustard seed (v. 19), leaven
(v. 21)



**Remember to
bring snacks
for the
hospital.**



**Pantry Item
Paper Plates**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.
Worship.....10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.
For transportation call 492-8206
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**SERMON TOPICS FOR
June 6, 2010**

A.M. - The Rich Man and Lazarus

P.M. - What Kind of Man is Jesus?

WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED

Hear the gospel

Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17

Believe

Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6

Repent

Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30

Confess faith in Christ

Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10

Be baptized (immersed)

Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16;

Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21

Continue faithful unto death

Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9