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CHURCH ATTENDANCE IS IM-

What My Presence Did

It caused people to have confidence in me.
It made people know that I regarded my spiritual welfare as a matter of great importance.
It had a good effect on the services.
It encouraged the brethren and helped the kingdom of Christ.
It caused others to look to Christ for salvation.
It made my life stronger for another week.
It removed stumbling blocks from the sinner's path.
It pleased God and I was happy.
It caused others to say, "**HE PRACTICED WHAT HE PREACHED.**"

What My Absence Did

It made some question the reality of religion.
It made some think that I was pretender.
It made some think that I regarded my spiritual welfare as a matter of small concern.
It weakened the effect of the worship service.
It made it harder for the preacher to preach.
It discouraged the brethren, and therefore, robbed them of a blessing.
It caused others to stay away from services.
It made it harder for me to meet the temptations of the devil.
It gave the devil more power over lost souls.
It encouraged the habit of not worshipping.

WHERE WILL YOU BE WHEN WE GATHER TOGETHER TO

Is Faithful Attendance Important?

Gary Colley



It is quite strange to hear some members of the Lord's church express their thoughts about attending all services of the congregation. They have been purchased with the blood of Christ, separated from the world to live according to Christ, enlisted in the army of the Lord, commanded to be lights in the world, and instructed to put the Lord and His work before all other interests. But in some way we have convinced ourselves (deceived, a better word) that faithfulness in attendance is only **optional, except for the Lord's supper on Sunday morning**, which we do not see as too pressing even then.

Please think seriously and look again, before Judgment day comes, to the real truth of the matter:

1. **Faithfulness** is the seventh fruit of the Spirit. This fruit is produced in our lives only when we follow the Holy Spirit's teaching (Galatians 5:22).
2. **Faithfulness** means dependable, constant, reliable, honorable and loyal. Could this be said

of our attendance when we only attend once a week?

3. **Faithful** attendance is directly commanded along with holding fast our confession and considering one another as we should (Hebrews 10:23-25). Are we practicing the golden Rule concerning other's interests (Matthew 7:12)?

4. **Faithful** attendance causes the church to be seen as "*a city that is set on a hill;*" while unfaithful attendance put our influence "*under a bushel*" (Matthew 5:14-16).

5. Though we are commanded to seek the lost, do we realize that no one can influence any of the lost to be saved while not being **faithful** (1 Peter 3:1-7)?

6. Those who substitute **faithful** attendance for people and/or things of the world will soon have corrupt morals (1 Corinthians 15:33).

7. **Unfaithfulness** to all services keeps one from growing "*in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*" (2 Peter 3:18).

8. Children, whom we are charged with training, will grow up undisciplined in honorable loyalty to the Lord (Ephesians 6:4).

9. **Unfaithfulness** in attendance expresses a lack of concern for our souls and ignores those charged with watching and giving an account for our souls in the judgment (Hebrews 13:17).

10. **Unfaithfulness** causes us to miss the fellowship, strength, comfort and peace intended by God in the church (1 John 1:7; Philippians 4:6-8).

11. And worst of all, **unfaithfulness** will cause us to miss Heaven with all its joy, peace and eternal bliss, because sin will not enter (Please read James 4:17).

One hour with the people of God in worship unto God is more profitable to a citizen of Heaven than all the fleeting pleasures or cankered gold of this world. The bottom line is really found in whether we love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind (Matthew 23:37).

COMMUNITY CHURCHES AND GENERIC NAMES

Some churches of Christ are changing their *names* from names like FIRST STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST to generic names, such as THE COMMUNITY CHURCH or THE FAMILY OF GOD. Proponents of such a change, with whom I have discussed the matter, say that the *traditional* name, CHURCH OF CHRIST, has "too much baggage" attached to it, and that "it has a negative effect when people see that name on a sign in front of the church building." It is argued that a generic name will not "turn people off" and will be more effective in reaching people.

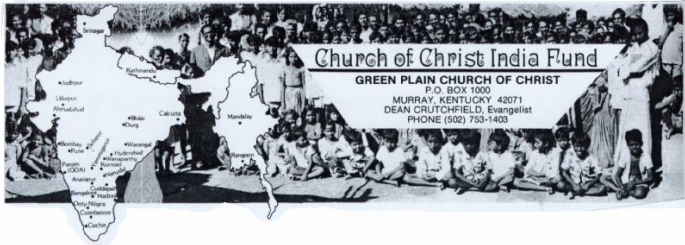
I find this to be so ironic because of something that took place recently in Florence. After worship one Sunday morning, I met a young couple who was visiting us for the first time. Sean and Candice had just moved here from Oregon, after he accepted a position with Big River Broadcasting Company. He was Catholic and she was a Mormon.

Rarely have I studied with anyone so hungry to know the Truth as they were, so I was not surprised when they were baptized for the remission of sins and became Christians three weeks later.

Now, here is the ironical part. Sean told me that, before they came to worship that first Sunday, they were walking in downtown Florence and saw our sign which reads, WOOD AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST. They did not know anything about us - had never even seen "a church of Christ building." But, Sean said they decided to come to Wood Avenue because they wanted to be a part of a church that unashamedly identifies themselves as a church that belongs to Christ!

How ironic. That which initially attracted Sean and Candice is the very thing that some want to change!

...David Sain



Green Plain church of Christ
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Hazel, KY 42049

Dear brethren:

On behalf of the Lord's work in India, I thank you for another most generous and outstanding special contribution!

Once again you have demonstrated your love for the Lord and for souls He died for.

Once again you have provided Bibles, tracts, lanterns, bicycles, communion trays, Gospel Meetings, Bible classes, food for the hungry, medicine for the sick and many other helps.

Your gracious contribution will help to accomplish much in the work of evangelism, edification, and benevolence.

With sincere gratitude and prayers in your behalf, I remain

Faithfully yours,

Dean Crutchfield



Prayer List: Max Henry, Wilton Holland, Brent Klinzing (Pansy Henry's grandson), Teri Meredith, Jane Morris, Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Gail Wright and any who may be in need of our prayers.

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

News at Green Plain



Monthly Luncheon: Our luncheons will be on **Thursday, the 16th**. The **ladies** are going to **Pizza Hut** and the **men** to **Pagliai's**.



POTLUCK Sunday, the 19th, after our Evening worship.

Our **Clothing and School supply giveaway** will be **Saturday, August 1st**. See Eddie Ward to see what you can do to help!

Following the fellowship meal this Sunday night, all those who have suggestions on improvements to our building are asked to meet. Please be ready with your suggestions, either to discuss aloud or in written form with your name in case there are questions or clarification is needed.

We would like to thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, & food at the time of Teri's surgery and during her recovery. We truly love and appreciate each of you. Robert, Teri & Family

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"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 10:25

ATTENDANCE July 12, 2009

Bible Study	65	Worship P.M.	59
Worship A.M.	88	Mid-week (7-8)	

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The church building is located
southeast of Murray -
One mile off highway 641 -
Near the corner of the Green
Plain and Murray Paris Roads

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
July 2009**

USHERS: Tristan Enoch & Preston Barrett
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Larry Enoch

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
A.M.: Bobby Ward & Roy Wyatt
Substitute: Frank Pool

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE :
A.M.: Bobby Hall & Dave Thompson
Substitute: Frank Towery

Sunday P.M.
7-19.....Paul Brandon
7-26.....Rex Enoch

SCRIPTURE READING:
7-19.....Chad Canter
7-26.....Rob Enoch

OPENING PRAYER:
7-19.....Larry Enoch
7-26.....Robert Meredith

CLOSING PRAYER:
7-19.....Hayes Grady
7-26.....Jim Fielder

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Tristan Enoch & Preston Barrett

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

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:
Isaac Ward & Katelyn Canter

GREETERS: Dave & Ann Thompson
LAWN CARE: Mike Ernstberger

If you are unable to serve, please contact
Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.



Matthew 14

1. When Herod heard of the fame of Jesus, who did he say that Jesus was?
2. How do we know that "desert place" did not mean a desert as we think of the word?
3. How many were fed on this occasion?
4. When Peter began to sink in the water, what did Jesus say to him?
5. How were diseased people made "perfectly whole"?

1. John the Baptist, risen from the dead (Verses 1-2)
2. They were told to "sit down on the grass" (verse 19)
3. Five thousand men, besides women and children (verse 21)
4. "O thou of little faith" (Verse 31)
5. By touching the hem of His garment (verse 36)



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



**Pantry Item
Spaghetti Sauce**

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
"A Friendly Welcome Awaits You"

RADIO PROGRAMS

WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST
Weekdays, 11:30 AM.WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES RADIO BROADCAST
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**SERMON TOPICS FOR
July 19, 2009**

A.M. - Guest Speaker

P.M. - Guest Speaker

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