



Chalmette Church of Christ

January 5th, 2014

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH ATTENDER ARE YOU?

"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).

There are some in the church who believe it is not important to attend worship services. For them, attending church services are good if there is not anything else to do or someplace else to visit or some other activity to engage in. With some, as long as they show up occasionally or especially on Sunday morning, that is all that really counts.

Let us realize that even when we attend as we should, we must do so with the right purpose, motive and attitude. You see, if our motive and attitude are not right, then it matters not how many worship services we may attend.

It is evident that our attitude toward God, His Word and Worship itself will determine the kind of "attender" we'll be. What kind of attender are you? Are you a...

1) Special occasion attender? Some believe that whenever there is a special occasion, a holiday, etc., that's the time to be in attendance. To them, other regular times for worship services are not important.

2) Seasonal attender? This attitude toward attendance is that it depends on the season of the year. If it is "camping season", "deer-hunting season", "baseball season", "football season", etc., then being in attendance for the services is not as important. These so-called "seasons" should never hinder us from being faithful to the Lord, including the attendance of the services.

3) Spasmodic attender? Some come for a while, then miss for a while. With them, this becomes a way of life. You can never rely or depend upon them to take an active part in the work of the church.

4) Suit-your-self attender? These attend only when it "suits them" and it does not interfere with doing something else they want to do. To them, attending the services is not a spiritual priority.

5) Sunday morning only attender? These do not see the need for Sunday night or Wednesday night services; and, most of the time, Sunday morning Bible class either. They think like the old Brylcreem commercial, "a little dab will do you." They are the ones who are always asking, "How many services do I have to attend?" Their attitude of mind is "how little can I do and get by with it?"

6) Seeking-a-companion attender? These only attend services seeking someone they can date and perhaps eventually marry. So, when they visit a congregation and no one is available, then they will move on to another congregation. They are not seeking the Truth and the Lord, neither are they looking for a place where they can worship scripturally and be blessed spiritually, but they're just looking for a companion. That is their only motive for attending services.

7) Sleeping attender? These use the worship services as a time to catch up on their sleep that they didn't get the night before. They did not use that time to prepare themselves to worship God acceptably on Sunday morning. To them, worship services are not valuable and vital to their spiritual well-being.

8) Sorehead attender? These enter the church building "mad" and "upset" and are just waiting for someone to say or do something they can attack and then they are ready to give them "a piece of their mind." They don't want to participate in worship nor anything else that might help them spiritually. They are in the "kick-a-tive mood." They feel compelled to try to stir-up trouble.

Do you see yourself among any of these groups? If so, change your attitude and action, "Repent!" Yes, it is sinful to willfully forsake the services of the church (Heb. 10:24-25); and, it is sinful to not have the proper motive and attitude (John 4:24).

When our actions and attitudes toward church attendance are not right, we demonstrate a lack of love for God, for the Word of God, for the church, for ourselves and others (John 14:15; Heb. 10:24-26; Col. 3:1-3; Rev. 22:14; 2 Peter 3:18).

Let us develop an attitude of mind as David, when he said, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of the Lord"(Psa. 122:1).

By: Jerry Joseph

Living The Abundant Life

Some times life is tough and hands us a difficult hand. Jesus said, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Jesus said that the thief comes to rob and steal. The thief is the devil. The devil desires to take away all our happiness and contentment. He uses various methods with which to do so. Paul said this about the devil, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" (2 Cor. 2:11). We need to be alert to his tricks. He uses stress and nervousness. Someone said, "Some people are so stressed out that they would make coffee nervous, give an aspirin a headache or cause a tranquilizer to have a nervous breakdown." So, how is it that we can enjoy the abundant life in Christ?

One thing we can do to enjoy the abundant life is to forget the past. Dale Carnegie has a chapter in one of his books entitled, "You Can't Saw Sawdust." How true it is that you can't relive the past. The apostle Paul writing by inspiration said, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before" (Phil. 3:13). Repent when necessary, but then move on to live better.

A second thing we can do to enjoy the abundant life is to give ourselves away. That is the essence of the supreme beatitude as written in the New Testament. Here it is: "I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Send a note to someone who is sick or has lost a loved one. Bake a pie and take it to a neighbor. Cut grass for an elderly neighbor. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all [men], especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10). Give yourself away.

We can enjoy the abundant life if we follow the principles of the New Testament. That is what all faithful brethren and faithful churches of Christ do.

By: Larry Acuff

News and Notes

- While Mark travels to New Zealand, we will have guest speakers preaching on Sunday morning & Sunday night. On **January 26th**, **Joel Watson** from the Gonzales congregation will be speaking. On **February 2nd**, **Chris Kramer** will be speaking. And on **February 9th**, **Joel Watson** will be speaking.
- After our Third Sunday Singing & Fellowship Meal on January 19th, there will be a short meeting with the Fishers of Men Class.
- Tim Wilkes II will be here on January 9th during the a.m. services to give a report about the work they are involved in, whom we support.
- Rebecca Snyder and Kim Phelps came forward this past Sunday asking for prayers. Please keep them in your prayers at this time as well as their families.



January Birthdays

6-Melissa Snyder
7-Sonny Adams
8-Laura Adams
28-John Early
29-J.V. Russell

January Anniversaries

6-Bill & Gloria Green
21-Laura & Sonny Adams

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Sherry Towle
Margo Rodney
Judy Hennessee
Betty Grisham
Ella Gillard
Krisztian Montague
Linda Swanner
Mary Macaluso Hardee
Gloria Smiles
Elbre Wolfe
Joel James
Charles Jenkins
David Ebeling
Ryker Amaya
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*All of our brethren scattered across
the United States & our troops in
Iraq



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AM Worship 10:00 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm

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Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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