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Is Sunday Night Attendance Important

Heb. 10:24-25 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: (25) 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.

Do I need to attend worship services on Sunday night and/or Wednesday. Short answer is YES. While the early church met on the first day of the week, and Sunday morning will fill that square. So if you are only interested in checking the attendance chart, then you have done that with the morning service. But let me suggest that there is much more at stake than you simply checking off your name on some attendance role.

Notice that Heb. 10:24 begins with “considering one another.” This is an extremely important phrase. Coming together is not simply about you and what you get from the service. It is about others in the church family and how your attendance (or lack of) can encourage or discourage them.

Over the past several weeks we have had seventy-five to ninety in Sunday morning attendance here at Blodgett. During those same weeks, we’ve had twenty-five to thirty on Sunday night. Why is that? For one thing, those that willfully do not come for the PM service are not considering one another. I must confess that this is a real discouragement to me and the others that are in attendance.

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Time of Services:

Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship

Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. class

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Wednesday Devotional Speaker: Bill Money

In addition, Sunday night attendance fosters a deeper and more committed personal spiritual life. It encourages church unity. You have the opportunity to hear a message from God's word. Why would a committed Christian not want to do that?

Let us not overlook the word in Rev. 1:10 where John said, "***I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, ...*** While not speaking specifically about worship, John acknowledged "The Lord's Day" as the Lord's day. It was not the Lord's morning. The principle is similar to the Old Testament Sabbath. The Hebrews of old were to set aside a day (the Sabbath) of the week for the Lord. I see no reason why we should want to do any less. Why would we want to fill our schedules on Sunday evenings with other activities and forsake the assembling of ourselves together. Is this considering others or considering self?

While some note that there is no explicit biblical mandate for a specific number of services, I argue that it is in your best interest to come and encourage one another by your presence. Will you agree that it is good to attend worship on Sunday night? If so, then consider what James says. ***Jas. 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.***

We plan on seeing you again tonight. ~Larry

Whenever you do not understand what's happening in your life, just close your eyes, take a deep breath, and say "God, I know it's your plan. Just help me through it."

Family News

- **John D. Porter** responded to the invitation last Sunday evening asking for the prayers of the church.
- **Sharron Grolemond** received a good follow-up report after her recent surgery.
- **Mark Sharpin** is awaiting the scheduling of an experimental treatment for pancreatic cancer. We pray that this procedure will be successful.
- There is a bridal shower for **Brooke Vaughn** this afternoon from 2 to 4 at the fellowship building.
- We are to co-host the Bible Bowl tomorrow evening. We will be responsible for providing refreshments (pizza) and serving. It begins at 7:00 p.m. at the North Jefferson building.
- On March 21, the church will provide a meal at the fellowship building for the fireman that lost his life recently. Coordinate with Lisa Toland if you can help.

PRAYER LIST:

Steve Newman, Jennifer Boyd, Clem Williams, Jimmy Jones, Sharon Fields, Joan Rule, Vicki Dodson

Burdens or Blessings? The Mississippi River Delta is the second most fertile place on planet Earth (second only to the Nile Basin). How did it come to be so fertile and valuable to those who own it? Its fertility results from flood waters overrunning their banks, at the inconvenience and danger of those who live there. When troubles flood our souls, it may well be that those experiences can turn out to make our lives richer, deeper, and more productive. Our burdens can become our blessings (Psalm 55:22).