

Ten Suggestions for Improving the Public Assemblies of the church.

from bulletin of Stoneridge church of Christ Jonesboro, AR

Have you ever heard someone say, “I just don't get much out of church”? Sometimes this is more commentary on the person than on the service. Here are some suggestions that may help all of us improve the quality of our worship when we gather with the saints.

01. Make church assemblies a priority. It is the most important commitment of each week. It is nothing less than a “meeting with God.”
02. Don't bring God left-overs. God has always demanded the “first fruits.” He cannot be satisfied with scrap. Get plenty of sleep on Saturday night and come to worship with an alert and refreshed mind.
03. Prepare your mind. Discipline begins in the mind. So do es discipleship. Train your mind to concentrate on things of the Spirit.
04. Be on time. Rushing in late makes it difficult for you to settle in to meditation and disturbs other worshippers. Get up a little earlier if necessary.
05. Bring your Bible. Coming to worship without your Bible is like going out to drive without your keys.
06. Open your mouth and sing. Singing is not an option. It is a command. Those who violate this command are just as guilty as if they neglected the assembly in the first place.
07. Sit close to the front. Experience has shown that some marginal church members would rather switch congregations than change pews. Research indicates that the level of emotion and mental participation decreases as one moves closer to the back.
08. Before and after the service, be friendly. Worship is enhanced when done as a family. Family members should know and love each other .
09. Listen carefully to the sermon. Taking notes may help. Follow along in your Bible. Take the message seriously. It will help you. It will encourage the speaker. It will show non-Christians that we are serious.
10. Make your worship God-centered, not man-centered. Worship is primarily a giving situation. Those who say, “I don't GET much out of worship,” are wrongly focused. It is in the GIVING of ourselves that we GET.
NO GIVING – NO GETTING.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:
Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God's Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.



Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Let's pray for the situation in the Ukraine and surrounding areas.

Let's pray for Christians in both the Ukraine and Russia.

Let's keep in our prayers Barbara Oliver, Marjorie Reed, Louella Hopkins, and Bill & Kris Kinney.

Frank Marsden was taken by ambulance to Buffalo General Thursday evening suffering with a possible heart attack. He underwent tests. It was learned Friday they fixed one small blockage and there is no damage to his heart. It was planned he would be released the next day (yesterday).

Anna Brink is undergoing cancer treatments.

Diane Mellott is dealing with severe arthritis in her right hip causing her difficulty walking. She is facing surgery in the future and is scheduled to see her doctor this month.

Darlene Reed Results of tests concerning losing her balance: She has a circulatory problem in her ear and there is nothing they can do. She had hip replacement surgery Wed. Mar. 23 and is recuperating.

Glen Mueller Glen is in Jennie B. Richmond Nursing Home in Springville, NY, (Located in Bertrand Chaffe Hospital). Let's continue to pray for him and his family. Let's also pray for the Sardinia church of Christ.

Sharon Alcorn, Jessica Alcorn's sister-in-law, has recently been diagnosed with brain cancer. It was announced last week that she is terminal.

Janine Galuppo, Ray McArthur's sister near Syracuse, is dealing with multiple health issues.

Dale Mullholland, brother of Denise Garlitz & Darlene Reed, is homebound with severe arthritis in his back and legs. He is 62.

Sharron Gantt Lab results of the bladder tumors removed showed it was an aggressive kind of cancer. She will have 6 weeks of immunotherapy - one a week for 6 weeks. Let's pray all goes well.

Darlene Yarian has been sick off and on lately.

Vincent, Susan Barrett's son in Ohio, is dealing with legal issues concerning custody of a child and is also dealing with health issues.

Douglas (Frank Marsden's grandson) He is in the Army Reserves and was activated and sent to Poland.

Fran, Frank Marsden's sister, was readmitted to the hospital and undergoing tests.

Lynn, a friend of Denise Garlitz, lost her husband Steve recently.



The mask mandate has been lifted, but it is still recommended we all wear a mask.

Please check the "Mission Board" in the back of the auditorium.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Apr. 17 Easter

Apr. 24 Men's Business Meeting

May 08 Mother's Day

May 14 Ladie's Day at Amherst church of Christ

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,133.00

Attendance Last Sunday 51

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.



Bible Class News: If things continue to improve regarding COVID restrictions, we will begin Sunday morning classes on May 1st. Brother Wayne Lyons will be teaching our class on Sunday morning. It has been a long time since we have been together for Bible Study and it is IMPORTANT for all of us to make a commitment to study and grow. See you there!

It's been previously decided that when classes resume they will be from 10 AM to 10:45 AM and worship will begin at 11 AM.

Song Leader Help by Tim Smith *now deceased*

via *The Beacon* Belleview church of Christ Pensacola, FL

What can I do to help my song leader? Most song leaders are not paid by the congregation for which they lead singing, and indeed, most congregations of the Lord's people have more than one man who will lead. While they are performing their duties to the Lord by using their talents in His service and to His glory, we still should appreciate the service they provide Him and us enough to wish to help them in every way we can. Let us notice a few of the ways in which we can help him.

First, I can sing! Silence is not singing. When the song is being led, participate fully! Raise your voice to God's glory and to the edification of those around you (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). You need not worry about tone or tune, the primary concern in congregational singing is the message. Read the book and sing the words.

Second, I can follow the leader! The leader is the man standing before the crowd - follow him. When he starts, you start. When he speeds up, you speed up. When he slows down, you slow down. Follow him.

Third, I can encourage him! Tell him of his good work. Tell him that you appreciate him and his efforts. Even though not everyone is perfect in tone and tune, those who are willing to lead are worthy of our encouragement.



Please update your *Directory* dated Jan. 30, 2022.

The recent change involves a new phone number for Louella Hopkins.

Please check the board in the back for all changes.

Also, there are slips of paper on the table with the changes.

This particular change also affects the *Phone Tree*.