Why Go to Church? via House to House / Heart to Heart

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" —*Author Unknown*

"Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together . . ." —<u>Acts 20:7</u>

NEWSLETTER	Schedule of Services		La Salle
May 15, 2016	Sunday AM Bible Class	9:45 AM	church of Christ 1121 N. Military Rd. Niagara Falls, NY 14304 (716) 283-1214 lasallechurchofchrist.org minister@lasallechurchofchrist.org
Mark Dailey, evangelist (716) 754-2752	Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM	
	* Sunday PM Worship	6:00 PM	
	Wednesday PM Bible Class	7:00 PM	

* There is no PM service on the 5th Sunday of the month.



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) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please silence cell phones and any other noise making devices during worship.

Have Enough Courage To Say No

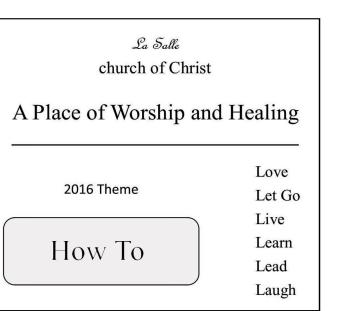
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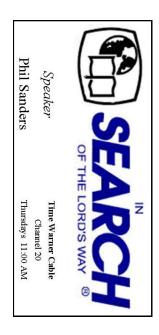
Paul, writing in <u>Titus 2:11-15</u> tell us how to live in expectation of the return of the Lord Jesus! We are instructed to "deny ungodliness and worldly lusts." (<u>Titus 2:12</u>) We must say "NO" to he attractions of the "world." What do we mean by "world?" Many time in scripture it means a philosophy that is against what God and His word stand for. It is influenced by Satan, whether those involved realize it or not.

One hymn writer penned these words: "The World all about me has now no <u>allure</u>. It's pleasures bring pain, it wisdom is vain. I seek a foundation that's steadfast and sure, **I'll put Jesus first in my life**. In all that I say, in all that I do, throughout the world of toil and strife. By day and by night, through trust in His might, **I'll put Jesus first in my life**."

All of Paul's instructions in <u>Titus 2:1-10</u> can be summed up in <u>Titus 2:12</u>. Believers must refuse and reject any action that lacks reverence for God. Ungodliness means a lack of love or total disregard for God (<u>Rom. 1:18</u>)

We live in an age when many totally reject God's influence in any area of their life; sadly some in the Lord's Church seem to be in that "*camp*" or heading in that direction. Christians must renounce that attitude with a resounding "NO!" We are always to seek His Kingdom first! (Matthew 6:33)





<u>Prayer List</u> In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.

Let's Keep These Folks In Our Prayers: Joe Pitts, Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Red & Goldie Crow, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Tony and Egla Grana, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Willow, Darlene Reed, Leo & Jeanne Johns, Butts & Edie Sumner, Rick & Fran Fees, Chris Highway, Keith & Glory Marten, Bev McArthur, Candi Butcher, and Cheryl Mellott.

<u>Updates</u>

Ron Cameron continues to recuperate from recent hand surgery. His stitches were removed this past week.

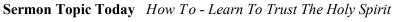
- Candi Butcher her arm is healing well and she is now able to drive again.
- Kassandra Kern had some tests done this past Monday.
- Pat Hazlett has been in some pain recently. She has a doctor appointment tomorrow.
- Jodie Kelly needs our prayers because of some medical issues she is dealing with.
- Jace Stine is better from his recent upper respiratory infection but he still needs our prayers.
- **Renee Kinney** continues with treatment at Roswell for the lesions on her brain. Let's remember her and her family and let's pray for her mother Diane Mellott as well.
- Denise Garlitz's daughter's mother in law Betty now has a tumor on her lung.
- Bruce Brink's fiancée's brother, Bobby Heaps, got deployed.
- The Stine's grandson Colin was jumped recently by some other teens but is OK.
- Dan Hazlett, Pat Hazlett's stepson, is under Hospice care.
- Logan, Anna Brink's great nephew, got head butted playing soccer and was motionless for a few seconds and was taken to the hospital for overnight observation.

<u>Also</u>

- Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other problems.
- Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.
- Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.
- Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.
- Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.
- Let's pray for those who may be traveling.
- Let's pray for the work we help support in Sardinia, NY and also Rogers City, MI.
- Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.
- Let's also pray for Tim Nelsen and his family whom we are supporting as Tim goes to preaching school in July.
- Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.
- Let's give thanks to God for the Edmond, OK congregation for all the help they have given us.

<u>Upcoming Events</u> (Lord willing) (see web site for extended list)

- May 15 Today. Men's Business Meeting
- May 20 Ladies. An evening of fun and encouragement at the building. 6:30 PM.
- May 21 Men's Breakfast
- May 22 Membership Meeting after the morning worship. (To nominate men for trustees)



Scripture Reading Matt. 18:1-6

Trays Today: Jessica Alcorn

Sun. AM Adult Class - Why They Executed Jesus Sun. PM - A study of the Gospels *(Tonight John 9-12)* Wed. PM Adult Class - The Book of Job

Potter Children's Home & Family Ministries Commodities Outreach

Thanks to all who helped in this matter.

Folks from Potter will be picking up the collected items this week.

Attention Ladies

The ladies sewing group will meet Friday May 20th at 10 AM at the building. Also on Friday May 20th all ladies are invited to an evening of fun and encouragement at 6:30 PM at the building. Bring a "colorful" snack to share. See Jessica Alcorn if you have questions.

Ongoing Events

Personal care items for the vets at the V.A. Hospital in Buffalo and also non-perishable food items for Casey House on Cedar Ave. in N.F. are being collected. If you can help in this matter it is greatly appreciated.

Zambia Baby Fund - Several members are contributing to this.

<u>This Summer</u> Jul. 24-30 Camp Agape Jul 31-Aug. 6 Potter Children's Home mission trip.

