

Attendance

by Greg Gwin Colledgevue church of Christ Columbia, TN

Attendance at worship services and Bible study times has always been a problem. Faithful brethren have constantly agonized over those who didn't attend. It has been that way in every generation, including among the very first Christians. The Hebrew writer was compelled to pen these famous words:

“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.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Notice the reasons why you should attend every scheduled service:

- 1) **IT' S A COMMAND:** The NASV says: "not forsaking our own assembling together". This ought to be reason enough, but the Lord has provided plenty of additional motivation.
- 2) **YOU NEED THIS:** If you've been thinking that worship is something that God needs - **FORGET IT!** Worship is for us, not Him. The passages say that the assembly allows an opportunity to be "exhorting (encouraging) one another". Brother, you need this, and you miss out on it when you are not here.
- 3) **OTHERS NEED YOU:** As a member of the Lord's body, you are in a 'give and take' situation. Too many apparently feel that it is all 'take' - they never 'give'. But we are commanded to "consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds" (NASV). The worship services provide an excellent opportunity for doing that very thing. You can't encourage your brothers and sisters by your absence. On the other hand, brethren are seriously discouraged by low attendance.

Those who neglect the assemblies dishonor God, miss out on a great spiritual blessing, and violate the rule of brotherly love and concern. Think!

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class 10:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

La Salle
church of Christ

We Meet At

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Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Phone (716) 283-1214

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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

If you have an announcement or prayer request for the bulletin please contact Wayne Carter before noon on Friday.

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

Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

When the “blue light” is lit at the front of the auditorium before service begins it means “Quiet Please”

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 those of our number who have been, and are, dealing with Covid.

Let's pray for Bill & Kris Kinney and all our families taking care of our shut-ins.

Frank Marsden Let's pray for him as he deals with a heart issue.

Butts Sumner is recuperating from back surgery.

Ray McArthur His test results came back negative for cancer. The doctors will continue to monitor the situation.

Anna Brink Let's pray for her as she deals with cancer and other health issues.

Diane Mellott Her hip surgery went well. She is now at a rehab facility. Please see info posted in the back.

Samantha Mellott is dealing with diabetes and also a serious foot problem because of it.

Maria Swindlehurst is dealing with several medical issues.

Denise Garlitz is dealing with a very bad UTI.

Alison Parr, mother of Shawna Martinez, will be seeing a kidney specialist in July.

Sharon Wheeler Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues.

Ruth Knepp Word was received June 30th that she has been in Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and will probably be there for a while.

Sharron Gantt Let's pray that things continue to go well with her immunotherapy for bladder cancer.

Wilma Patterson Let's pray for her for health reasons.

Glen Mueller Let's continue to pray for him and his family. Let's also pray for the Sardinia church of Christ.

Jack Curnew is dealing with eye issues.

Sharon Alcorn, Jessica Alcorn's sister-in-law, has terminal brain cancer.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother) is dealing with health issues.

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

Bob Galuppo's mother in Syracuse is not eating due to severe dementia effects. Bob is Ray & Bev McArthur's brother in law and a member of Wetzel Rd. church of Christ.

Lauren (11 yr old granddaughter of Denise Garlitz) passed out at school June 13. She underwent tests and it was found to be a blood pressure problem which for the time being will be controlled by diet.

Rayford Wheeler, Richard Wheeler's uncle, fell recently and broke his hip. He had surgery June 26th.

Marie, age 93 and a neighbor of Maria Swindlehurst, is under Hospice care.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Jul. 17 Men's Business Meeting

Jul. 24-30 ~~Camp Agape~~ Canceled

Aug. 21 Men's Business Meeting

Sep. 05 Labor Day

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,347.00

Attendance Last Sunday 47

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

Mission Info Please check the *Mission Board* in the back.

Ukraine Relief:

John Kachelman, Jr. Cell (901) 626-4538 john@kachelman.com <https://kachelman.com>

For updated reports go to John's website and click on the tab for Mission Work.

Philippines: We support Caleb & Vanessa Callari doing mission work in the Philippines.

Caleb Callari's Radio Program - "Everyday Follower"

Do a search on YouTube for: Everyday Follower, School of National Evangelism Philippines



Camp Agape 2022 has been canceled.

Worship or Entertainment?

by Bob Prichard Colleevue church of Christ Columbia, TN

In our entertainment-oriented culture, many churches find themselves trying to 'out do' themselves with more and more elaborate additions to worship. What began as special music by a choir becomes a full orchestra with professional soloists. A dramatic reading necessitates a full Broadway stage production. And as long as those who come to worship enjoy what is offered, anything goes. The expectation is that sermons will be shorter, wittier, and more uplifting. Anything in worship that cannot be 'jazzed up' must be abandoned as boring - and there is nothing worse than being boring, we are led to believe.

The problem with this entertainment orientation is that the very object of worship is forgotten. God is the 'audience' in worship. Jesus told the Samaritan woman that ignorant worship was unacceptable to God, even though it may have been sincere or enjoyable. 'God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth' (John 4:24). To worship God in spirit and truth means that worship must be from the heart, not just outward acts, and that it must be done in exact obedience to God's commands. The worship must be directed to Him, not to the whims of the worshipers. God's regulations for worship as set out in the New Testament are neither boring nor out of date. They are God-centered, while entertainment is man-centered. There is nothing wrong with the worshiper enjoying worship.

God intended worship to bless His children. But when worship is merely window dressing for an entertainment performance, it cannot please God. The apostle warned, 'Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God' (2 John 1:9). Paul condemned things that 'have indeed a show of wisdom in will worship' (Colossians 2:23). 'Will worship' is that worship fashioned after man's desires.