Why Do Churches Die? by John Iverson

I have seen many churches that I believed were dead. I have seen "strong" congregations wither and die. I have never seen one die because its members attended themselves to death, nor have I seen one die because its members gave themselves to death. Neither have I ever seen one die because of the purity, faithfulness and zeal of its members.

Churches don't die because of the giving, attending, purity, faithfulness, and zeal of its members. There are many corpses of dead churches which have died because their members were filled with worldliness, unfaithfulness, and a lack of respect for God's word.

If the church is to remain alive and grow, the members must attend the services, give as they have been prospered, serve God faithfully, and keep themselves unspotted from the world.

Why Attend Bible Class?

We are commanded to study the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15).

To gain knowledge with which to teach others (Heb. 5:12).

That we may be ready to give an answer for our hope (1 Pet. 3:15).

That we may be prepared to defend the faith (Jude 15).

To feed our souls (1 Pet. 2:2).

To help us prepare for judgment (John 12:48).

To be with the Lord (Mat. 18:20).

Why would a faithful Christian not want to attend Bible Class?

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

No Sunday PM Service

Wednesday PM Bible Study 7:00 PM

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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) 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 keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.

We offer a free Bible Correspondence

Course

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Speaker
Phil Sanders
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Time Warner Cable Channel 20 Tuesday 5:30 AM Friday 4:30 PM

Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

When the "blue light" is lit at the front of the auditorium it means "Quiet Please"

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

<u>Those that attend</u>: Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Joyce Cameron, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Bev McArthur, Maria Swindlehurst, Jean Cameron, Sonny Stine, Marvis Garrett, Brenda Nelson, and Diane Mellott.

People in other places: Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Paul Stewart, Betty Leistner, Denise Garlitz' grandchildren and her son Jeff, Mary Lou, Carol's sister Holly, Frank's niece, Tony & Egla Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, Randy Marten, George Beckwith, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Brenda Baptiste, Cheryl Wheeler, Karen & Joe Costanzo, Cindy, Jeanne Johns, Emily Sestack, Levi, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Lionel Weir, Mary Lou, Gloria, Kevin & Gail Bodie, Linda Mudd, Dorothea Johnson, Tammy, Rita D, Jenna, Billie Jo Potter, Louise Kohlbacher, Debbie Curry, Jaye Boyle, Barry Mitchell, Martha, Andrew, Vanessa Lewis, and Mary, daughter of Don & Virginia Hipwell in Fenwick, ONT.

Updates:

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Marvis Garrett had an endoscopy Friday Dec. 1. Things looked normal. They now think he might be a problem with his stomach.

Diane Mellott. It was found out last Sunday Diane suffered from radiation burns from a recent treatment.

Jean Cameron was at the emergency room on Tuesday.

Anna Brink had eye surgery on Nov. 30.

Brenda Nelson finished her radiation treatments Nov. 30 and will see the doctor Wed. Dec. 13 for a checkup.

Denise Garlitz' daughter has melanoma on her ear.

Jurek family. Irene had a stroke recently. Her husband has cancer and also her son.

Cora Parson met a man on the bus recently and his family needs prayers. Chris Williams Jr., Dan Williams, and Collette Williams. Let's pray for Chris concerning his drug problem.

Martha, Brenda Nelson's friend, needs prayers concerning legal proceedings dealing with family.

Weather Related Cancellation of Services

With the possibility for inclement weather be sure to check TV station Channel 2 for any cancellation of services. If you are unable to view this channel please call someone before traveling to the building to confirm whether services are being held.

The "Phone Tree" will also be used in this situation.

Always use your own discretion when traveling in inclement weather.

The safety of our members is of utmost importance.

FYI Mark & Roger get together to make the decision and they call Ron Cameron who informs Channel 2 of the closing.

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study 2 Corinthians

Sermon Topic Today: Will God Provide?

Scripture Reading: Matt. 14:13-21

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study Galatians

Upcoming Events (Lord willing)

Dec 10 TODAY. Teachers Meeting after the morning worship.

Dec. 17 Men's Business Meeting



Thanks

Thanks to those that helped on Thursday with the mailout of House to House / Heart to Heart.



Trays Today

Sharron Gantt

Read Me



student spotlight is on Angela Kyle

Angela is the thirteen year old granddaughter of Rick and Fran Fees and sister to Laura and Kyra (she's the youngest). Angela was baptized into Christ last year after a week long mission trip to Potter Children's Home with the youth group.

Angela is an 8th grader at North Tonawanda Middle School. She really likes track and field at school and also plays the Baritone.

She loves all kinds of different foods and her favorite dog is a Shih Tzu. Angela loves holiday time – all the holidays are special to her!

Her favorite thing about attending worship at LaSalle is Bible Class. She has several favorite bible stories, but really likes the story of Noah and the ark.