

Every Excuse Works

by Mike Mazzalongo via BibleTalk.tv

When it comes to faithfulness to the assembly some reasons are valid. Illness, the demands of work, family crisis, even travel for vacation are all proper excuses for not being present on Sundays or Wednesdays.

Lately, however, it seems that for some brethren anything that passes for an excuse is reason enough to skip worship or Bible study. The top non-excuses that I've seen and heard recently:

1. "I don't feel like it."

The Bible says that the flesh and the spirit are at war with each other so that neither can always do what it "feels" like – Gal. 5:17. The body rarely feels like making time to worship God, this is its natural state and to give in to this is to lose the battle of the flesh over the spirit. If you wait until you "feel like it" you might never come to church.

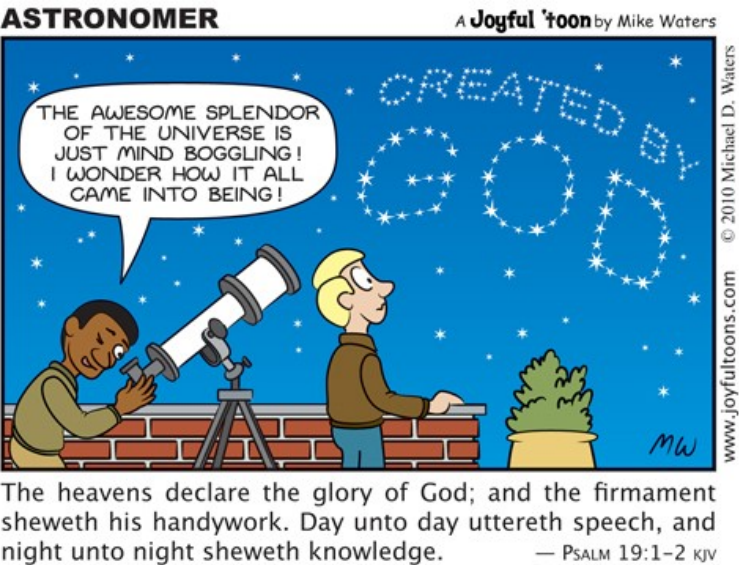
2. "I'm too tired."

This can be a legitimate excuse in this stressful world. But I've noticed that when people review their schedules they find that they're not too tired for their kids' sports or watching TV late into the evening, just too tired to go to church. Perhaps if we understood that spiritual life is a much higher priority than entertainment or hobbies we'd make time to rest so we could be fresh for worship.

3. "I'm not into...church."

The problem here is that if you're not into church then you won't be into heaven either. Rev. 21:9 tells us that the church is the "bride of the lamb", the group that will be with Christ in heaven. To reject the church is to reject Christ and His reward.

I notice that our attendance is down lately and I suspect that it's because we've allowed every excuse to become a valid excuse to be absent. We can fool ourselves and sidestep the preacher but God knows whether you should be here or not.



NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Class	9:45 AM
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.

La Salle church of Christ

We meet at
1121 N. Military Rd.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
(716) 283-1214
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Ladie's Bible Class
Tuesday - 10 AM at the building.



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.

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A Place of Worship and Healing

2016 Theme

How To

Love
Let Go
Live
Learn
Lead
Laugh

house to house
Heart to Heart
housetohouse.com

Potter Children's Home & Family Ministries
2350 Nashville Rd.
Bowling Green, KY 42101
270 843-3038
potterministries.org

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY®
Speaker Phil Sanders
www.searchtv.org
Time Warner Cable Channel 20
Tuesday 5:30 AM
Friday 4:30 PM

We offer a free Bible Correspondence Course

Friendly Reminder

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.*

Those that attend: Joe Pitts, Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Red & Goldie Crow, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Willow, Darlene Reed, Leo & Jeanne Johns, Butts & Edie Sumner, Rick & Fran Fees, Jodie Kelly, Chris Highway, Keith & Glory Marten, Bev McArthur, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Ron & Jean Cameron, Joyce Cameron, Carol Jones, Brenda Nelson, Matt Nichols, Kent Blakelock, and Sharron Gantt.

People in other places: Jennifer Walters, Renee Kinney, Diane Fritton, Tim Mellott and family, Billy Stine, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Congressman Ted Poe, Doreen Woods, Betty Leistner, James Proctor, Stephanie, Connie Stewart, Carol’s sister Holly, Frank’s niece, Sheila Donkley, Laval Baptiste, Mary Lou, Mila Roche, Tony & Egla Grana, Patrick, Susan Barrett & family, Lula Hall, Jack Openshaw, Sue Garner, Liz Holton, George Kohlbacher, and Karen Anstee.

Updates:

Sharron Gantt saw the doctor Thursday. She is coming along very well but she is still healing. She is now able to go out but has to take it easy and can’t lift anything. She has another doctor appointment in Dec. She plans to be with us today.

Carol Jones. Surgery on her right shoulder has been postponed indefinitely. Things have to get worked out with the insurance carrier. Let’s pray that things go smoothly for her in this process.

Leo Johns is doing better and hoping to be discharged tomorrow. Leo & Jeanne’s daughter Jeannette Casey left Wednesday to go back home.

Fran Fees was admitted Thursday to Mercy Hospital of Buffalo for observation for a possible heart attack. Word received Friday she is having a cardiac catheterization and will be there until at least tomorrow. She is feeling better and sounds good. She is in room 724. The hospital address is 565 Abbott Rd. Buffalo, NY.

Tony Grana. Word was received Tues. night that Tony was in the ER suffering with weakness and fatigue. He was released to go home on Thursday and is feeling much better. He will follow up with the cardiologist.

Lula Hall, Bev McArthur’s mother, is in the hospital with multiple health issues.

Mary Lou, Anna Brink’s sister, had a CAT scan Nov. 4. On Nov. 11 she had a biopsy of her lymph nodes. A surgery date has not been set yet.

Wednesday Rahelich is scheduled to go to a Boston hospital Nov. 28.

Liz Holton, Noah Bennett’s best friend’s mom, is having surgery Nov 29 for thyroid cancer.

Bob, a co-worker of Louella Hopkins, was admitted to the hospital because of health issues.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Nov. 13 **TODAY.** Men’s Business Meeting

Nov. 19 Men’s Breakfast 8:30 AM

Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 04 **Potluck** (Groups 4, 5, & 6 to setup & cleanup)

THINGS YOU WILL NEVER BE SORRY FOR

For telling the truth; For living a pure life;
For your faith in Christ; For acknowledging
your sins; For doing your best; For thinking
before acting; For hearing before judging;
For forgiving your enemies; For helping a fallen
brother; For being loyal to the church; For stand-
ing by your principles; For being courteous and
kind; For money given to the Lord's cause;
For being honest in business.

via BulletinGold

Sermon Topic Today: *How To Lead In The Church*

Scripture Reading: *Nehemiah 1:4-11*

Trays Today: *Linda Stine*

Ladies HOLIDAY PARTY

Sat. Dec. 3 11:30 AM Pane’s Restaurant
Cost: \$16.55 Must be in by Nov. 23
Please bring a new unwrapped toy for a boy or
girl in lieu of door prizes. They will be donated
to the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots.
See Sherry Carter for details and also the back
message board.

Please check the
“*Love One Another*” and “*Answered Prayers*”
boards in the back of the auditorium.



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.



MAN QUESTIONS - GOD ANSWERS *via BulletinGold*

Am I accountable to God?

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Does God know all about me?

Hebrews 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the
eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Will God punish sin?

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 ⁷ and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed
from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God,
and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ These shall be punished with ever-
lasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His

Will I perish if I don’t obey God?

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is
longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

How can I escape?

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in
Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Is He willing to save me?

1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the
world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.