

Being "On Time" For Worship

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Have you ever thought about how scrupulous people can be in the matter of punctuality in their being on time for their various commitments? If a concert is set to begin at 8:00 P.M., - they arrive in plenty of time to take their seats before that very first number begins. If they are to be dinner guests at a 6:00 P.M. affair, it is almost certain that they will leave home in ample time to make it. They would not want to insult the hostess. If employed by a company which requires them to report for work at 7:30 A.M. they get up early and make certain they "punch in" on time. These same people make arrangements to meet specific appointments with their physicians and dentists. Also if they have an appointment to discuss a business deal at a specific hour, they will be there unless it is necessary to cancel it because something very urgent comes up unexpectedly. Parties, picnics, dinners, concerts, sports, business obligations - all such affairs are attended to by most of us with all punctuality.

Have you ever noticed that Christians sometimes are not as punctual when it comes to the business of Jesus Christ? It may well be that in no other area is there such a high incidence of tardiness. That which is of the greatest importance is often handled with the least diligent effort. The common practice of all congregations is to have fixed hours of Bible study and worship on the Lord's Day and during the week. These hours of services are well-understood by all. Is it too much to expect the disciples of the Lord to do everything they can to be present before time for the services to begin? Every thinking person is well aware of the fact that unexpected things may delay anyone occasionally. The baby may suddenly become ill or need attention. A flat tire or other car trouble, a long distance telephone call, overflowing of the plumbing, coming upon an accident or traffic jam - just a host of "happen-stances" may cause people to be unavoidably detained, causing them to be late for the services. But really - is this usually the case? And especially if people find themselves being habitually late?

Surely this whole problem could be solved by each of us if we took to heart some plain Bible teaching about the attitudes we should have toward Christ and His work. Think about such passages as these: "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure." "Be ye steadfast . . . always abounding in the work of the Lord." "Set your affections on things above . . ." "Seek ye first the 'kingdom of God. . ."

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" "Lovest thou me more than these?"

It is possible for one to break the bad habit of chronic tardiness at the services of the Lord if we will just make these sentiments a vital part of our lives. (Think about it.)

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.



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

Updates:

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

Many of our members have been under the weather recently.

Rodney Jones saw the doctor on Wednesday concerning increased white blood cell count. Everything is normal.

Heather Bennett continues to recuperate from recent surgery. Let's pray for a quick recovery.

Marvis Garrett is now also dealing with gout.

Yolanda Davis' **son in law** and **daughter** are both having health issues.

Malissa Layton, Jean Cameron's cousin in GA, has been having problems with a torn retina.

Holly, Carol Jones' sister in Canada, is back in the hospital in worse shape than before.

Betty Leistner, a friend of Denise Garlitz, is not doing well at all.

Ashley, Denise Garlitz' niece, is pregnant and needs our prayers.

Martha, Brenda Nelson's friend, is not doing well at all.

Th'alise Robinson. Word was received Tuesday that Wilma Patterson's 10 year old great grand daughter was in Children's Hospital in ICU. She had a temp of 102.8, unspecified infection, elevated blood pressure throwing up, cough, abdominal and chest pains. Word received Thursday night indicates improvement but still in ICU. Let's pray for this little girl.

TOMORROW



It's time for another mailing of House to House/Heart to Heart to go out. We will be getting together tomorrow, February 12th, 10AM here at the church building to prepare the new issue for mailing. We hope to see you there!

STONE SOUP PARTY – FEBRUARY 17th, 4:30PM

Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship on Saturday, February 17th at 4:30PM here at the church building. We'll be making a pot of "STONE" soup, playing some games and then sharing a simple meal of "Stone" soup together. You are asked to bring **ONE VEGETABLE** item to add to our soup pot (i.e. one potato, one carrot, one small can of beans, one stalk of celery, one onion, etc.). We will put the soup together, play some games and fellowship while it's cooking. There is a list posted on the back bulletin board of others items to bring for the meal. We hope you'll join us for a fun night. See Audrey if you have any questions about the event.

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study 2 Corinthians

Sermon Topic Today: Truths That Will Change Your Life

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:12-16

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 2nd Samuel

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Feb. 18 Men's Business Meeting

Feb. 19 President's Day

Mar. 17 Ladies Day. Horseheads church of Christ. Please see posting.

Wednesday night class

Ron Cameron finished teaching in the book of Galatians.

This coming Wednesday night, Feb. 14th, Mark Dailey will begin the book of 2nd Samuel.

Please come and join us on Wednesday night at 7 PM.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Six Ways Satan Gains the Advantage

2 Corinthians 2:11

". . . in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes."

(Ephesians 6:11)

Whenever Christians fail to do as the Lord directs, they become vulnerable to Satan's many schemes

Our adversary realizes that a direct attack on the church usually fails, therefore he works to sidetrack and destroy the church and its members from within. How do churches become vulnerable?

- 1 When the church becomes polluted with worldliness.
- 2 When members are busy with other things than His.
- 3 When churches seek to attract people by using "glitter" rather than the Gospel.
- 4 When "thus says the Lord" is considered radical and narrow-minded.
- 5 When members fuss, fight and splinter the body over whose way prevails.
- 6 When members no longer have the spirit and attitude of Christ.

Trays Today

Linda Stine



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