

TWELVE COMPELLING REASONS FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES OF THE CHURCH

I recently saw this article directed toward the Wednesday night service.. The points apply to all services and are worthy of our consideration. Here are a few reasons for attending all services of the church.

1. In order to be with Jesus. (Matthew 18:20) You love Jesus. It is natural to desire the presence of those whom we love.
2. In order to find personal peace and satisfaction. (Phil. 4:7)
3. In order to have the scriptures opened to us. (Luke 24:45)
4. In order to receive the comfort and encouragement which is to be found in fellowship (Hebrews 10:24)
5. In order to feed and exercise our faith. (Romans 10:17)
6. In order to maintain our spiritual fervor. (Matthew 24:12) A coal of fire alone on the hearth will die; so we, by ourselves, grow cold and lifeless.
7. In order to feed our spiritual appetites. (Matthew 5:6) The Christian hungers and thirsts after righteousness.
8. In order to teach your children and grandchildren the importance of regular attendance. (Ephesians 6:4)
9. In order to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. (Matthew 6:33)
10. In order to be strengthened and comforted in prayer. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
11. In order to cast your vote for righteousness and godliness and against the closing of the church. (Matthew 12:30)

An elderly lady, dreadfully crippled with arthritis, used to hobble painfully to church on two crutches. It was an agonizing ordeal for her, and someone asked her how she managed to be at every service. Her answer was: "My heart gets there first, and my legs just follow after." Can it be that we really don't have an attendance problem so much as a heart problem?"



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A very warm welcome to each one here today. If you are visiting we are especially glad you have come and welcome you back. If you would please remain after services so we might get to welcome you in person. If you have any questions of us or would like to know more about the work here at University feel free to contact any of our elders or you may stop by or call the office during the week. Again Welcome!

We here at University on a continual basis want to follow the Lord and His teachings and be found faithful in the end as we abide in His words. Our goal as we worship here is to go back and emulate the first century church the best we can by the examples set for all of us to follow. Our purpose is seek to bring believers from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity and then take our "fellowship" or partnership in accomplishing this together. Are we doing that? Can we do better? I will compare this morning what this congregation looked like and was doing 25 years ago. This is not comparing ourselves to any other congregations or past accomplishments of this congregation or any other nor will it be a trip down memory lane. This example will be for our learning. What will this congregation look like in the next 25 years? How we answer that today effects next week, month, year and decades. It starts with all of us and what we are doing about that today. Again it starts with our fellowship and partnership which means to "share something in common." We all here share that one biggest thing in all of our lives. Jesus Christ and working together we can build up the church as it was intended as it was even some 2,000 years ago. Our text is found in Acts chapter 2.

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:

Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH:.....Eric Sharum

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....David Byrd

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:66
Morning Worship:120
Evening Worship:52
Mid-Week:51
Ladies Class:15
Contribution:\$3,929.00
Weekly Budget:\$4,084.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....Eric Sharum
Closing Prayer:Keith Parrish

Scripture:Weldon Flanagan

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Weldon Flanagan
Closing Prayer:Greg Ray

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Jerry Golson
Closing Prayer:Joshua Sharum

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If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to our web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK: Pat Doughty will have her next eye surgery this Thursday morning in Okla. City. Leroy & Pat Horn, Dorothy Isom, Kaiden Higgins & Brad McKinzie.

MEMBERSHIP: Becky Wiseman placed her membership Sunday. Becky lives at 2818 S.W. G Ave. 73505. Her phone number is 580-215-3081. Welcome Becky.

MEMBERSHIP: Mark Greenham placed his membership Sunday. His address is 2818 S.W. G Ave. 73505. His phone number is 483-2344. He has 4 boys ages 2, 5, 7 & 8. Mark is Becky Wiseman's son. Welcome Mark.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Dorothy Isom fell and hit her head. She had to have 24 stitches. Her son has moved her to his home in Cache. Her new address is 17904 S.W. Lee, Cache, Ok. 73527.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Ed Valdez
- 4 - Shirley Mueller
- 5 - Shawn McKinzie
- 12 - Janna Barrington
- 24 - Jo Ann Valdez
- 27 - Cathy Brennan
- 27 - Letha Owens

LADIES DAY - MAY 3, 2014 - 10:00 A.M -
Grandfield Church of Christ 1303 West 1st Street/ Highway 70 - **SPEAKER:** Pam West - "How Will I Be Remembered?" - Lunch will be served. Please RSVP by April 30 at 580-479-5736 or 580-305-0789

BRIDAL SHOWER honoring Kaetlyn Brennan on Saturday May 10, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sullivan Village Church of Christ 531 SE 45th Street Lawton, Ok. The couple are registered at Dillard's, Target, Wal-Mart, Kohls, and Easton.

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, Joslyn Burch, Kenneth Gregory, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Dorothy Isom, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Bobbie Mullins, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Dwaine Zacharias, Chuck Ray, Cae Sharum's Cousin, Carol, Sue Peddy's sister Mary Hood, Chris & Nicole Hall who are going through adoption proceedings.

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**AN OLD QUESTION**

Question: Can't I be a Christian without the church?

Answer: It is something like being:

- A Student who will not go to school;
- A Soldier who will not join the army;
- A Citizen who does not pay taxes or vote;
- A Salesman with no customers;
- A Businessman on a deserted island;
- A Author without readers;
- A Tuba Player without an orchestra;
- A Parent without a family;
- A Football Player without a team;
- A Politician who is a hermit;
- A Scientist who does not share his findings.
- A Bee without a hive.

"Unto him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus". Eph. 3:21.

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In Case You Missed It

Hebrews 10:19-23 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

We are coming off Easter and many lessons given about Jesus great sacrifice on the cross and all of what that means especially to our Salvation the New Testament records that when Jesus died; there was a great earthquake and the veil of the Temple was torn in two. The size of this gigantic veil is not recorded in the NT...but we read from other sources that it was roughly 60 feet long and 30 feet wide with multiple woven layers the thickness of a man's hand! It was hung on a crossbeam stone — a lintel which was over 30 feet long and weighed more than 30 tons! It was not an easy cloth to tear...Jerome, a fourth century commentator, writes concerning the tearing of the veil, that not only was the veil torn, but the great earthquake had also caused the lintel of the Temple to be broken in two. In fact, it seems that the breaking of the lintel was what caused the veil to be torn in half from top to bottom, it seems that the breaking of the lintel was what caused the veil to be torn in half from top to bottom, since the veil hung down from the lintel. In the tearing of the veil the way was prepared through the death of the Son of God for us to have access to the Holy of Holies, that place on earth which was prepared for the abiding Presence of God's Spirit, and, in earlier Temple times, actually contained His Glory. In the death of Jesus, every barrier and obstacle, even a 30 ton stone that needed to be broken — was removed, to make a way for us to have an intimate relationship with the Father! The sound of ripping cloth, the rending of a massive veil, echoes throughout history to this very day. The agony of that sound of mourning opened for us "anew and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh" [Hebrews 10:20]...so that now, at any time, we can approach our Heavenly Father with boldness and confidence in His love and acceptance. As we embrace the sacrifice of Jesus come with a clean heart in His righteousness, we may fully expect His constant intervention and blessing in our everyday lives—because the way has been permanently opened to us!