

WHEN WE MISS WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

It is common to look at the attendance figures of most congregations and find the Wednesday night attendance figures to be greatly below those for the service on Sunday morning. Sometimes the total attending on Wednesday is one-half the Sunday morning figure.

Those who cause this difference by deliberately forsaking the Wednesday evening Bible classes are sounding forth a message to God and others. Let us look at some of the things we proclaim when we forsake Wednesday night Bible study.

1) *One is saying that he does not need spiritual food.* The Bible contains the necessary ingredients for one's spiritual growth (1 Peter 2:2). Every Wednesday night, some of these spiritual delicacies are set forth for those who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Those who remain at home during this spiritual feast act as though they do not need this nutrition for their souls. At the present, these individuals may not be aware of it, but they are dying spiritually. One who doesn't eat in the physical realm will soon cease to be. This is also true in the realm of things spiritual.

2) *Those who forsake the Wednesday night services are saying with clarity there are some things more important than gathering with God's people for study and meditation upon God's Word.* Some of these "more important" things are television programs, the newspaper, housework, and the garden. Dear friends, a continuation in such a course will cause many people, even your brothers and sisters in Christ, to wonder whether you have been raised with Christ. *"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth"* (Col. 3:1-2).

3) *Those who remain at home on Wednesday nights are also stating that Bible study is boring and dull.* It is amazing that one could call something more precious than gold (Psalm 19:10), dull and boring. It is beyond comprehension that the Book containing God's mind (1 Cor. 2:9-13) could be thought of as dry and uninteresting. It is astounding that the map which will direct us to the heavenly abode with the Almighty and his Son (Matt. 7:21) can be said to be stale and humdrum. Yet, that is what those who forsake Wednesday night are saying.

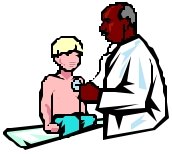
4) *Those who forsake Wednesday night are saying with certainty that obeying God's commands is not important.* Hebrews 10:25 commands that one not forsake the assembling of the saints. Those who forsake the mid-week assembly undoubtedly think this command is not important. Could they be mistaken? *"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they might have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city"* (Rev. 22:14).

We urge all those who forsake the Wednesday night gathering of the saints to change their ways. Make sure to attend in order to receive the spiritual food which is offered. There is nothing more important. Upon attending regularly, you will find that it is refreshing and enjoyable. And, you will obey the Savior in the process. See you on Wednesday night!

-Victor M. Eskew

Sick

Continue to remember in prayer:



Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz, Miriam Majors, Betty Jenkins, WJ Wood, Jonnie Charles, Jim Dorsett, E.V. Wimmer, Lynn Anderson, Peggy Paxton, Martha Keith

- Emily Richey, daughter of Bob & Wanda Martin, is experiencing problems with her pregnancy.
- Mike & David Paxton, Brothers of Bob, were in the hospital last week.

Happy Birthday this week to :

Kristie Jearls—8/2
 Gloria White—8/2
 Rebecca Durham—8/3
 Sandra Altizer—8/4
 Tammy Reed—8/7

Happy Anniversary this week to:

Fred & Sandra Altizer 8/6



AUGUST ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:

Instant sugar-free chocolate pudding and Dream Whip. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



Military

Jay Martin—Afghanistan



Upcoming Events:

Team 2—Garby—will be having a cookout at the Janney's home on August 22 at 5:30.



Teens



August Events:

Movie Night - 8/3
 Girls Nite—8/4
 TBS—8/5
 TBS—8/9
 SYD—Radford—8/10
 WOW/Youth Devo & Lunch—8/11
 TBS—8/12
 Lock In—8/14
 SYD—Lake Drive—8/15

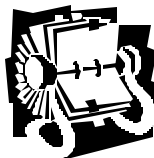
Check the Youth Board or talk to Luke for detailed information you may need about upcoming events.

WOW

The WOW Meeting will be August 11 at 10:30!

On August 15 the WOW Group will be traveling to North Carolina to Hillbilly Hideaway. For the cost of \$26 you will get transportation, dinner, and entertainment. Give your money to Don or Mitzi to reserve your seat on the bus!!!

Directory Update



Weekly Reminders

For Your Information

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

For the next two week we will be viewing the Butt/Barker Debate for evening services. We will begin services at 5:45 to allow plenty of time to view this debate. Please make every effort to be here for this broadcast!

PICTURE BOARD UPDATES

Jim Harrington will be taking pictures for the board after morning services in the fellowship hall. All new members are encouraged to be there and if you need an updated picture please be there also.

2009 SUMMER SERIES

Our annual Summer Series will feature Blake Griffith from Laurel Hill this Wednesday. Make plans to be here to hear all of the speakers that are lined up for this summer.

EDP MEETING

There will be an EDP meeting today at 4:00 in the fellowship hall.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

There will be an Italian Night Wednesday Fellowship this Wednesday at 5:45. Sign up by tonight and pay \$5 at the door!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be August 8 at 8AM at Famous Anthony's.

CPR/FIRST AID CLASS

There will be a **CPR/First Aid Certification Class** on August 15 from 9 AM to 3PM in the fellowship hall. Cost will be \$70. Contact Kim or Katelyn Brown for details. Sign up sheet on the board.

POLISHING THE PULPIT

PtP will be starting August 28. Details are on the board if you would like to attend. Some from our congregation will be going down.

Prayer list:

Marguerite Charles
Lyn Anderson
Martha Keith
Miriam Majors
Betty Jenkins
WJ Wood
Margaret Kratz
Jonnie Charles
Jim Dorsett
E.V. Wimmer
Sandra Wood
Emily Richey
Al Furrow
Peggy Paxton
Mike & David Paxton
Dave Montague

Activities:

EDP—8/2
Pictures—8/2
Teen Movies—8/3
Girls Nite—8/4
Wednesday Fellowship—8/5
Teen Devo—8/5
Men's Breakfast—8/8
TBS—8/9

Welcome Newest Addition:



Madelyn Arraya Pearl Brown arrived last Sunday weighing in at 7 lbs 10 oz. Mom and baby came home on Tuesday and Joe and Nathan are doing fine!



August 2009

“If Any Man” (13)

Announcements Bob Garby
Song Leader (AM) Charlie Gwaltney
Opening Prayer (AM)
8/2 David Brown
8/9 Wayne Dixon
8/16 Gene Benefield
8/23 Jerry Anderson
8/30 Paul Mays

Preside at Communion Squeaky Valentine
Serve Table Bob Martin Jason Oldham
Tom Rogers Ethan Rogers

Closing Prayer
8/2 Richard Simms
8/9 Mitch Jearls
8/16 Don Pettit
8/23 Eric Earnhart
8/30 Glenn Gabbard
Song Leader (PM) Sam Valentine

Opening Prayer (PM)
8/2 Luke Guard
8/9 Bradford Durham
8/16 Jim Harrington
8/23 Greg Edwards
8/30 Herb Baker
Scripture Reader Jimmy Harrington

Closing Prayer (PM)
8/2 AC Janney
8/9 Glenn Hartman
8/16 Charlie Maness
8/23 Collin Gregory
8/30 Cameron Brown

Serve Table (PM)
Mark Brooks Nathan Pelfrey

Song Leader (Wed) Garrett Durham
Prayer (Wed)
8/5 Charlie Maness
8/12 Jerry Anderson
8/19 Danny Guard
8/26 Eric Earnhart

Open/Close Bldg Tom Rogers
Greeters Laplante/Jearls

Nursery Attend Amanda Brown Sandra Altizer
Ushers Norris Gearhart Curtis Oakes
Handouts Chandler Jearls Dylan Tyler
Caleb Reed Tanner Reed

Alternates Lyn Shrader

Prepare communion
Gloria White Madolia Rosette

Cards & Pencils
Olivia & Natalie Valentine

Last weeks attendance 7/26&29/09

Bible Class—130 Worship Service—162
Sunday Eve.—126 Wednesday Eve.—163
Contribution—\$5183

The phrase “if any man” occurs some 62 times in your copy of the New Testament (KJV). Since such a phrase naturally applies to each of us, we would do well to take heed in regard to these passages. Let’s continue our study of this interesting and informative phrase.

In Galatians 1:9 Paul states, “As we said before, so say I now again, *if any man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.” Preceding this passage are these words: “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed” (Gal. 1:6-8). In this section the word “another” appears twice. However, in the original language these are two different words. The first is the word *heteron*, which means another of a different kind (thus, not actually alike at all). The second is the word *allo*, which means one just like it (thus, in essence, the same gospel). Paul declared that the Galatians were following after an imitation gospel. It wasn’t the same as the gospel they had originally received.

Many today are following man-made doctrines that claim to be the truth. However, they are “another” (*heteron*- another that is not like the original) gospel; thus, not the gospel of Christ at all. Satan is the master of both imitation and deception. He has done his evil work well in making evil to appear good in the realm of religion (just look at the vast number of different religious groups in existence in our country today). But, as Paul has stated, *if any man* follows another other than that which the Lord has given he will be held accountable by God. We must insure that the truth we believe, practice and uphold is God’s truth and not some cheap, ineffective and damnable doctrine of the devil.

-Eddy

August 2, 2009

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