

Survey Says...

Survey says “Will I grow closer to God if I attend services?”

How would you answer this week’s survey? When you woke up this morning did you think about bible study or worship? If so, how did that thought make you feel? Were you excited or did you think to yourself “I’ve got to get up and go to church this morning!” You know your answer to the question. Let’s look at the way God answers this question.

Was it important in times past for those who love God to worship Him? David said “I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.” (Ps. 122:1). Did you have the same attitude this morning when you woke up? Were you preparing your mind mentally as you drove here? Where were your thoughts during the worship hour?

Now let’s look at why we should attend services.

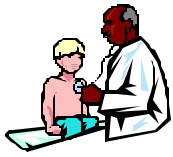
1. Because we love the Lord and the fact that He is present when we assemble. (Mt. 18:20).
2. So that we won’t grow cold. Have you ever seen a piece of coal in a grill or on the hearth bright with heat only to die when absent from the other coals. Matthew 24:12 illustrates that we will lose interest and grow cold if we absent ourselves from the services and association with others.
3. To feed our spiritual appetites. If you don’t eat physically you will eventually die. The same thing happens spiritually, either we eat or we die. (Matt. 5:6, 1 Pet. 2:1,2)

Let’s conclude this week’s lesson with a look at excuses made for not attending:

1. I am too busy. Study carefully Matthew 6:33.
2. I am too tired. Again, study carefully Matthew 6:33. Are you too tired to engage in other activities?
3. I had company. Again, study carefully Matthew 6:33. Bring your company with you.
4. I am not feeling well. Sickness is a legitimate reason. Always honestly ask and answer yourself this question “would this illness keep me from work or from engaging in my favorite pastime?” If you answer yes to this question you should attend services.

I hope that you don’t use these excuses or others like them. God wants you here and we need each other in order to keep the coal burning! Until next time...when we consider our next **Survey says** “How can I grow closer to God by using my talents?”

Sick



Continue to remember in prayer:
Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz, Lyn Anderson, Crawford & Martha Keith, Mariam Majors, Steve Harrah, Mary Reese, Buddy Martin, Bill Paul, Bert Spetzler, Betty Jenkins, Justin Hankin, Libby Pyott, Cora Akers.

Glen Hartman was to go home on Friday after his surgery.

Carolyn Mountcastle, niece of Curtis Graves, is home after her surgery.

Martha Anderson, Eddy Gilpin's aunt, will have surgery on Nov. 18.

Allen Crawford, Peggy Paxton's grandson, is suffering from epileptic seizures.

Sympathy is extended to Madolia Rosette in the death of her sister, Eura Selix.

Sympathy is also extended in the death of Sheryl Harrison, ward of Jeremy & Jessica White who died last week. In lieu of flowers you may donate to Jeremy and Jessica to assist with Sheryl's final expenses.



Happy Birthday this week to:

**Herb Baker—11/17
Shirley Baker—11/20**



How Long Do We Have?

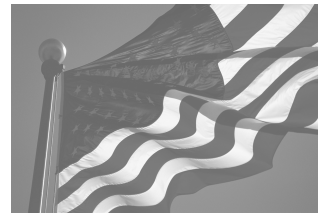
About the time our original 13 states adopted their new constitution in 1787, Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years earlier:

A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship.

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years.

During those 200 years those nations always progressed through the following sequence:

1. From bondage to spiritual faith;
2. From spiritual faith to great courage;
3. From courage to liberty;
4. From liberty to abundance;
5. From abundance to complacency;
6. From complacency to apathy;
7. From apathy to dependence;
8. From dependence back into bondage



F Y I For Your Information



Teens

November Dates

Nov. 22—Teen Service Project— **Meet at Teen Center at 9AM**

Nov. 30—Young Men conduct Evening Services

Bible Bowl Questions are available!! Mark your calendars now for March 7. We will also be having the Bidy Bible Bowl for the kids ages 5-8.

Bi-Monthly Bible Bowl Study Sessions will be held in the large classroom at 5:00 on the following Sundays: November 23; December 7 & 21; January 4 & 18; February 8 & 22. Mock Bible Bowl will be held on Feb 14 at 9 AM. Breakfast will be provided. See Jim or Charlotte Harrington for details.

INTERNET SAFETY CLASSES

Internet Safety Classes will be taught here at the building on November 18 and December 2 at 7:00 PM. Details are available in this issue of House to House and there is a sign up sheet on the board.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The November LNO will be here at West Side on Monday, November 24, at 6:30. Gloria White, Sandra Wood and Evelyn White are hosting. More details to follow.

December LNO will be on Monday, December 8. Mark your calendars!

POTTERS CHILDRENS HOME

The commodity drive is going on for Potters. WS is responsible for sugar free strawberry/banana Jello. A box is available in the foyer. They will be picking up the jello and gleaner cans during the first week in December.

EDP MEETING

December EDP Meeting will be on Sunday, December 7 at 4 PM.

WOW

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Auto-biographies being done by Richard Simms.

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, December 9, at 10:30.



NOVEMBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS: Markers & Crayons for the kids. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

MILITARY

In Iraq: Kyle Nester, Chris Coleman. If you have an address for them please give to Jo Ann ASAP!!



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Upcoming Events:



The Teams will combine and have a New Year's Eve Celebration here at the building on Wednesday, December 31, after services. Make plans now to attend and details will be coming!

New Address: Norma Biller
Removed per out privacy policy.

Please update your directory!!

"I Approve This Message"

November 2008

Announcements	Fred Altizer
Song Leader (AM)	Paul Mays
Opening Prayer (AM)	
11/2	Richard Simms
11/9	Danny Guard
11/16	Barry White
11/23	Jeremy White
11/30	Bobby Martin
Preside at Communion	Charlie Gwaltney
Serve Table	Roger Mays Herb Baker Bob Garby AC Janney
Closing Prayer	
11/2	Ethan Rogers
11/9	Tom Richardson
11/16	Greg Edwards
11/23	Adam House
11/30	Gene Benefield
Song Leader (PM)	Adam House
Opening Prayer (PM)	
11/2	Don Pettit
11/9	Charlie Maness
11/16	Glenn Gabbard
11/23	Jim Bush
11/30	Mark Brooks
Scripture Reader	Jack Cook
Closing Prayer (PM)	
11/2	Josh Whitlow
11/9	Jim Harrington
11/16	Jerry Anderson
11/23	Jeff Durham
11/30	Tom Rogers
Serve Table (PM)	Bradford Durham Ethan Rogers
Song Leader (Wed)	Jason Oldham
Prayer (Wed)	
11/5	Glenn Hartman
11/12	Jim Cook
11/19	Garrett Durham
11/26	Charlie Maness
Open/Close Bldg	Lyn Shrader
Greeters	Ed & Jean Argabright Jerry & Kay Anderson
Nursery Attend	Lori Cook Judy Durham
Ushers	Squeaky Valentine John Black
Handouts	Garrett Durham Ryan Simms Richard Simms Cameron Brown
Alternates	Lyn Shrader
Prepare communion	Wanda Martin Dorothy Mays
Cards & Pencils	Sydney Durham Khaila Mickens
Last weeks attendance 11/9&12/08	
Bible Class—161	Worship Service—182
Sunday Eve.—129	Wednesday Eve.—136
Contribution—n/a	

The statement "I approve(d) this message" is one we are all likely tired of hearing. Before 2004, commercials by political campaigns often did not identify the source of the message. With the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law, that all changed. This law requires each candidate to say he has approved the message within the ad itself. Every political ad during the recent election season, whether on television or radio, was accompanied by this statement.

The approval of a message is not unique to politics. Long before campaign ads ever existed or McCain-Feingold was ever enacted, God had placed Divine approval on His message to man. He has said in essence, "I approve this message." Phrases like "God said," and "the Lord said" appear hundreds of times in God's great book. Prophets proclaimed their message to be from God (cf. II Sam. 23:2; I Kgs. 22:14; Is. 3:16; Jer. 45:4; Amos 5:16; Mic. 6:1). New Testament writers declared their message to be from the Lord (Acts 3:18; I Pet. 1:10-12; II Pet. 1:20, 21; 3:2). Paul revealed that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God" (II Tim. 3:16). To the Galatians he stated: "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Gal. 1:11, 12). The Hebrews writer further confirmed, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds" (Heb 1:1, 2).

Messages approved by man carry little weight and hold no lasting significance. A message approved by Almighty God, however, is of tremendous import. Man would do well to heed His message and abide by His teachings. He is, after all, God; and He approved His message.

-Eddy