

Sermon Notes



Messenger

Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us. Please stop by the visitors' center so we can have a record of your attendance and answer any question for you. Allow us the opportunity to know you better.

Church Attendance

..In response to a question emailed to the elders;

Thanks for your question about church attendance. You had asked, "In a YouTube video titled "Is Church Attendance Necessary?" the gentleman in the video answered "yes" citing Hebrews 10:25 and 26. I have two questions please. Is there any reason saints can't exhort one another at home without going to church? Also, is it a sin for saints not to attend church? Thanks."

You have asked a very important question, and I will try to give you a Biblical and thoughtful answer.

Jesus promised that He would build his church in Matt. 16:18. The word "church" is the Greek word ecclesia, and its meaning is "assembly." In everyday usage in NT times it had no particular religious connotations, but was used for all kinds of assemblies for many purposes. When the church began on the first Pentecost after the resurrection (as recorded in Acts 2), Peter and the other apostles laid down the foundations of the church in the divinity and the work of Jesus and then laid out the conditions for pardon and membership in Jesus' assembly: "repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38

We notice that immediately as "God added to their number those who were being saved" (2:47), the new church began to meet regularly and enjoy a profound fellowship with God and with each other (Acts 2:43-47). History shows us that in good times and times of persecution the church continued to meet, even if it sometimes had to be in secret. Paul, for example, attended a regular meeting of the church on a Sunday when the Lord's Supper or communion was celebrated, and he preached to them (Acts 20:7ff).

Paul writes a number of instructions to Timothy, a young evangelist, about how the church should work, worship, and organize. He says that the church is the "household [or family] of God" 1 Tim. 3:15. Families united by love certainly get together, and we especially get together on Sunday to remember his death, burial, and resurrection in the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:17-33).

The problem in Hebrews was not that some Christians occasionally missed Sunday worship to go fishing, but that some were dropping out completely because of their fear of persecution. Thus, the Hebrews writer says "Do not neglect to meet together" Heb. 10:25.

Yes, it is true that Christians can and should encourage and exhort one another at home, but it is God's plan that the church (the "assembly of Christ") should meet on Sundays to worship, to remember what God has done, to celebrate the resurrection, to encourage one another, and to proclaim the Lord to the world. This is an essential part of the Christian life, and to neglect it is to neglect God's plan for His people.

If you have more questions or would like to continue this discussion, please feel free to get back to me.

By Gordon Gower

Schedule of Services

Pioneer Home Service	8:30 am
Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Ladies Class	11:00 am
(at church building)	
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm

Minister

Shepherds
Gordon Gower Morris Guest
Larry Miller

Deacons
Don Dillahunt Rick Pinney
Spencer Guest Troy Trammell

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OFFICE HOURS: M-Th 8am to noon

ATTENDANCE

Bible Class	83
Worship Assembly	111
Pioneer Home	19

FINANCES

Weekly Budget	\$4480
Weekly Contribution	\$3254

Pioneer Home Schedule

Date	Lesson	Song Leader
Sept 1	Troy Trammell	Roger Derda

September Greeters
Charlyene DeRonde

September Auditorium Cleanup
Dolores Buehler

September Communion Preparation
Deanna Hendrickson

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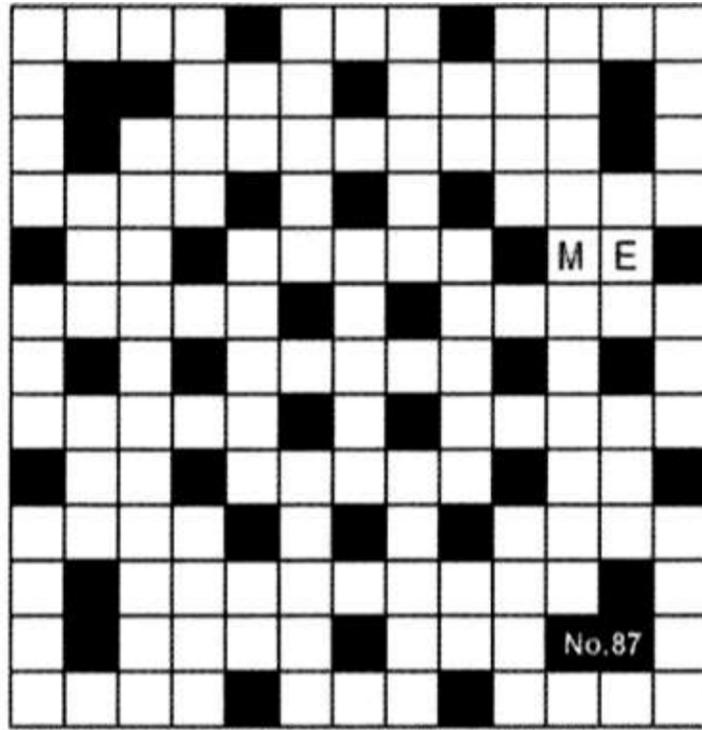
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11 LETTERS
MESOPOTAMIA
RESEMBLANCE



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Things to Know

Work Weekend-Labor Day
August 30th thru September 2nd at Copper Basin Bible Camp. All are needed.

LTC sign up
Sept. 1st after morning worship. Grades 3rd thru 12th come sign up for events for our annual Leadership Training for Christ. If you have questions see Spencer or Heidi Guest.

Ladies Fall Retreat
Sept 6th & 7th at the Copper Basin Bible Camp. Deadline for registration is August 30th.

Men's Fall Retreat
Sept 20th & 21st at the Copper Basin Bible Camp. Flyers with all the details and registration instructions on the back table.

September Duty Roster
For the men who serve, please pick up a copy of September's roster from the back table.

Calendar
September's calendar for upcoming events, birthdays and anniversaries is on the back table. Pick one up.

Yavapai Food Bank
It is that time of year to stock up the food bank with items that they run low on year round. Here is a shopping list of all the items needed.

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| <u>Canned vegetables</u> | Soups and stews |
| Com | Dried Pasta |
| Green beans | Mac 'n Cheese |
| Peas | Canned Spaghetti O's or similar |
| Mixed vegetables | Canned Ravioli & Meat or similar |
| Pork & beans or other | Spaghetti and sauce |
| | Rice |
| <u>Canned fruit</u> | Beans |
| Peaches | Cold cereals |
| Pears | Crackers (saltine & Graham crackers) |
| Apricots | Boxed Meals (tuna & hamburger helper, etc.) |
| Pineapple | Canned tuna |
| Fruit cocktail | Canned meat |
| | Peanut butter |
| Fruit juice | |

Prayer Requests

Jeff Clarke (friend of Kantu's) passed away peacefully on August 19th. Please keep his wife and family in your prayers.

Lisa Lutz (friend of Denise Derda) has been suffering for many years with various health issues. She is in the hospital and the doctors are telling her that her kidneys are injured and they are adjusting her diuretics to hopefully encourage her kidneys to work better.

Ruby Smith (friend of Sally Guest's) is in the hospital with blood clot in her lungs.

Jennifer Evers (Katherine Stewart's granddaughter) will be starting treatment for breast cancer soon. She has an aggressive type, doctors have tested her lymph nodes and they came back negative for cancer.

Autumn Cleaveland recovering after surgery on Thursday for her arm.

Ryan Nowak at Banner Medical Center in Phoenix recovering after gallbladder surgery

Baker family as they travel to AZ to begin their work with us and to find a house to live in.

Continual Prayers

Health Reasons/Treatment

- ~ **Glynn Gower** recovering from concussion
- ~ **Scott Bruhardt** for his continued treatment/healing.
- ~ **Bryson (Derda's grandson)** Heart functions to improve.
- ~ **Darlene Oreleanna** cancer treatment.
- ~ **Janice Koenig's friend** that he be open and receptive to the truth of God's word

Our Shut-ins
Marjorie Trammell

Transform My Mind

By J. Randal Matheny --- believingprayer.com

O God, transform my mind,
Give power to leave behind
All worldly ways and timid days,
Be to your will aligned.

Create your life in me,
The Spirit's full degree
With joy untamed and hope ordained —
Of earthly suffering free.

Perfection my desire,
Your holiness my fire —
The Savior's zeal my close ideal
To move me higher and higher.

