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#### Service Times

##### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.  
Sonshiners: 4:45pm

##### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

##### Preacher:

Russ Earl

##### AM Sermon:

Chuck Northrop

##### PM Sermon

Paul Praschnik

##### Sunday AM Bible Class:

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##### Wednesday Bible Class:

Facing Challenges – R. Earl

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on Saturday @ 7:30am on Channel 53

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## The Oologah Informer

### January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### **ARE YOU A HITCH-HIKER ON THE CHURCH ROLL?**

By Jesse Dickison

To every motorist who drives the nation's roads, the figure by the side of the road with his hand upraised and his thumb pointing the direction he wants to go, is a familiar sight. His name is “hitchhiker,” and his number is legion. There are doubtless many exceptions, but the behavior of most of them indicates a beggarly philosophy of life.

Consider: He wants a free ride. He assumes no responsibility for the funds needed to purchase the car, the gas to run it, the policy to insure it or the cost of maintenance. He expects a comfortable ride and adequate safety. He thinks nothing of requesting that he be taken to a specific place even though it entails increased mileage or inconvenience to his host.

There is a situation even worse. Consider the person who demands all the privileges of the church without feeling the slightest responsibility in service, time or money. And if he does not get all he thinks is his by natural right, he is usually most demanding and critical. He, too, is looking for a “free ride.” And his number, too, is legion.

It is not enough to “lean toward the Lord,” it is whether we bend ourselves to His will and work that counts. “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 7:21).

While it is true that many people “lean toward the Lord,” it is also true that they will have to do more than “lean” to be saved. The chief problem today are those on the inside leaning out--they lean toward the world. Then, too, there are some who just lean on others. When there is giving to be done, they lean on the support of others, refusing to bear their own burdens. When their “favorite” sin is touched, they lean aside and let the lesson pass on to the other fellow. One preacher said that the fact that there are so many leaning is what makes churches topple over and fall. Either we are bearing our share of the load or we are resting our burdens on others. Which are you--a leaner or a worker? If you aren't a worker, you're a leaner. The Lord said, “He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much: and he that is unrighteous in a very little is unrighteous also in much” (Luke 16:10). “To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (Jas. 4:17).

What can the church do about it? Little, probably, expect possess our souls in patience and pray that God will open a person's eyes to see the wealth of good things he is missing by being a “taker” instead of a “giver.” Think about it.