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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:

The Effect of Repentance
(2 Chronicles 14:1-7)

PM Sermon

Lessons from Psalms

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Paul Praschnik

Wednesday Bible Class:

James 3 - Chuck Northrop

In SEARCH of the Lord’s Way

On Channel 6-2 Sundays @ 7:30 am

The Gospel of Christ TV Program

on Saturday @ 7:30am on Channel 53

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Thoughts from the Preacher

“Member”

It’s not possible to be a member at
at a place you do not attend.

Next Year I’ll Begin...

By Jack Williams

It’s hard to believe but we have only a couple of weeks left in this year. When this time rolls around we begin to hear (or make ourself) various commitments. These can deal with diets, work habits, exercise, or a myriad of other subjects. Sometimes it deals with more serious matters, matters of eternal consequence as they deal with our relationship with God. One of those is attendance. We may have begun this year “with a bang” and attended and participated in services and other activities with zeal. But as time went on maybe our involvement and attendance began to wane. We’ve all seen it happen many times – perhaps we have experienced it ourselves. It’s always easy to justify ourselves with various excuses. And while there are some valid reasons that one cannot have the involvement and attendance they once had and desire, there are MANY excuses that are just that – excuses. We don’t use them in other matters that we want to be involved in.

Why not in the days before us (don’t even wait till the New Year!) make the decision to return to or begin attendance and activity in the Lord’s church that will glorify God (1 Corinthians 10:31), benefit self and others (Hebrews 10:23-25) and exemplify that we are truly seeking first His kingdom (Matthew 6:33)? Sometimes we fail to realize the value of being with others as we involve ourselves in this. We fail to realize the “cause and effect” of being involved and attending that can either aid us in being zealous or allow us to lose the zeal we should have. The article below has long been distributed in many bulletins and sermons – the original source is not known. But it graphically illustrates the value of “one another” in attendance and involvement (Hebrews 10:23-25).

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The preacher found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for his preacher’s visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a big chair near the fireplace and waited. The preacher made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning

ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet fascination.

As the one lone ember's flame diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and "dead as a doornail."

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting.

Just before the preacher was ready to leave, he picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

Did you see the lesson? More importantly did you see yourself? Each of us should realize that as we involve ourselves in the attendance and involvement of the church we are "stoking the fire" within us. We should also each realize how important each of us is to one another. This world is cold and dark place filled with sin. Each of us has such great value to keep the body as a whole shining forth with the warmth of God in our lives ... IF we determine to become and remain part of the body as we should.