

# The Oologah Informer

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### Service Times

#### **Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

#### **Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

### Preacher:

Russ Earl

### AM Sermon:

Sermon Series: The Sermon on the Mount – Lesson 3  
**Matthew 5:8-10**

### PM Sermon:

Let the Bible Speak!  
**John 12:48-49**

### Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Joshua – D. Jackson

### Wednesday Bible Class:

When Christians Sin - Swearingen

### In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47  
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

### **Get Focused**

From the Preacher's PC

Do we have selective hearing or seeing? Sure, we all do. Every second, our brain is bombarded with sensory data from all five senses. You sit down and in just a few moments stop consciously focusing on the feel of the chair. There are all kinds of sounds that you may focus, but in a few moments you may not even hear them. Our brains would go crazy if they had to process every piece of data that our bodies sensed. We think we are seeing everything, but we are all being selective all the time. This Sunday in worship you will probably notice who is not here or who is sitting in a different spot.

When something perks our interest, though, we give it special attention. For example, you get interested in a certain car, and all of a sudden you notice them everywhere. They were there before, but you never noticed them.

The part of the brain that filters all this information is called the Reticular Activating System. It is continually at work, even though we never think about it. We need to be aware our spiritual Reticular Activating System. The goal for all of us, if we are followers of Jesus Christ, is to see the same things that He sees and be interested in and focus on what He focused on. We want to notice what is important to Him. Being unconsciously selective in our spiritual thinking can cause us to ignore and overlook some really important issues. I encourage you to read the Gospel accounts very carefully and focus on what Jesus focused on. Get focused on the things of Christ.

### **Why Do We Worship on the First Day of the Week Instead Of the Sabbath? By Whom Was the Change Made? Johnny Ramsey**

First of all, we worship on the first day of the week because of the fact that we follow the example of the early Christians. In Acts 20:7, we read that the disciples came together on the first day of the week to break bread. Two quibbles are made by Sabbatarians on this plain verse of Scripture. First of all, they labor to prove that it wasn't the first day of the week. However, after all arguments are in, the text still says the first day of the week - not the seventh! W. E. Vine, a world-renowned scholar, in his Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words tells us that the original language of Acts 20:7, from Greek, means: "the first day after the Sabbath." (Vol. 3, page 138). In another reference on the same point the imminent Greek professor says: "For the first three centuries of the Christian era, the first day of the week was never confounded with the Sabbath; the confusion of the Jewish and Christian institutions was due to declension from apostolic teaching." (Vol. 3, page 312).

Secondly, we worship in a public way on the first day of the week because, in a very peculiar, possessive way, it belongs to the Lord. In Revelation 1:10, we read where John said he was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. The Greek word here in its root form is "Kurios" which denotes ownership by the Master. The adjective form "Kuriakos" signifies pertaining to a lord or master. In the New Testament it is used only of Christ. For instance, in I Corinthians 11:20 we find the same word where Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, refers to "the supper of the Lord" or as the King James translation states, "the Lord's supper." Just as the Supper belongs peculiarly to Christ, so does the first day of the week. Why? It was on this day that He arose from the dead. Mark 16:9 states: "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week." The Lord's church was established on the first day of the week, because it was the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2) and Leviticus 23:15 proves that Pentecost always fell on the first day — not the seventh — of the week.

Thirdly, we meet together to remember the Lord's sacrifice for us and do His bidding in regard to assembly worship on the first day of the week, because there is absolutely no command for Christians to meet on any other day for divine worship. The Sabbath was never binding on the New Testament church. Children of God should be of a worshipful nature each day of the year, but to bind the seventh day as a day authorized by Jehovah for us today as a day of public worship is a misnomer. To go back to the Old Covenant is to foolishly accept a shadow when we can be partakers of the substance (Hebrews 10:1). To go back to Moses and the law God gave through him (Nehemiah 8:1) is to ignore the fact that Christ died to abolish that which separated Jew and Greek (Ephesians 2:11-16; 2 Corinthians 3:7-17). It is folly to abide by such a system of bondage (Galatians 4:24, 5:1) when we should be enjoying freedom in Christ's perfect law (Galatians 5:1, 5:13; James 1:25). Such a procedure causes one to nullify the grace of God toward himself (Galatians 2:21, 5:4).

Who changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday? Not the Roman Pontiff; not Constantine — but Jesus Christ — by his death upon the cross (Colossians 2:14). The Lord's inspired ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20) verified this Truth! (Acts 20:7)