

Munfordville Church of Christ

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Psalm 122:1, “*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.*”

When this Psalm was penned, the writer was glad when he was told, “Let us go into the house of the LORD.” Do we feel that excitement and anticipation as worship time draws near. Or do we begrudgingly get ready and it’s a chore for us to make it to services?

We only have three worship services per week for a total of about four hours. We meet twice upon the LORD’s day—about two hours in the morning and about an hour in the evening. We have a Wednesday evening Bible study that lasts a little under an hour. Each of our services rarely go to the top of the hour.

Our total time at services each week is between 3½ to 4 hours. That’s not very much out of each week to spend in our worship services. Consider how much time we spend at school or a work. Our time in worship service is only about 1/10 of that time.

Worship service should just be part of your life. It never needs to be, “If I have time” or “If it works out.” It needs to be planned for the

rest of our lives. Those who attend regularly know what they will be doing on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night the rest of their lives.

We are to worship upon the first day of the week. The Bible by example and commandment tells us not to forsake the assembly. Hebrews 10:25, “*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*”

Wednesday night is really a tradition of the past few decades. But, I feel that if the congregation is meeting, I need to be here. I want to be here. Even when we travel and are worshiping elsewhere, I can’t help but wonder what is happening at worship services back home. I miss being here. This is my spiritual family and friends, and I want to be with them every time we come together.

We need to treat the worship services better than we do school or work or any other activity. We need to be at all the services. We should always strive to be on time. We need to plan for services by having our lessons studied, our contribution written out and prepared, cell phones on silent, etc. Never approach services haphazardly or as an afterthought.

We also need to worship in sincerity and truth. John 4:24, “*God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.*” To worship in Spirit is with the right heart and mind and our very souls right with God. To worship in truth is to do so as the LORD has commanded us to worship. I truly believe we are worshiping in truth as the Bible instructs us to do. Do we always worship in Spirit? That is something we must individually answer.

We call the first day of the week, our day of worship, “Sunday.” In Revelation 1:22 John writes, “*I was in the Spirit on the LORD’s day.*” This no doubt refers to the day of worship the LORD has set aside for Himself.

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, Ellie Riffle, Linda Terry, Ken & Erin Davis, Larry Compton and Clay Bozarth.**

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Do we truly treat the first day of the week as the LORD's day? Or do we treat it as just another day or perhaps a day of rest and relaxation? Perhaps we might go to worship. Many think of the weekend as Saturday and Sunday, but Sunday is the beginning of the week. It's fitting that the LORD has set aside this day for Himself. The LORD needs to be first in everything we do, and we should begin the week in worship to Him.

Under the old law, the seventh day was set aside as the day consecrated to the LORD. It was a day of rest. There were many restrictions placed upon what those under the Old Testament could do. They could do no basic work, gather crops, travel long distances, etc.

We do not have these restrictions today. But we still need to make sure the LORD comes first. The freedom we have on the LORD's day should never interfere with our worship. Worshiping of the LORD should always be first and foremost. It is indeed the LORD's day.

I love our worship services and time together. We not only are with one another, but we are worshiping the LORD and the only God. He created us and wants us to live eternally with Him in Heaven. He is indeed worthy of our worship. Are we truly glad when we go into the house of the LORD?

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, May 14, 2023		
Classes	19	Mark 9:1-27
Preaching	31	Matthew 12:46-47
Contribution	\$998.00	
Evening	14	Micah 1:1-16
Wednesday, May 17, 2023		
Classes	14	II Thessalonians 3:1-18

Visitors—
May 14 (AM) Adam Huff (Glasgow, KY)
May 17 (Wed) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

What will be molten under the LORD?

Last Week's Answer—The old paths (Jeremiah 6:16)

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Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

—Psalm 92:13

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)