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You certainly are familiar with the age-old discussion as to whether a glass is half empty or half full. Some say one is a pessimist if stating the glass is half empty and an optimist if seeing the glass as half full. It really does not matter what your perspective is, but one thing is certain, when the building is either half empty or half full during a worship service, it indicates half-hearted attitudes.



No doubt we all have busy schedules with jobs, families, and all the other responsibilities of life, but the Lord must come first. We need to be at the worship services. The Lord said in Matthew 6:33, *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness. . .”* Hebrews 10:25 says, *“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.”*

Granted, there will be times when one may not be able to attend due to an illness, a death in the family, or some other occurrence, but that is certainly the exception and not the rule. How many Christians do you know of who have not missed a service in years— maybe

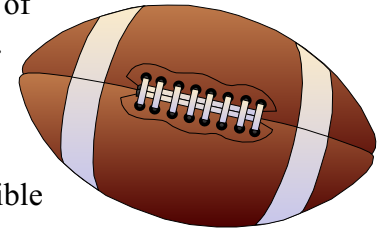
even decades? Are they any different from anyone else? Don't they ever get sick? The difference is in their attitude and determination. They get sick, but they press on when the illness is minor or they simply don't feel good. Other things happen, but the worship services come first.

Do we really enjoy and anticipate the worship service or is it drudgery to attend? Can we say with all sincerity the words of Psalm 122:1, *“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.”*

—Marty Edwards ❖

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September is here. Local schools, colleges, and the professional teams are engaged in one of America's most popular sports. Consider the following football terms as they relate to some people:



Half-Time— The break between Bible classes and the preaching portion.

Blitz— The rush for the door after the closing prayer.

Sudden Death— When the preacher goes five minutes over his normal time.

Back-Field Motion— Those in the back moving and talking during the sermon.

Huddle— The little groups we gather in following services that prevent us from greeting visitors.

Personal Foul— When the preacher says anything to offend me.

Clipping— Tearing down a person when their back is turned.

Time-Out— Leaving unnecessarily during the services.

2-Minute Warning— When the preacher begins his invitation signaling everyone to grab their song books.

Half Back— The number of people to return on Sunday evening.

Quarterback— The number of people to return on Wednesday evening.

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins and Jean Coffey. Sandy Duncan** is recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.

—**Larry Compton** has a new grandson. **Benton Garland Green** was born to **David & Sonya Green** in Nashville this past Friday, August 30, at 2:30 p.m. He weighed 8lb. 9oz. and was 19 ½” long. Sonya is Larry’s daughter.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Kerry & Vicki McDaniel — September 5
Mylaka Quigley — September 11
Mark Quigley — September 24
Vicki McDaniel — September 27

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This past Wednesday a large limb fell off a tree in our yard. It was a major portion of the tree and just simply came loose. There was no storm or wind at the time. In only about a day, one could quickly see the effects of being separated from the whole tree as leaves began to wither and the entire limb began to die. Even though there was still some connection to the main tree, it was not enough. It was dying and would not be able to survive

So many in the Church let this happen. They separate themselves from the body of the LORD by non-attendance, unfaithfulness, etc. They maintain some connection, but, it’s not enough. They are withering and dying spiritually, and for many, they will never return.

Unlike the tree limb, there is hope when we repent and return to the LORD that we can once again become an active and living part of the body of Christ.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, August 25, 2013		
Classes	16	Acts 9:1-19
Preaching	24	I Peter 1
Contribution	\$378.50	
Evening	19	Job 8:1-22
Wednesday, August 28, 2013		
Classes	17	I Samuel 13:1-23

Visitors— Aug 25 (PM) Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

The flag cannot grow without what?

Last Week’s Answer— Gaza, which is desert (Acts 8:26)

—This Sunday marks 21 years that Ruby and I have been with the Munfordville congregation. I started preaching here the first Sunday in September, 1992.

—Tonight will be our first-Sunday singing.

—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)