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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

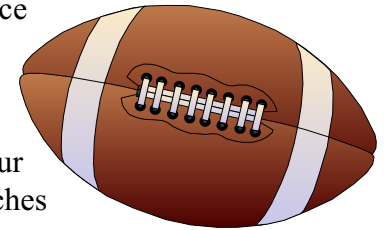
even decades? Are they any different from anyone else? Don't they ever get sick? The difference is in their attitude and determination. They get sick, but they press on when the illness is minor or they simply don't feel good. Other things happen, but the worship services come first.

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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I attended my first University of Tennessee football game. It was great! Being a student of human nature and psychology, I learned several things at the game— basically, how we can boost our worship service attendance. Here is what I have come up with:



1. We're going to replace our cushioned pews with steel benches and remove the backs.
2. We're going to make people sit very close to each other— especially close to those we don't know.
3. We're going to let those who smoke sit in front of those that don't and blow smoke back in their faces.
4. We're going to take the top off the building. There must be something about having a top on the building that keeps people from coming.
5. We're going to have someone holler real loud into the loud speaker. I guess that will be me, since I'm the preacher.
6. Oh yeah, one last thing— we're going to make everyone pay \$20 to get in— even before they know the outcome. ❖

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Allen Terry, Audrey Terry, Jean Coffey, Vicki McDaniel** and **Shirley Edwards. Mylaka Quigley** had a head injury in soccer and is having some headaches and blurred vision. Keep her in prayer.

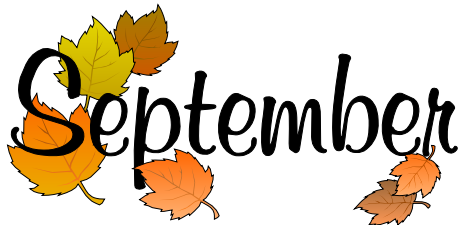
—The daughter of Carolyn Bowers, **Pam Crispin**, had been visiting with us some but had to return to New Mexico early. They found her 27-year old step-son deceased. Keep them in thought and prayer.

—We are glad to have **Breanna** and **Lillian Riffle** back living here. They have been living in New Mexico where **Allen** is stationed with the Army. He is expected to move back later this month.

—This Sunday marks 20 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.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Sunday, August 26, 2012		
Classes	21	John 6:48-65
Preaching	28	II Timothy 3
Contribution	\$513.00	
Evening	22	Revelation 17:1-18
Wednesday, August 29, 2012		
Classes	26	Joshua 11:1-23

Visitors—
 Aug 26 (AM) Pam Crispin (Farmington, NM)
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 Aug 29 (Wed) Madison Gaddie (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

John saw an evil woman sitting upon what?

Last Week's Answer— The sun (Revelation 16:8)

—Yesterday I finished reading and recording the New Testament and only lack 311 chapters finishing the entire Bible. If all goes well, I should finish by April or May at the latest. These recordings of the Bible are posted on our web site for all to use. —Marty

—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)