
The Messenger



"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15

**A Weekly Publication of the Christians Meeting at
Westlake church of Christ, 2291 Highway Z, Wentzville, Missouri 63385**

Website: westlakechurchofchrist.org

Sunday: AM Bible Study – 9:30 a.m., AM Worship – 10:30 a.m., PM Worship – 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday: PM Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Dedicated to the Proclamation of the Truth in the Spirit of Love (Ephesians 4:15)

Volume 15, Issue 23

Evangelist and Editor:

Dempsey Collins

July 6, 2014

Listen to PROVE ALL THINGS on 730 AM WKRE, Sunday mornings from 8:15 to 8:30.

“Dear God”

Dear God:

I am sorry You made Sunday when You did. You see it is like this. We could attend church much more regularly if Your Day came some other time. You have chosen a day that comes at the end of a hard week and we are all tired out. Not only that, but it is the day following Saturday night.

Saturday evening, You know, is one time we feel we should enjoy ourselves, so we go to the movies or a party; and often it is after midnight when we reach home. It is almost impossible to get up on Sunday morning. You picked the very day we want to sleep in and it makes it mighty hard to get the children off to Bible study, especially when they have it so early. Then there are the dishes to wash, and our place is always a mess on the weekends.

You know it's strange, but it seems that when relatives visit, they always come on Sunday. Well, You know God, I couldn't show disrespect to my own kin. Then too, Sunday is the day of our biggest dinner and the hour of worship seems to come right during the cooking.

You know God, I must think of Tom. He is cooped up in that old office all week. Sunday morning is about the only morning that he can tinker with the car and mow the lawn. When he gets into his old clothes and his hands are greasy, You could hardly expect him to get ready for church.

I am telling You these things, dear God, mainly because I wanted You to know my point of view. It is really not our fault that we are not there for church on Sundays. We would really like to go and all of us know that we need to be there. If You just hadn't picked the wrong day, Lord. I just can't understand why You picked Sunday.

You say Grandpa and Grandma used to always make it? Well, it's just different now. You see back then there wasn't much to do besides go to church. Well, we've come a long way Lord.

If ever You select another day that's more convenient, please let us know. We really would like to be there. See You sometime.

Did you know that those who attend every Bible study have as many children as others, work just as hard, are just as tired and have as many friends and social obligations as those who do not attend? Do we truly love the Lord and hunger for His word?

Influence and Assembling

by Dempsey Collins

Influence – “The power of effecting others” (Webster’s). “*Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven*” (Matthew 5:16).

Assembling – “Meeting together with other Christians of like precious faith for the purpose of worship and edification.” “*... not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near*” (Hebrews 10:25).

What kind of effect do you think the following brethren have on their fellow Christians and neighbors in regard to assembling:

1. Brother and sister “seldom come.”
2. Brother and sister “we come on special days only.”
3. Brother and sister “present in body only.”
4. Brother and sister “here I am so make it good!”
5. Brother and sister “Sunday morning only, unless we don’t feel like coming, or company comes.”
6. Brother and sister “What’s the least I can do and get by?”
7. Brother and sister “complain a lot but do little to help.”
8. Brother and sister “come unless we want to be with family.”
9. Brother and sister “come unless I am tired.”

Do you know any of these brethren? If so, do them an eternal favor and tell them there is no reward from God for putting the kingdom of God second or third in their hearts and lives [“*But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you*” (Matthew 6:33).]

You might also mention that there are grave consequences for having a bad influence on others: “*... but whosoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea*” (Matthew 18:6).

News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

“*...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*”
- James 5:16