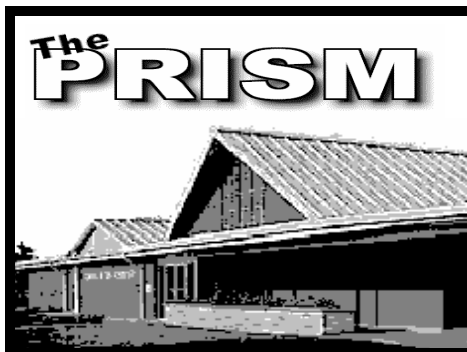




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What's Happened To The Lord's Day?

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

A little girl, when asked why we now worship on Sunday instead of the Sabbath Day, as the Jews did in the Old Testament, answered, "Because there aren't as many good cartoons on Sunday as there are on Saturday."

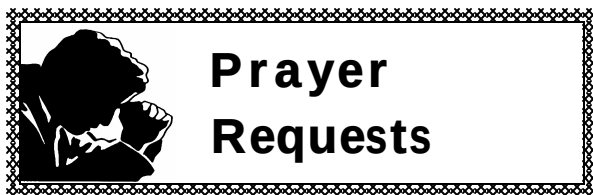
This pretty well describes the attitude many have toward worship. It seems that worship is something we try to tuck into those odd hours when there is nothing else to do. If anything should come up on Sunday which we would like to do instead of worshipping God, God is just crowded out again as we forsake His worship. This idea is so prevalent that I read of one church that started conducting their worship services on Thursday night so the "week-ending church members" could "conveniently" work in worship and then on the weekend they could be "free" to do what they wanted to do.

This has caused someone to ask, "What has happened to the Lord's Day?" It has become Mother's Day, Father's Day, Dad's birthday, Aunt Susie's birthday, and anybody else's birthday, whether it came last Wednesday or will be next Thursday. The Lord's Day is used for Reunion Day, or just as another holiday. It is used as the Kid's Day, Dog Show Day, Cat Show Day, Hot Rod Day, Go Kart Racing Day, Tour The Country Day. Put them all together with the Sunday that is Sports Day, Camping Day, Picnic Day, Rainy Day, Cold Day, Hot Day, or the day I rest day and there aren't too many left for the Lord's Day.

We need not be surprised when God, Christ and the Lord's Work just don't seem to mean much to us any more. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God," are the words of King Jesus and they are found in Matthew 6:33. Perhaps we ought to try it and see what would happen to our lives.

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For the millions affected by the tsunami
For our national leaders and world leaders
 as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the lost in our families and community.

For the ban on partial birth abortion to stand as law.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For Tim and Jennifer in the adoption process and the health of **Zoe Mei**.

Don Lemon as he begins his radiation therapy.

Paulina Hilt (Darriah Kelly's mother) is suffering with advanced cancer.

Praise Report: Arlene Knore was scheduled to go home on Saturday. She has done extremely well.

Kathy Horsely (friend of Mary Williams) is having a bad spell with MS.

David Smith (12 year old with rare form of liver cancer in the Dayton Children's Medical Center). The parents request prayer for healing. On Tuesday he took a turn for the worse. Please pray for this little boy and his parents. More information is posted on the bulletin board.

John Piccone (Lisa Hoskins 43 year old brother in London, Ohio) was originally diagnosed with a blood clot in his lung, but it turned out to be an extreme case of pneumonia. He is home now.

Penny Ball was in Columbus on Thursday for an MRI or her hip and leg.

Owen Minor (newborn son to Holly & David Minor in Columbia, SC—Holly is Shaun and Aaron McCray's sister) is having problems with low blood sugar and jaundice and has been in NICU since his birth last Sunday.

Praise Report: Sam Miller has been offered a fulltime job (Crew Chief) with benefits from the Ohio Air National Guard at Rickenbacker. Praise the Lord and thank you to those who were praying about this.

Bible Study Text

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
2/6 Mt 22:15-23:37	2/9 Gen 25-26
2/13 Mk 12:41-44	2/16 Gen 27
Jn 12:21-50	
2/20 Mt 24:1-51	2/23 Gen 28
2/27 Mt 26:17-30	
Mk 14:12-26	
Lk 22:1-38	
Jn 13-17	

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 2/13 Scout Sunday
- 2/18-20 Winterfest in Gatlinburg
- 2/20-3/20 Sunday PM Home Groups
- 2/25 Youth Worker Appreciation Dinner
- 4/22-24 Youth Rally at Fort Hill Camp

Sunday PM Services

We have a special Superbowl Sunday sermon this evening, "Super Bowls From God." Set your VCR to record the first part of the game. You should be back home by halftime. Promise. Steve.

Scheduled Speaker Sick

We all expected to have Willard Tate speaking for us today; however, due to a bad case of the flu he was unable to make the trip. We appreciate Jon Coriell for filling in at the last minute for us today.

Teen Devo

At Terry and Debbie's house, 6:30 pm, Tuesday.

Sunday PM Home Groups

February 20, 2005 we will begin our next round of Sunday PM Home Groups. We'll be using video material by Willard Tate—How to Get What You Want and Want What You Get. Tate's ten to fifteen minute presentations will serve as the discussion starter for the sessions. Be thinking now about whom you could invite to come with you to these groups. **Right now, we need one more home to host a group.**

See Steve today if you are willing and able to do this. Home groups will run from 2/20 through 3/20, 5 Sunday evenings in all.

- **Sign-Ups Begin**

Today, we have pads laid out on the table in the foyer for you to sign up for your home group. We need three more host homes for the groups. Also, please note the invitation cards that have been prepared to invite non-Sunshine people into the groups. Take all you need.

- **Co-Leaders Needed**

Men, if you are willing to help lead one of our home groups, sign the sheet on the table in the foyer.

Meals on Wheels

Sunshine church has received a thank you for our part in the Meals on Wheels program (posted on bulletin board). At present we need four people that can deliver meals between 10 am and noon on four different Wednesday's in the near future. The dates are February 9, March 9, April 6 and May 4. **f** you are willing and available, let Eugene Risner know.

Impact Deadline

The absolute last day to sign up for Junior or Senior Impact is Sunday, February 13. Junior Impact is June 17-20 and Senior Impact is June 20-25. See Terry Sullivan for details and costs.

Health Ministry Team Meeting

Monday, February 21, 6 pm, the Health Ministry Team will be having a meeting here at the building. See Aaron Kallner for details.

Youth Worker Appreciation Dinner

An appreciation dinner for everyone that helped with youth activities in 2004 is scheduled for Friday, February 25, at 6 pm here at the building. If you did ANYTHING to help with youth activities, you are invited. Anything means driving, hosting a devo, clean up, cooking, providing cookies, etc. Please come so the kids can say "Thank You."

Adoption Fundraiser

Examples of sweatshirt designs available to help raise funds for Tim and Jennifer to adopt their bundle of joy from China are on the table in the foyer. See Jennifer or Patsy if you have any questions.

Who's in Charge Here?

Most people recognize the need for authority in our lives. That's why we have policemen, sheriffs, and government in general. Laws keep things orderly so we may live peaceably and harmoniously.

The same is true in religion. There is a recognizable need for authority in matters pertaining to what God would have us to do. Christ said in Matthew 28:18, "All authority has been given to me in Heaven and on earth." Christ is the one who is in charge. All authority is inclusive of everything regarding our religious practices.

Men have often thought of ways they think are better than the ones Christ gave. They have added many things to worship that are not found in God's word, the New Testament. Furthermore, some even set themselves up as "Christ's vicar on earth." There must be one standard, otherwise there is chaos, and this is what we see in the religious world around us. The prophet Isaiah said of God's authority, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts higher than your thoughts," (Isaiah 55:9)

God is in charge. He has set down the rules for how he wants to be worshipped and served. It is not man's place to add or take away from God's plan.

**Jason Stringer
Waco, TX**

Those Who Serve

<u>Sunday Morning</u> Bible Class Text Welcome & Prayer Song Director Scripture Reading Prayer Lord's Supper - Wine Bread Assist Assist Assist Assist Message Closing Prayer	<u>February 6</u> Mt 22:15-23:37 Wayne Gampp Ralph Gampp Matt Hoskins Gary Glispie Dewey Cordle Jamie Riley Price Gammon Terry Royster Jack Jennings Jerry Gampp Jon Coriell Shawn Gragg	<u>February 13</u> Mk 12:41-44, Jn 12:21-50 Tom Kelley Taylor Hoskins Al Graff Jamie Riley Terry Sullivan Shaun McCray Ira Coriell Kevin Stimpert David Graff Troy Gahm Steve Miller Josh Coriell
<u>Sunday Evening</u> Song Director Opening Prayer Lord's Supper Closing Prayer	Gabe Coriell Jon Coriell Jacob Miller Matt Cram	Mark Gampp Wayne Gampp Matt Hoskins Aaron Franke
<u>Wednesday Evening</u> Song Director Prayer Bible Class Text	Bud Coriell Mike Coriell Genesis 25 & 26	Zach Coriell Tim Gampp Gen 27

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Eve.Worship - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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