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The Problem With Church

I wrote this on a Saturday night while trying to think of an excuse for not going to church the next morning. I don't like church. And I've finally figured out why. There are people there! They mess up my intimacy with God. They arrive late, leave early, don't turn off their cell phones, sing off key, can't seem to keep their babies quiet, talk during the music, and pretty much ruin the entire worship experience for me.

I'm pretty sure I could have a better encounter with God if I stayed home and met one on one with the Almighty. I've heard that many people – good, solid, Bible-believing, evangelical Christians – are quitting church. And I sympathize with them increasingly Sunday by Sunday.

There are other reasons I don't like going to church. They do a lot of things there that just don't pertain to me. They make announcements about senior citizens' activities. (*I'm too young for that*). They recruit for people to work in the nursery. (*Thank God I'm past that stage of life*). They give reports about the youth ministry. (*I've already put in years of those activities*). And they give updates about missionaries in parts of the world I just don't care that much about. (*Can't they do that some time other than Sunday morning?*)

In other words, church doesn't meet my needs and it doesn't center around me.

And that's exactly why I go.

More than just about anything else in the world, I need regular (*weekly is far from adequate*) reminders that the world does NOT revolve around me. The more painful and bothersome the reminder, the more likely it is to unglue me from my self-absorbed worship of me. All week long I can get away with self-concern. I make my own schedule, plan my own priorities, say yes to what I want and no to what I don't want, and, aside from some rare moments when good friends point all this narcissism out to me, I enjoy having me in the center of my universe.

But then comes Sunday morning. Church counters all that. And more clearly than anything else, I want to say, "Thanks be to God." When I go to church, we start out with a time of praise, which reminds me that God is so much bigger than I am. We then move to a time of confession, which shakes me into remembering that I'm not as good as I think I am. And all those other people and announcements about activities that don't pertain to me show me that I am not an island. Rather, I am part of a body with a wide range of gifts, strengths, weaknesses, callings, and needs.

So of course, there are announcements that don't pertain to me. I use those times to pray for the people who do need to listen carefully. When they ask for volunteers to work in the nursery or with the youth ministry, I ask God to show me if he's calling me to step out of my comfort zone. (*What a great term! "Comfort Zone." It's really a euphemism for "idol altar"*). And when people sing off key, I sing with greater thanksgiving that God sees us in Christ, rather than in a sound booth.

Most challenging of all, when they report on parts of the world that I have heard little about (*and care even less about*), I ask the Lord of the harvest to break my heart with the things he deems as worthy of prayer and sacrificial giving. I thank him for advancing his kingdom despite apathetic people like me and I ask him to use me in whatever way he wants so that everyone hears the good news of the Messiah.

So...last Saturday night I set my alarm clock and asked God to prepare my heart for the next morning's time of worship. I prayed, "May You be glorified and may I be humbled before You." God answered my prayers.

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For our nation as we are going through troubled times
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 innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.
For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.
For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time
For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.
For the church in
For the churches in Honduras, Haiti, and Siliguri; for Naresh Chetri. Partners with us in the gospel
Kelly Gampp continues to recuperate at home following surgery.
Henry Coriell back in SOMC this week with weakness and loss of appetite.
Tim Wolfe dealing with a severe back injury.
Kayla Meredith spent two days at Children's Hospital in Columbus going through further testing.
Lainey Parker had her check up on Thursday at Children's in Columbus. Problems with her heart are still there. Surgery probably coming in about 3 or 4 months.
Carol Gammon (Bill's daughter and Price's sister in South Carolina) admitted to the hospital in South Carolina with blood clots in the arm and shoulder.
Edgar Allen (Brenda Kallner's father) now back at Elbrooke but still not doing well.
Harold Miller (Kathy Forbe's father, Crystal Voss's grandfather) diagnosed with advanced cancer.
Emily Cram still waiting for results from her endoscopy. Sharon Shepherd came home on Tuesday and is doing better.
Hayes Wilcox was at OSU hospital this week for a scope procedure to determine the cause of a blockage in his esophagus. Tests showed no cancer.
Cara Jo Borland had an emergency appendectomy Monday night and is now home recuperating.
Garnet Lindeman had a procedure to relieve nerve pain in her cheek on Monday. The procedure will have to be repeated.
Marzelle Gardner (Julie Miller's grandmother in Jackson, MS) is now in hospice care.
Sherry Burton (Kelsey Morales' grandmother) has had a recurrence of cancer.
Praise Report: **Becky Blume** (Jo Anne Miller's sister-in-law) breathing on her own, home and doing rehab. PTL!

Disaster Relief Report

Sunday evening, November 20, Dwane Casteel of the Disaster Relief Effort based in Nashville, TN will be with us to bring us up to date on this ministry. We have been supporting this effort since 1997.

Bible Curriculum

Sunday		Wednesday	
9/25	Jn 11:55-57; Mt 21:1-17; Mk 11:1-33; Lk 19:28-48; Jn 12:12-19 Jn 2:13-22	9/28	Gen 11:1-9
10/2	Home Groups	10/5	Gen 11:10-14:24
10/9	Home Groups	10/12	Gen 15-17
10/16	Home Groups	10/19	Gen 18
10/23	Home Groups	10/26	Gen 19
10/31	Mt 21:28-22:14; 25:1-46	11/2	Gen 20-23

Coming Events

9/30-10/1 Men's Retreat at Fort Hill
 10/2-23 Home Groups Meet
 10/3 Sweet Monday, 7:30 pm
 10/7-9 Grant & Summit Meeting
 10/7-9 Fallfest at Kings Island
 11/5 Kenova, Ladies Inspiration Day
 11/6 Adoption Sunday at Sunshine
 11/11-12 Sunshine Ladies Retreat
 11/13-16 Islam v Christianity, Canal church
 11/20 Disaster Relief Report in PM
 11/27 Special Thanksgiving Service

Sunshine Ladies Retreat

Attention Ladies! Mark your calendars for November 11-12th for our annual ladies retreat. The retreat will, once again, be held at Scioto Hills. Check in will begin at 5:00 p.m. Friday evening and we'll end the retreat late Saturday evening. Plan on fun, crafts, spiritual growth, and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Cost for each person is \$70 and includes lodging and 4 meals. We need to have about 60 ladies attend for these arrangements and cost. Please sign up in the foyer if you have any interest in attending this fun event! More details to come. Please see Kim McCray or Cheryl Villinger with any questions.

Fallfest Info

Scheduled for October 7-9. Lodging will be at the Kings Island Resort in Mason, Ohio. Fallfest is \$35 and the ticket for Kings Island is \$26 (optional) and the ticket for the Creation Museum is \$20 (also optional). Hotel costs are additional and will be broken down by the number of attendees. See Tim Gampp for details. Hopefully you have already signed up.

Ladies Inspiration Day

November 5, Kenova church of Christ, guest speaker is Ava Peters. Details posted.

Islam Seminar

Canal church of Christ, November 13-16, Burt Jones speaking. Details posted.

Gospel Meeting

October 7-9, Grant and Summit congregation, Brownlee Reaves speaking. Details posted.

Hunt to End Hunger

An opportunity exists for the sportsmen of our congregation to use their hobby to benefit others. Deer season is approaching, and there is an area food bank willing to accept processed deer meat for distribution to needy families of our local area. Ideally, each hunter would sponsor his own processing fees, but financial help is available if he cannot. See Barry Gampp or Karren Griffith for more details.

Sweet Monday

October Sweet Monday will be Oct. 3 at 7:30PM. The theme will be hairdos and hairdoozies-featuring special guest speaker Syleana Mougey! Please plan to come join us for an evening of fun!

Teen Devo Thursday

There will be a devo on Thursday October 6 at 6:00 pm at Jacob and Jordan Book's home.

In the News

Zane Miller ran the 5k Bear Run this week in 25 minutes. Way to go, Zane!

Sign Up for Home Groups Now

Pick out the location you would like to go to and sign up. To prevent overcrowding, please take into consideration your children. Some of the homes can handle more than 18 but once a group reaches 18, check with the host to make sure it's all right. Home Groups is a good way to introduce new people to Christ and/or the congregation. There will be a group meeting at the building. There is a sign up sheet for that group also.

Deacons/Elders, Look!

Whatever home group you are in, you are the group discussion leader or you are responsible to make sure there is a group discussion leader. An information sheet for group leaders will be available Wednesday.

Home Groups Hosts

Steve has an information sheet for you today. If he doesn't find you, look for him.

Lost and Found

We have several coats which have been abandoned on our coat racks. They have been moved to a rack in Classroom #3 in the back. Also, there are various other "lost" items which are being stored in that room. Take a look and see if any of those items belong to you. In a few weeks we will be disposing of these things. Last Chance.

Help with Songbooks

When you leave the auditorium this morning and after every service or class, please remember to put songbooks and bibles in the rack of the seat in front of you. Please and thanks.

Men's Retreat Deadline Today

Scheduled for Friday evening, September 30-Saturday morning, October 1 at Fort Hill. Time for food, fellowship, group devotionals and open discussions of some important issues here at Sunshine. Cost is \$30 for the whole package (3 meals and lodging for Friday night). Pay up at the camp. If you are only able to participate in part of the retreat, see Shaun McCray to see how to pro-rate the fee. Put your name on the pad in the foyer by tonight. Schedule for the retreat is laid out on the table.

Away @ College

An occasional card or letter of encouragement is greatly appreciated by folks who are living away from home.

Kayla Coriell is a freshman at Marshall University this fall.

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Fellowship Meal For Adoption Seminar

Saturday, November 19th is National Adoption Day. To recognize this special day in the United States, Tim and Jennifer Gampp will be conducting a free Christian adoption seminar (as associates of America World Adoption Association) here at Sunshine. The seminar is from 10AM to 12PM and Tim and Jennifer would like Sunshine to provide a meal afterward for anyone that attends the seminar. (Sign up sheet will be out soon) There will be families coming from several miles away to tell their adoption stories as part of the seminar. In addition to those families, there will be singles and couples, from other congregations and in surrounding communities, attending the seminar for information about international adoption. It would be very hospitable to feed these families, a free meal before traveling back home. Anyone bringing food to the seminar lunch is encouraged to stay and eat. During the fellowship meal, please keep in mind that people in attendance are potential families for children around the world needing a family. Tim and Jennifer know Sunshine will be supportive of adoption and encouraging toward these families. We may see some of these families returning to become members of our congregation. Child care during the seminar will be provided for America World Adoptive families only. All other families in attendance will need to make plans for child care themselves. See Jennifer Gampp for more details.



Abode, Agony, Alive, Arise, Aware, Adder, Agree, Alarm

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders

Message

September 25

Rich Book
Shaun McCray
Aaron McCray
Caleb Miller
Jamie Riley

October 2

Don Coriell
Nick Davis
Dewey Cordle
Eric Miller
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Don Ramey
Jamie Veach
Mark Villinger
James Jacobs
Troy Gahm
Multiple Texts



**Home
Groups**

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Shawn Gragg
Ira Coriell
Genesis 11:1-9

Zach Coriell
Eric Copas
Gen 11:10-14:24

Children's Bible Time

September Theme: Truth & Integrity

3-5: Kristine Coriell, Aurie Coriell,
Alyssa Coriell
6-8: Pam Coriell, Irmalee Gampp

October Theme: Manners

3-5: Julie Miller, Hannah Miller
6-8: Jodi Kallner, Abbie Kallner,
Aurie Coriell

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Each definition at the right can be answered by a five letter word that starts with "A."

KJV Scripture references are there to help you answer.

Solution is at the bottom of page 3.

1. To sojourn. (Acts 14:28) A _ _ _ _ _
2. Extreme physical suffering. (Luke 22:44)) A _ _ _ _ _
3. Existing and active. (Mark 16:11)) A _ _ _ _ _
4. To awaken and get up. (Acts 22:16) A _ _ _ _ _
5. To be conscious of something. (Luke 22:46)) A _ _ _ _ _
6. A small viper. (Proverbs 23:32)) A _ _ _ _ _
7. To have the same opinion. (Matthew 18:19)) A _ _ _ _ _
8. Warning of approaching danger. (Joel 2:1)) A _ _ _ _ _