



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## Assembling With the Saints

Attending worship services faithfully is of the utmost importance. It is important, because of the trials, temptations, and heartaches we face each week. As Christians, we ought to assemble together at each opportunity so that we might be stimulated and encouraged and to do the same for others. It is reassuring to be around – those of "*like precious faith*" (**2 Peter 1:1**). Many a strong Christian has become weak, and many a weak Christian has totally fallen away because at some point they began to miss worship services and Bible study on a regular basis. A Christian's attendance of the worship services, has been rightfully declared by many, as a thermometer indicating one's fervor for the Lord. One cannot truthfully say he is a faithful child of God if he does not attend worship services regularly. Jesus said, "*If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments*" (**John 14:15**). The Lord-informs us that we must assemble at every opportunity with the saints. If this were the only reason for attending worship regularly – it would be enough. If you really love the Lord you will keep His commandments.

Still another reason we should attend worship services regularly is that we must be a good example to others. Paul said that we are to be "*an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity*" (**I Tim. 4:12**). What kind of example do you think we set for the non-believer by our apathetic attendance, or for the weak Christian? Not a good one I assure you.

Would you consider a car faithful if it only starts every other time? Would you consider your spouse faithful – if she cheated on your marriage once a month? Of course not! Then what makes, us think that we can be faithful. Christians if we are not attending worship services regularly? It is vital that we are faithful in attendance - our eternal destiny is hanging in the balances. We are not condemning those who are ill at home, or having to care for a sick loved one - we speak to those who have no reason for not coming other than being deficient in concern for spiritual matters. We love you and hope to see you in our next scheduled meeting time

Tom Moore

## Some Questions about Attending Church Services

These are some questions regarding attendance at meetings especially Bible class, Sunday evening assembly, and the midweek service, arranged by the local church for the benefit of the members. Our focus is not on those who miss for obviously legitimate reasons, such as sickness, but on those who deliberately and repeatedly choose to stay at home because they do not think it is necessary to be there.

Should Christians try to do as much as possible to please God, or seek to do minimal service and to avoid opportunities to do God's will? (**1 Cor. 15:58; Titus 2:14; Gal. 6:10; Matt. 22:36-38; Joh. 14:15; 2 Cor. 8:5; Rev. 3:15-16**)

Would Jesus attend as often as He could, or would He choose to stay home when He could go? Are we following His example when we stay home? (**Lk. 4:14; Matt. 15:32; Mk. 10:1; 1 Pet. 1:21-22; Phil. 2:3-8; 1 Joh. 2:6**)

When are we studying the word and growing in knowledge as diligently as we should--when we attend, or when we stay home? (**Psa. 1:1-2; Prov. 2:1-12; Matt. 5:6; Acts 17:11; Heb. 3:12-14**)

When do we do our best to edify and encourage others--when we attend, or when we stay home? (**Rom. 14:19; 15:14; 1 Thess. 5:11; 1 Cor. 14:26; 2 Tim. 2:2**)

When our brethren in Christ assemble, with one accord, to worship God, do we manifest sincere oneness of heart and soul with them when we stay at home or when we attend? (**Acts 1:14; 4:24,32; Phil. 1:17; 2:1-4; Eph. 4:2,3; Rom. 15:5,6**)

When God's ordained leaders arrange times for members to study and receive edification, do the members show respect for these leaders by attending, or by staying home? (**Acts 14:23; 1 Pet. 5:1-5; Heb. 13:17; 1 Cor. 14:34; 1 Tim. 2:11-12; Eph. 5:21**)

When do we imitate the examples of faithful men of God who lived before us--when we attend, or when we stay home? (**Phil. 3:17; 4:9; 1 Pet. 5:3; Heb. 6:11-12; 13:7**)

Who sets the best example for new converts, weak members, and children--the member who attends, or the one who stays home? (**Matt. 18:6-7; 5:13-16; 1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 1:5**)

Who is being a diligent parent and/or head of the family, training the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord--the father or mother who keeps the children at home, or the father or mother who brings the children to the services? (**Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6**)

Do we truly put God first in our lives and abound in the work of the Lord when we stay home, or when we attend the services? (**Matt. 22:36-38; Joh. 14:15; 1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 3:15-16**)

When do we grow, increase, and improve in strength and service to God--when we attend or when we do not? (**Eph. 4:11-16; 2 Pet. 3:18; 1 Pet. 2:2; Rom. 1:12; 1 Thess. 4:18; 5:11; Heb. 10:23-25**)

And, who is truly a faithful, mature Christian--the man who refuses to attend all the services unless someone can show him a specific passage that says he is going to hell if he doesn't, or the one who understands general Bible teaching and loves God enough that he wants to come to worship Him? (**Heb. 5:12-14; 2 Tim. 2:15**)

By David Pratte (adapted)