



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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Sunday

Bible Study 10 am
Worship Service 10:45 am
Worship Service 6 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:30 pm

Monday

Ladies class 10:00 a.m.

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THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROWD

As a gospel preacher I have noticed the various names that we give to our Wednesday night assembly. We have called it "Prayer Meeting Night," "Mid-Week Bible Study," "Wednesday Night Classes," etc. By whatever name we choose, it's a very important time for spiritual development. It is a spiritual shot in the arm in the time of the week that it is most needed! The nucleus of the Lord's church meets on Wednesday night.

The Wednesday Night Crowd doesn't have any more time for church attendance than anyone else. In fact, some of this number are among the busiest folks in town. They are people who make time for the Lord and His people.

The Wednesday Night Crowd doesn't live closer to the church building. In fact, those who drive the farthest to our building on Sunday are also here on Wednesday night.

The Wednesday Night Crowd doesn't have fewer children in their family to get ready. In fact, several couples have two or three children. These never miss because they look at their families as blessings from God and not hindrances for service to God.

You know, the Wednesday Night Crowd has the same work responsibilities, the same number of out of town visitors dropping in unexpectedly, the same number of headaches, and just as much children's homework as other folks. The difference, though, is that the Wednesday Night Crowd feels the need and have made the commitment to be a part of the midweek assembly every week. They feel blessed for having done so.

If we make our children believe the Wednesday night assembly is not important, wonder what they will teach their children concerning the importance of assembling on Wednesday night or Sunday night or Sunday morning? Let us encourage the spiritual development of our families and not discourage it in any way!

See you Wednesday night!

John A. Boor

PERCEPTION vs. REALITY

By James Hayes

Reno, Nevada is located farther west than San Diego, California. Look it up. While you are wondering why you never noticed that before, you might want to grab a world map and note that Rome, Italy is located father north than New York City. Since San Diego is on the Pacific Coast, we assume that no cities outside of California could be located farther west than San Diego. We picture New York City as a cold city, with long winters and heavy snowfalls, whereas Rome is considered to be warm and arid. Even though we know a little bit about San Diego and New York City, we should not assume that we know everything about those two places, particularly as it relates to other cities.

There was a man from Alexandria, Egypt named Apollos who was very intelligent. The Bible states that he was “*an eloquent man...mighty in the Scriptures*” (**Acts 18:24**). In a day when most of the population was illiterate, one would think that Apollos had everything figured out. But that was not the case. Apollos was only aware of the baptism of John, a baptism that became obsolete once the church was established. A husband and wife, Priscilla and Aquila, heard Apollos speak. They were undoubtedly impressed with Apollos’ speaking ability and his interest in the things of God. But there were still things Apollos needed to know. His knowledge was abundant but not complete. So Priscilla and Aquila “*took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately*” (**Acts 18:26**).

Someone once said, “A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.” Why? Because it produces stereotypes, half-truths, misconceptions, misunderstandings, and downright lies. Churches of Christ have been victims of “a little knowledge” for centuries. Someone hears that women are not allowed to preach during worship assemblies. The perception, therefore, is that women are mistreated, second-class members. The reality, however, is that there are more female teachers in a typical church of Christ than male teachers. Since churches of Christ do not use instruments in worship, the perception is that we either do not understand music or that we just want to be different. The reality is that if one were to read the New Testament without any prior knowledge of 21st century worship practices, he would never have the first idea to use an instrument to worship. Acapella worship is practiced in an effort to do Bible things in Bible ways.

Before you think you know everything about every subject, investigate the facts again. Francis Bacon said, “A prudent question is one half wisdom.”