

Is Church Attendance Important?

The idea that church attendance is not important would have seemed strange to the first century Christians. From the church's beginning, they met together to worship God. Luke described the early church in Acts 2, saying that they "they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers . . . So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:42-47). Paul wrote, "How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm . . . Let all things be done for edification" (1 Corinthians 14:26).

Obviously, they loved to and expected to "come together." Some argue, however, that just going to church does not make one a Christian, and going to church doesn't have that much to do with the kind of person one really is. There is no doubt that simply "going to church" does not make one a Christian. It is also true that being a certain kind of person is very important yet not entirely dependent upon going to church. But these arguments are irrelevant, because God has commanded that those who would be pleasing to Him must meet together to worship Him. Jesus said, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). There is a "must" about worship to Almighty God.

If one does not do what God has commanded, he sins. Jesus also said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). Failure to worship with the church shows a lack of love for the Lord. The Hebrews writer said, "Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25). How can a Christian "stir up love and good works" when forsaking the assembling of God's people?

Every member of the body is needed for the worship services. "For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body . . . For in fact the body is not one member but many" (1 Corinthians 12:12-14). The absentee misses the opportunity to join with other Christians in singing praises to God, offering corporate prayer to God, and in giving to God as he has been prospered. He misses opportunity to learn from and profit from exhortations from God's Word. Can anyone really say that he is better off by not participating in the worship of the church? The willful absentee sins against the God of heaven, denies himself the blessings of God, and hurts the church, the bride of Christ. Think about it! —Bob Prichard

ROMANS CHAPTER ONE

F C S E E R F R U I T N B R N T	ALWAYS	MUTUAL
R G S E O S A P S W E S E T L L	AMONG	NATIONS
T I R T R U I P R K O W I E L N	CALLED	POWER
W R B E O V I W O A O E N R A R	CHRIST	PRAYERS
I E A P E R A P N P E G E T H F	DAVID	REQUEST
D S T P I K S N O U T L I L A C	DEBTOR	SAINTS
E H U T M W S N T H A O O I I D	FAITH	SERVANT
G W R S O I T A T W N L T H S I	FRUIT	SPIRIT
N R R R E S E N R S I H W O W V	GOSPEL	SPOKEN
O C L A E J L S J G G T S A D A	GRACE	THANK
M D E U T E R O R R N A N G Y D	GREEKS	UNWISE
A U Q N P H U I A E I I K E E S	IMPART	WHOLE
L E T S I R A C B N Y N K L S D	JESUS	WISE
R N O U N A E G T E A A L A R S	JOURNEY	WITNESS
G G A E A M R S A H H A R D M N	LENGTH	WORLD
O S Y B I L G S T A C M O P H T	MAKING	WRATH

Happy Birthday, August!

Denise Crayton	1	Lydia Frazier	2
Kathryn Jones	5	Lynn White	6
Perry Comeaux	14	Clement Beauvais	16
Sharwanda George	19	Roger Elliott	29
Olena Gauvin	31		

Happy Anniversary, August!

Roger and Alwilda Merritt	11
Wilbert and Nancy Davis	22
Ernie and Melissa Maiwald	26
Zolten and Jennifer Dukes	27
Mike and Rachal Robinson	30



WOODBIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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August 18, 2019

Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

Elders

Eric Anthony Ernie Maiwald
Michael Neal

Deacons

Perry Comeaux Jason Cottoner
Keith George Dan Medina
Niles Wedge

Minister

Ernie Maiwald

Associate Minister

Keith George

*The Woodbridge elders recommend the following
Bible translations for our public worship and study:
New King James Version, King James Version and
American Standard Version, 1901*

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for coming to worship with us today. You are our honored guests. We are a Bible church with Bible aims relying on God's word as our only authority. We invite you to join us in worshipping through:

- o singing (Eph 5:19)
- o praying (I Tim 2:1-2)
- o studying (II Tim 4:2)
- o giving (I Cor 16:2)
- o remembering our Lord's sacrifice through communion (Acts 20:7).

We want to have a record of your visit. Please complete the visitor's card that is in the pew before you and place it in the collection basket or hand it to one of our members.

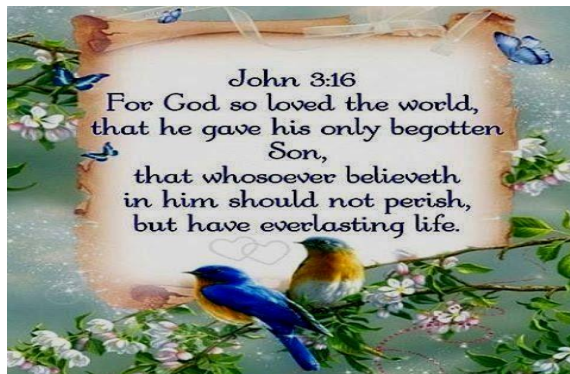
If we can be of service to you, in any way, please let us know. And please visit with us again soon. We look forward to seeing you.

Daily Bible Readings

	Morning	Evening
August 18	II Samuel 13 – 14	Acts 28
August 19	II Samuel 15 – 17; Psalm 3, 63	Romans 1
August 20	II Samuel 18 – 20; Psalm 34	Romans 2
August 21	II Samuel 21 – 23; Psalm 18	Romans 3
August 22	II Samuel 24; I Chron 21	Romans 4
August 23	I Chron 22 – 25; Psalm 78	Romans 5
August 24	I Kings 1; I Chron 26 – 28	Romans 6

Bible Class Schedule for the Week

Week of August 18		
Sunday	Lesson 260	Acts 12
Wednesday	Lesson 261	Acts 13
Week of August 25		
Sunday	Lesson 260	Acts 14
Wednesday		Review Night



Assignments			
	August 18	August 25	
Announcements	Comeaux	George	
Song	Pender	Robinson	
Prayer	Neal	Pender	
Preside @ Table	George	Johnson	
Assisting	Spieß	Mike Ambrose	
Assisting	Wedge	Beauvais	
Assisting	Dukes	Caples	
Prayer	Merritt	Michael Ambrose	
	August 18	August 25	
Evening Worship*			
Announcements	Comeaux	George	
Song Leader	Pender	Robinson	
Prayer	Earwood	Wedge	
Communion/Prayer	George	Johnson	
	August 21	August 28	
Wed. Evening Worship			
Announcements	Comeaux	George	
Song Leader	Pender	Various	
Invitation	Beauvais	Chris Dollard	
Prayer	Lake	Marbury	
	August	September	October
Prepare Communion	Lake	Martin	TBD
Building Lockup	Anthony	Maiwald	TBD

Notes:

1. *Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to perform an assigned duty.*
2. *Notify Tim Wertz and Karla Anthony of any changes.*
3. **Transportation.** *If anyone would be willing to help with transportation to and from services on Sunday and Wednesday, please see Niles Wedge.*

Calendar of Events:

Mens Breakfast	9/14/19	8:00 am	OCB
EDP Meeting	9/14/19	9:30 am	Building

Helpful Contact Addresses:

Church building: www.woodbridgechurchofchrist.com
Minister: preacher@woodbridgechurchofchrist.com
Associate Minister: churchofchristgospelpreacher@gmail.com
Bulletin: obxchca66@gmail.com
Facebook: WOODBRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

For Prayers

New

- **Patty Wiggins** (former member at Woodbridge) was in the hospital last week after falling at home. She suffered a broken nose and facial bruising. She is home now and recovering.
- **Emma Welsh** (Sherry Wright's aunt) was in Georgetown Hospital last week for partial colon surgery.

Assisted Living

- **Gayle Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)
- **Charles Swabb** (Betty's Place – Manassas)
- **Bobbie Girard** (Harbor Chase – Woodbridge)

Continued Prayers for Family and Friends:

- **Sandra Lauriano** (co-worker for Kennetha Marbury) cancer
- **Lenny Skutnik** (Crohns)
- **OT Martin** (Ernie's dad) Alzheimer's
- **Johnnie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux aunt) Long Term Care
- **Jan Dunlap** (Linda Skutnik's sister)
- **Jean Long** (Sue Bilbrey's sister) brain tumor
- **Sammie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux's cousin) cancer
- **LaVetta Sterrett** (Babara Frazier's aunt) abdomen bleed
- **David Jackson** (friend of the Marbury's) lung cancer
- **Margaret Jackson** (Niles Wedge's grandmother) Macular Degeneration
- **Grace Addo** (friend of the Anthonys) Stage IV bone cancer
- **Juantia Johnson** (Bobby's mom) heart attack & blood clot
- **Michele Morris** (Denise Crayton's sister) Brain Aneurysm
- **Alvin Harris** (Pamela Ambrose's brother) Serious disease
- **Ethel Dollard** (Chris Dollard's aunt) Colon cancer
- **Ed Nemore** (Sue Bilbrey's brother-in-law) Lung Disease
- **Mary Chastine** (Jason Cottoner's grandmother) Stroke
- **Gerrie Fleenor** (Jody Medina's mom) Knee replacement
- **Lucy Medina** (Dan Medina's sister) hernia surgery

Continued prayers for our members

Donna Wirt	Alwilda Merritt	Dan Medina
Deb Neal	James Roberson	Sue Bilbrey
Sherry Wright		