

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 - House to House/ Heart to Heart

JOSHUA CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

H E H E K H O P H N I N A H O B	ABIDE	ENROGEL
P B U T I E G R E G I R L S C O	ABOUT	FORTH
E T O N O I Z E B A I T P I N E	AGAIN	GIANTS
L O N R A R E I B L A B T E N T	AMONG	GIBEATH
E O T N D G E I Z E L I E R E A	ARABAH	GIBEON
M O T E N E D E N A E E O O B L	AVIM	HINNOM
I S T O N E R O B S G G H O N E	BEEROTH	IRPEEL
H A M P M O J E S T E A U T O N	BETHEL	JEBUSI
T A P I R E G G J L D T I G E R	BEYOND	JERICHO
R A V E R A B H A U L R I N G B	BOHAN	JORDAN
O A J I B E E N T E D S A J O H	BORDER	JUDAH
F P C E Y E N D E A T A O W E A	CITIES	KEZIZ
S H H O B E N D I S E R H P N B	COASTS	MIZPEH
O A N R O U S T A V D B Z E N A	DIVIDE	OPHNI
O D O R A P S O N A I I I B A R	DRAWN	OPHRAH
P A R A H H C I N O M D O G E A	ELEPH	PARAH

Happy Birthday, February			
Amelia Anthony	4	Philip Anthony	5
Michael Neal	14	Zolten Dukes	21
Linda Skutnik	22	Chelsea Anthony	25
Isaiah Nolen	28		
Happy Anniversary, February			
Sonny and Donna Wirt			5
Robert and Michelle Lake			16

God is always faithful to answer.
 Sometimes His answer is
 a much desired "yes".
 Sometimes His answer is
 a merciful "no".
 Sometimes His answer is
 a faith-building "not yet".
 And sometimes...sometimes,
 when an answer cannot be found,
 His answer is simply
"Trust me" .-♥

WOODBIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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January 26, 2020

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

Michael Ambrose Eric Anthony
 Ernie Maiwald....Michael Neal

Deacons

Perry Comeaux Jason Cottoner
 Keith George Dan Medina

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

Week of January 26		
Epistles	Sunday	Matthew 8 - 10
The Law	Monday	Genesis 12 - 15
History	Tuesday	Joshua 16 - 20
Psalms	Wednesday	Psalms 9 - 11
Poetry	Thursday	Job 7 - 8
Prophecy	Friday	Isaiah 18 - 22
Gospels	Saturday	Romans 7 - 8

Bible Class Schedule for the Week

Week of January 26		
Sunday	Lesson 302	I Samuel 16
Wednesday	Lesson 303	I Samuel 17
Week of February 2		
Sunday	Lesson 304	I Samuel 18
Wednesday	Lesson 305	I Samuel 19 - 20

Announcements

Annual Super Bowl Party!!!! The Medina family will be having their annual Super Bowl Party at their home on Sunday, February 2, following evening services. The game is running on a DVR so you will not miss any of the game. Please bring your favorite dish or two for all to enjoy as we eat and have a great time during the game. If you have any questions, please see Dan or Jody.

Assignments

	January 26	February 2	
Announcements	George	Maiwald	
Song	Anthony	Comeaux	
Prayer	Clayton	Chris Dollard	
Preside @ Table	Dukes	Dukes	
Assisting	Earwood	George	
Assisting	M. Frazier	Johnson	
Assisting	Caples	Medina	
Prayer	Gauvin	Crayton	
	January 26	February 2	
Announcements	George	Maiwald	
Song Leader	Anthony	Comeaux	
Prayer	Crayton	Chris Dollard	
Communion/Prayer	Dukes	Dukes	
	January 29	February 5	
Announcements	George	Maiwald	
Song Leader	Anthony	Comeaux	
Invitation	George	Neal	
Prayer	Walker	Ambrose	
	January	February	March
Prepare Communion	Cottoner	Dollard	Earwood
Building Lockup	Neal	Anthony	Maiwald

Notes:

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

Calendar of Events:

Mens Breakfast	2/8/20	8:00 am	OCB
EDP Meeting	2/8/20	9:30 am	Building

Helpful Contact Addresses:

Church building: www.woodbridgechurchofchrist.com

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Associate Minister: churchofchristgospelpreacher@gmail.com

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Facebook: WOODBRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

For Our Prayers

New

- **Alwilda Merritt** will be have a procedure on Monday or Tuesday to repair the fracture in her spine from the fall she had a few months ago. Please keep her and Roger in your prayers.

Assisted Living

- **Charles and Gayle 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
- **David Jackson** (friend of Kennetha Marbury) lung cancer
- **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
- **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
- **Emma Welsh** (Sherry Wright's aunt) colon surgery
- **Angela Scott Dorsey** (friend of the Ambrose's) cancer
- **Mai Carter** (Sue Bilbrey's sister) vertigo and kidney infection
- **John Buttery** (friend of Betty Principi) Ecoli/infections
- **Eunice Young** (Jennifer Dukes mother) Alzheimer's and Renal failure.
- **Stephen White** (Tom and Lynn's son) Diabetes & Leukemia
- **Estella Comeaux** (Perry's Mom)- House damage from storms
- **William Short** (Kim Short's Uncle)-illness from Agent Orange
- **Mary Williams** (Tenia Wimbush's grandmother) Carcinoma
- **Erin Bender** (friend of Betty Principi) Severe depression
- **Bobbie and Arthur Martin** (Katrina Martin's In-laws) Health Issues
- **Jano** (Will and Nancy Davis's great-grandson) Cancer
- **Gerado Medina** (Dan Medina's father)rehab for broken femur
- **Edward Lee** (Melissa Maiwald's father) Medical Issues

Continued prayers for our members

Donna Wirt	Alwilda Merritt	Dan Medina
Deb Neal	James Roberson	Sue Bilbrey
Sherry Wright	Kennetha Marbury	Christine Liddell