



Chalmette Church of Christ

February 14, 2010

“Resolutions of Faithfulness #1 Faithful Attendance”

At the conclusion of the thrilling 15th chapter of First Corinthians, Paul writes, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, foreasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (v.58). Since we know that Jesus is coming again and that our mortal, corruptible bodies will be changed at that time, let each of us resolve to be faithful to the Lord. Peter admonished, “ Seeing that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness” (1 Pet. 3:10).

This is the beginning of a new year and it is customary to make resolutions. Such resolutions are decisions you have made in your mind to make some positive changes in your life for the coming year. It means you have a goal in mind and a plan to accomplish that goal. Let us make up our minds to make some positive spiritual changes in our lives. As Christians our goal is heaven. Through the blood of Jesus we have been forgiven of our sins and now we want to remain faithful to Him and grow in our faith (2 Pet. 3:18).

May I first suggest, dear Christian friend, that you resolve in your heart to be faithful to the

assembly. Christians are commanded to assemble with the saints. “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Heb. 10:25). Of course, we will never be excited about the assembly until we are excited about Christ. In the assembly, we remember His death through the partaking of the memorial supper each Lord's day (Acts 20:7). As we assemble we go to our Father in prayer through Christ and give of our means so that His cause can prosper. Hymns of praise are offered toward Heaven. These psalms, hymns and spiritual songs greatly encourage us in our walk with the Lord. Likewise, God's will is made known through the preaching of the gospel of Christ. You see, you don't want to miss the assembly because you have been commanded to assemble. Furthermore, having been converted to Christ you have every motivation for being present. When you miss the assembly, like Thomas, you miss the Lord (John 19:24).

Likewise, there are other benefits that one enjoys through faithful attendance. Fellowship with the brethren strengthens us, particularly as

we come together as a collective body. Through faithful attendance we can stay abreast of the work of the church and get involved in various activities that promote the Lord's cause. When we assemble, Bible classes are offered to help us grow in our knowledge of the Word and this strengthens our faith (Rom. 10:17).

If you already attend the services of the church faithfully, keeping this resolution will be easy. Of course, you want to make sure your attendance is not ritualistic, but, rather, you attend because your heart is right with God and you want to please him. If you are having trouble faithfully attending the assembly, now is the time to resolve to change that. Think about what Christ has done for you. Realize there are many Christians who long for your association and want to engage in the Lord's service with you. Make up your mind to be faithful to all the services of the church in 2010. You will be glad you made this commitment.

By: Barry Grider

To Be Continued

"Please, Daddy, Let's Go..."

A little girl with shining eyes,
Her little face aglow,
Said, "Daddy, it is almost time
For Sunday school; let's go."
"Oh, no," said Daddy, "Not today,
I've worked hard all the week,
And I must have one day of rest.
I'm going to the creek
For there I can relax and rest,
And fishing's fine, they say.
So run along, don't bother me.

We'll go to church some day."
Months and years have passed away
But Daddy hears that plea no more...
"let's go to Sunday school."
Those childish days are o'er.
Now that Daddy's growing old,
When life is almost through,
He finds time to go to church...
But what does daughter do?
She says, "Oh, Daddy, not today...
I stayed up almost all night
And I've got to get some sleep.
Besides, I look a fright."
Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand
To brush away the tears.
He seems to hear the pleading voice
Distinctly through the years.
He sees his small girl's little face
Upturned, with eyes aglow,
Saying, "It's time for Sunday school.
Please Daddy, won't you go?"

Tina Lance came forward asking for prayers.
Please keep her in your prayers and those
with upcoming surgery.

Kid's Korner

See if you can answer the following questions:

Answers from last week:

1. The wise men from the East 2. Peter 3. Thirty pieces of silver 4. Blind Bartimaeus 5. Luke

New Testament Novice

1. A doctor, a preacher, and an author too: one gospel he penned then Acts makes two.
2. Wild honey and locusts in the wilderness he ate; the coming of Jesus His words did relate.
3. The number of apostles in the beginning if you recall; Jesus named them; there were ___ in all.
4. Just a poor carpenter not of dame or noble birth; but I became the father of God's Son on earth.
5. I was John's brother, a fisherman of the sea; of all the apostles Herod first killed me.

Tune in next week to see if you got all the answers correct!



The food pantry at the Church Building is running very low. Please remember to bring non-perishable items if possible!



Cleaning Schedule

Month of February—Claudia Smith

Upcoming Events

February 21- Singing and Fellowship Meal

February 28- Ladies Class

February Birthdays

17 Bruce Scariano

18 Claudia Smith

24 Edmond Gautreaux

26 Crystal Russell



Prayer List



Mary Jo Lance
Joe Riley
Alice Riley
Sherry Towle
Betty Grisham
Burnell Rogers
Margo
Lisa Lance
Patricia Rodney
Donny Vick
Judy Hennessee
Jessica Lance
Mark Lance

*All of our brethren scattered
across the United States

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Services of The Church
Sunday

Bible Classes 9:00 am
AM Worship 10:00 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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