
I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD – Psalm 122:1

The Northside church of Christ

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Visitors Welcomed!

Order of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Evangelist: Guillermo Alvarez

And Pray For One Another – James 5:16

Please keep in your prayers those who are having physical troubles and those who are traveling. Also pray for the brethren that are shut-in:

Remember in your prayers:

**The Prayer Offered In Faith Will Restore
The One Who Is Sick – James 5:15**



The
New
Northside Proclaimer

“What We Have... Heard We Proclaim To You...”

1 John 1:3

Welcome to the Northside Church of Christ

‘Do We Have To Go To Church?’

Greg Gwin

Most parents have either already heard this from their kids, or will hear it in the future. Seems most children go through a phase in which they question the need for faithful attendance at all of the assemblies. When this happens, what’s a parent to do? Here are some suggestions:

1. Set a good example - Never let your children see you compromise your commitment to the Lord for any other thing. This means, in particular, never let them see you miss the assemblies for the activities of this world. Be careful not to allow recreational pursuits to come between you and God. If you do, you’ll be teaching your kids a lesson that you don’t want them to learn! Ballgames and golf, hunting and fishing, even vacations, can’t begin to compare in importance to serving God. Use caution, too, in regards to your work. Too often Christians let their jobs interfere with their spiritual service. And NEVER, NEVER, NEVER let them observe you staying home simply because you “don’t feel like” attending the services. In other words, be sure that you have your own priorities in order!

2. Teach them to love God - Really, there’s something wrong with the “do we have to” mentality. Anything we do for God should be done out of deep and sincere love for Him. “We love Him, because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19). Work hard to instill this attitude in your children. Any other motivation will ultimately fail. Again, be sure that you have this attitude firmly fixed in your own mind. They are watching you, and imitating what they see!

3. Bottom line: Be sure that they are present at all the assemblies - no matter what! Kids are kids - they need to be taught. They do not naturally

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understand all the things that are in their own best interest. For that reason we MAKE them do some things that they don't always want to do (i.e., take baths, go to school, etc.). Learning to love and serve God is the most important lesson of all. Therefore, any parent who really wants what's best for his child will make sure he's present even when that means forcing the situation a little. Keep working, of course, at developing the right attitudes in your kids - but get them here one way or the other!

Remember parents, it is your job to "...provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lords (Ephesians 6:4).



Udenominational Christianity

David Pratte

Peter, Paul, and other first-century disciples were Christians, but what denomination were they members of? None at all! Denominational division, as we know it, did not exist in the first century. All Christians were in one body - the church which belongs to Jesus (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:3-6). First-century Christians were members of Jesus' church, but not members of any denomination. Why can't you and I do the same today?

In fact, is Jesus even pleased with the existence of so many different denominations? In John 17:20-21, Jesus prayed concerning those who believe in Him, "that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee." In denominationalism today, are all people one as the Father and Son are one? Surely not.

So, how can we be just Christians today without contributing to denominational division? Well, how did people do it in the first century? They obeyed the teachings of Jesus given in the gospel. Obedience to the gospel cleansed them from sin, and then the Lord added them to His church (Acts 2:36-41,47). If you and I follow the same gospel, won't the same thing happen to us (see Acts 2:39)?

But suppose instead we follow the creed book or church law of some denomination. What then would we become? We would become members of that denomination, right? Or if we followed the laws of some other denomination, we would become members of that denomination. However, following just the New Testament would make us simply children of God, just like it did in the first century (1 Peter 1:22,23; Gal. 3:26,27). Denominational doctrines make denominational members. The New Testament makes just Christians.

Sunday Morning Lesson

Topic: _____

How can I apply this lesson to my life? _____
