

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:

The Prayer Offered In Faith Will Restore

The One Who Is sick – James 5:15



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Welcome to the Northside church of Christ that meets in Hillsboro, Ohio

Making Noise, or Making a Point

Greg Gwin

All who engage in public speaking – including teachers, politicians, various public officials, AND preachers – have their own unique methods of preparing notes and aids to help them remember the points they want to make while before their audience. Some prefer to have their presentation in a fully written manuscript, while others would rather have a developed outline of what they will say. Still others need only a few scribbled comments on a card. Whatever the style, these visual ‘helps’ are usually very important for the speaker, and they are closely guarded in advance of the speaking assignment.

We heard of one such orator who allowed his notes to be seen prior to his speech. In the margin of his outline he had written, “Yell louder here, this is a weak point.” Think of it – he realized the weakness of what he was going to say, so he hoped to conceal it by making more noise.

Unfortunately, many religious people do this very thing – although it is unlikely that they would actually admit it on their handwritten notes or elsewhere. What they are doing is an attempt to impress men, but we are sure that God is NOT impressed.

This is not a new problem. Jude mentions those who “speak great swelling words, having men’s persons in admiration because of advantage” (vs. 16). And Paul said that “by good words and fair speeches they deceive the hearts of the simple” (Romans 16:18).

In contrast, all who would faithfully proclaim God’s message must not allow a desire for men’s esteem to overwhelm their primary devotion to the truth. Paul described his methods in this way: “My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God” (1 Corinthians 2:4-5). Peter urged that “if any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God” (1 Peter 4:11).

Let’s be sure we are making a true point rather than simply making noise!

“What we have... heard we proclaim to you” 1 John 1:3

