

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Attendance

OUR FAMILY NEWS

NOTICE: The Elders will reconsider postponing our public worship and Bible Studies for April 26. Their decision will be sent to each member by text and e-mail. We will continue with the virtual Bible Studies and Worship should the public activities continue to be suspended. I will send emails out through the website. You can also check the website for information as well. Those who haven't signed onto the website should do so to insure that you get the notices we send out.

Pray: Chris Aumick, Kenny Dearing . Wayne and Cathy, Peggy Beebe.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program

Today's Scripture: "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." **Hebrews 10:25 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together." **Psalms 34:3 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 26: Our Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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April 19th 2020 BULLETIN for the

Church of Christ AT WASILLA

God's Plan of Salvation

Hear.....	Romans 10:17
Believe.....	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent.....	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess.....	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life	Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto sal-

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

Attendance

When you become a part of any group, attendance at their functions is expected. When I was young, I was in the Boy Scouts. Attending their weekly meetings, camping trips and other functions was expected. Football practice was the same, the coach expected you to be at the practices regardless of the time of the day. Often we would have two a day practices and we were expected to attend both practices. It didn't matter if we were still tired from the early practice or even if we were hurt, we were expected to attend practice unless the coach told us to stay at home. Later when I was practicing Judo, we were expected to practice twice a week for one and a half hours at each practice at a minimum. Twelve step programs expect their participants to attend all their meetings and when someone misses one or more they are checked upon to see if they have relapsed or if something else is happening. This same expectation is present in other social clubs.

Most people don't have a problem with attending activities that they really enjoy. It was not a problem to get up early to go to football practice even when it started at 7:00 AM meaning that we got up at 5:00 to make it on time. Neither was it a problem to make it to Judo practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 PM. There seems to be little problem for people to get up early to go fishing, or hunting. But often the same people who can get up at 3:00 or 4:00 AM to go fishing or hunting, can't seem to be able to get up and be on time for Bible Study at 10:00 AM on Sunday. And those who get up and make it to the morning activities of the church can't seem to find the energy to go to the Sunday evening or Wednesday evening activities. But they have no problem getting up for work on Tuesday morning, working all day then going to play Hockey in the evening. Attending things you enjoy doing seems to be no problem even when they require you to get up early and stay late. But when it comes to worshipping God or studying the Bible some just can't seem to be able to get up or find the time.

In **Hebrews 10:25 (KJV)** the writer, being inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote this for us; "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." We often quote this verse without looking at the entire passage. But lets take a look today at it in its entirety. **Hebrews 10:19-39 (KJV)** "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 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

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approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; Partly, whilst ye were made a qazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."

The Holy Spirit, through the writer of the letter to the Hebrews encouraged consistent and continuous attendance in this section of the letter. There are several points here that would make lessons by themselves, but what I want us to consider today is that assembling together allows us to encourage each other to love and good works. The Holy Spirit caused the writer to use a stronger word than encourage, "provoke". We are to provoke one another to love and good works. While we are in difficult times now, unable to assemble together, we should still work to provoke one another to love and good works. We can do that through maintaining contact through the phone and internet. We can keep in touch and talk, or have bible studies via text, email or Zoom. We can encourage, build up and strengthen each other. We can challenge one another to study more. We can develop study habits that will continue once this virus runs its course.

And when we are able to meet together once again we can all be stronger, our love for each other can be more fervent and our love for God can be more intense than it ever was. That will cause us to be more aggressive in evangelizing, more serious in worship and more anxious to study. What an opportunity we have, let us all grab it, take advantage of it and grow in our love for one another, for studying, and for God.