

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Absent

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Thad Douthitt is being deployed pray for his safety. Terri Douthitt needs our prayers. Pray for Peggy that she recovers well from surgery. Duane Cline still needs our prayers as he continues to recover.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Hans is in Dillingham, pray for his safety, Danesa and Jenifer have joined him there. Mary Ann is traveling.

Men' Business Meeting: There will be a Men's Business Meeting today immediately following the morning worship services

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Today's Scripture: "24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 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 10:24-25 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "18 There the prisoners are at ease together; they hear not the voice of the taskmaster." **Job 3:18 (ESV)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 71/36 Our Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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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 salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

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Our attendance has fallen off considerably recently. Some of this is due to travel during the summer months as families take vacation. While we were averaging in the 80's, our recent attendance has been in the 60's and 70's. It is understandable that families will take advantage of the school vacation months to take their personal vacations. In addition, some of our member have jobs that require a considerable amount of time dedicated to work during these months. We also have several members suffering from debilitating illnesses who haven't been able to attend regularly or at all for several months. But we also have members who choose not to attend when they otherwise would be able to. This is indicative of a weak spiritual life and is an indicator that we do not need to ignore.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews told us the importance of regular and consistent attendance when he wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit: ²³ Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) ²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: ²⁵ 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 10:23-25 (KJV)** Here we are told clearly that Christians are not to ignore the coming together of the church. We are to attend to encourage one another, and even more so as we see the day approaching. That day, of course, is the day of judgement. And while we don't have any idea when it may come, we can certainly see our congregation age. Because of that, it is imperative that we meet together to encourage one another as the unavoidable day approaches that one or another of us will pass through the door of death and have our fates sealed. And if judgement day happens to come before leave this world, the encouragement that we each get from one another will help each of us to remain faithful.

We often look at that one section of two to three verses and only consider them when discussing our assembling together. And they ought to be enough. It should be adequate for us to know that the Holy Spirit inspired the writer of Hebrews to tell us to that we should not intentionally avoid meeting together because doing so allows us to encourage each other. But He didn't stop there, we need to read in context what the Holy Spirit says about this. So lets continue with **Hebrews 10:26-31 (KJV)** ²⁶ For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. ²⁸ He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: ²⁹ 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?

By: Bill Beebe

³⁰ 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.

³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

We often separate these two passages, but the Spirit of God put them together and we should consider them together. So what He is telling us about attendance is this: ¹ Hold fast your faith without wavering, ² Consider each other and provoke one another into love and good works, ³ Do not forsake the gathering together of the church as some have the habit of doing, ⁴ Encourage each other and even more so as we see death creeping up on us, or as we anticipate the return of Jesus, ⁵ If we sin willfully once we have been made aware of the truth, there is no longer a sacrifice for sins, ⁶ People in this situation only have judgement and a fiery indignation that will swallow up the adversaries of Jesus and the church to look forward to, ⁷ People who ignored the law of Moses died without mercy, ⁸ Considering all this how much worse punishment will the person who ignores Jesus and the blood of His covenant that sanctified him be worthy of?

This one passage should be enough to encourage each of us to attend the gathering together of the church at every opportunity that we have. The first Christians gathered together daily (Acts 2:36). We gather together only three times a week, twice on the first day and once in the middle of the week. We gather together for a total of about four hours. Is that too much to ask of us when we consider what the early church faced. Recall what Paul said about his Christian life: ²³ Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. ²⁴ Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. ²⁵ Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶ In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; ²⁷ In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. ²⁸ Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." **2 Corinthians 11:23-28 (KJV).**

So far, here in the US we are not facing the physical persecution that Paul had to face. But there are believers throughout the world who are facing similar persecutions now. If you consider it too difficult to meet with the church three times a week for four hours, how difficult would it be to meet when doing so would likely result in physical beatings or death? It is time to consider your actions! Do you really love Jesus and the church? If so, you will meet with the rest of us at each and every opportunity. Otherwise, recognize that the writer of Hebrews was talking directly to you and repent.