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"Bible Questions with Bible Answers" Television Program

UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Nov. 17	The Christian and war (2)
Nov. 24	Dancing
Dec. 1	I missed it by that much

SUNDAY PM

Nov. 17	I can (444)
Nov. 24	Respect for authority (445)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.
Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

November 17, 2013

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon; Pete Darling; Rusty Darling; Phyllis Darling; Raymond Heinz; Teresa Heinz; Carolyn Jensen; Margaret Coats; Doug McArthur; Cheryll Akers; Kathy Briggs; Robert Van Alstine; Jewel Warfield; Ed Warfield; Marilyn Smith; Carol Wilson; Lillian’s brother; Tom’s mother; Clayton Peck; Jerry Coats, Bonnie Peck

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Rom. 13:1-3

PM: Phil. 4:10-13

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Nov. 17 – Potluck, Soldier’s packages, Business meeting

Nov. 24 – Singing at 5 p.m.

Dec. 27 – Seminar at Webberville (Scott Klaft – “What are we coming to? – A study of Heb. 11,12”)



DEDICATION AND PRIORITIES

Charles Coats

Recently, I was reading an article on how can we get more people to attend Bible classes and found the observations made in the article very appropriate and logical. When I first saw the article, I recognized something we all know if we just pay attention – attendance in our Bible classes is not near what it ought to be, at least for most congregations.

As I thought about the article and the question, I could only think, “What is the real problem here?” We can encourage people to attend, and we can put the best qualified teachers in the classes, but that is no guarantee that more people will attend, although it may help some.

When we think about attendance in general, we usually find a problem in getting people to attend all the services, especially another service on Sunday or a mid-week service.

Add Bible classes to that, and the attendance usually is at its lowest during that time. So, what is the problem?

I think it is a simple problem with a difficult fix. The problem is a lack of dedication to God and his church and a life where a person’s priorities are in the wrong order. The difficulty in fixing this is that a person would need to give up self and serve God above all else. To do this, nothing can ever get in the way of our serving God – jobs, family, friends, recreation, self. Our lives would become such that serving God would happen without even thinking.

Dedication is based on the idea of being devoted to something. We would give ourselves completely to that thing and it would become everything in our lives. For the Christian, this should be Jesus (Phil. 1:21) and the church (Acts 21:13).

Priority is placing the most important thing in our lives first. Nothing else comes close to it, and nothing goes ahead of it. That which is the top priority in our lives would never lose its place. It would be our whole life (Matt. 6:33).

If we are truly dedicated to Christ and his church and serving God is the top priority in our lives, then we would never again discuss whether we have to attend all the services. We would not be looking for arguments to defend our lack of attendance. We would give ourselves wholly to being at the Bible classes and all the services. Everything else in our lives would happen as long as these things do not interfere with the times we have set aside to attend Bible classes and worship services.

How do we get more people to attend Bible classes? How do we get people to attend all the worship services? How? We don’t! We can encourage; we can set the example ourselves; but, we cannot get a person to do the right thing unless they are truly dedicated and have their priorities right. For those with their hearts right, we would not have to concern ourselves with their attendance, they would be there. For those who are dedicated and have their priorities right, to live is Christ!