



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM
7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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What Do We Owe Our Local Congregation?

The Lord's church is one of the great three institutions on this earth which was established by divine directives. Since this is the case, as members of the Lord's church, what do we owe to the Lord's church?

First, we owe the local church our allegiance. Jesus established this fine institution with His precious blood. He had to be beaten, mocked, and crucified in order for the church to come into existence. Since Jesus gave so much for His church, should it be so hard for us to give Him our allegiance? Can we pledge to assemble with the people of God every first day of the week and on Wednesday evening knowing that Jesus suffered so we can have the privilege to assemble? Can we pledge to be fully engaged in worship services and Bible classes so our inner man can be strengthened and renewed?

Second, we owe the local church our allegiance to the local eldership. When an eldership is following Christ and implementing works that glorify and honor the Lord, Christians owe their allegiance to their leadership. Shepherds and overseers have the responsibility of watching for the souls of the sheep and that responsibility is grave. As sheep, we need to ensure we are living in such a way that allows those men to perform their duties with joy and not with grief (Heb. 13:17). Sheep should be responsible and let shepherds know when they will not be in assembly. Sheep should constantly pray for their shepherds. Sheep should respect the authority the Bible gives to shepherds and treat them accordingly.

Third, we owe the local church our allegiance to the preaching of the gospel. It is through preaching that men are saved and come to know the

Savior. As members of the local church, we should love and revere the proclaimed word of God. We should respect those who have given their lives to preaching the gospel. We owe the local congregation our allegiance to personal Bible study. Let's be noble like the Bereans and study the things proclaimed from the pulpit. These things will only help us become stronger and grow to become more like Jesus.

We owe our local congregation our hearts, souls, strength, and minds. Jesus gave His all to establish it, let's give our all to maintain it and build it up. -K.A. Pugh

There are many things in this life that you cannot control, such as the weather, the traffic, and the people around you. There is, however, one thing you can control. That is yourself. You can choose curse the rain or sing in it. You can choose to be angry or to be kind and patient. You can choose road rage or soothing music.

Let us choose what is right; let us know among ourselves what is good. Job 34:4 (ESV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)

Choose this day to do what is right. Choose today the fruit of the Spirit, which includes self-control.

Have a great week and live it to the glory of God.
-TLM

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