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Attendance at Church

From the Pastor's Desk

Last month, we addressed the reasons a person might have for skipping out on church attendance. I promised back then that we'd address reason #4: "The church has nothing to offer me (that I can't get anywhere else)." For instance, someone might say (and many have) that they can worship God alone, or on a walk through the woods, or while fishing on a lake. I also posed the question, "Could Jesus himself say 'The church has nothing to offer me.'"

Read the New Testament and you'll see that Jesus would wholeheartedly agree with the idea that you could worship God alone, or on a walk through the woods, or while fishing on a lake. In fact, it's safe to say he did all those things. I have no doubt he would encourage us to worship God in all those circumstances and more.

Yet, Jesus was in the Temple or a synagogue for worship every Sabbath, as far as we can tell! So the issue is NOT either-or, but both-and.

If anyone in all of human history could legitimately say, "I'm so spiritual and wise and close to God that the church has nothing more to offer me" it would be Jesus Christ, the Son of God!! Yet, Jesus was in the Temple or a synagogue for worship every Sabbath!

If you aren't in a Christian church every Sunday with Biblical preaching and teaching, and fellowship with like-minded Christians where you can support each other in living the Christian life, and opportunities to serve God and others, then I can see only two possibilities for you if you want to follow Jesus' example.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Oct. 2, 9:00 a.m. – Pastor Search Committee

Oct. 6, 10:45 a.m. – Special Guests

Oct. 6, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

Oct. 12 – Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)

Oct. 14 – Columbus Day

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Discussion

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Praise and Worship Service

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Weekly Bible Study

If you're not in that kind of church, then maybe you need to get serious about finding one somewhere. It's my observation that most people don't look very hard to find the church God wants them in.

The church you grew up in may not meet your needs in adulthood. The church you've been in for a while may change over time and not be a good fit for you anymore. You may move to a new town and have to start all over again to find the right church.

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Pastor's Desk (from p. 1)

Whatever the reason, finding the right church is important enough to spend however many weeks or months it takes to find it. Don't just try one or two and then give up if you haven't found it.

Secondly, if you are so spiritual, so wise, so close to God, and so knowledgeable about the Bible that you can't find ANY church that does anything for you, then you have only one option. You have to start your own church and share your spirituality, wisdom, love and knowledge of the Bible with people in your community who desperately need what you have.

If you do that, you will then have something you have been missing: you will have the satisfaction of effectively serving God and making the world a much better place. THAT is something you can't get by worshipping God on your own in private!

(Hebrews 10:24-25): **And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

✠ Pastor Tom

New Interim Pastor

One topic of New Business at the September 8 business meeting was a motion brought by Pastor Al Page that Tom Cairns be given a title. Since Pastor Jim took on the new position of Associate Dean of Academics at Northeastern Baptist College and stepped down as lead pastor in June, Tom, an ordained minister in his own right, has been spearheading efforts to get us through the transition period.

After much discussion of the pros and cons, Tom accepted the title of Interim Pastor, with the caveat that he would not become the go to guy for every problem that might come up.

Special Guests

On Sunday October 6th, guests from Northeastern Baptist College in Bennington, VT will lead the Worship Service and provide the sermon. Curtis Bailey is one of the guests who will lead each part of the Sunday Service.

At his request, copies of the Hillside songs lists were sent so he could prepare a service filled with music that we are all familiar with. We are blessed to have this offer presented to us. Let us pray for safe travel for our guests and for a worship service that is pleasing to our Lord.

Property and Space Patrol

The grass is not growing so fast as we slide into the Fall season. The leaves are starting to turn color but the ones that fall seem to get blown down the street, which is a blessing.

Welcome New Member

We are pleased to announce that longtime attendee Glenn Kittredge of Allenstown wished to join our fellowship. He was accepted as a member at the Sept. 8 business meeting. Welcome, Glenn!

Share Your Faith

In this devotion from *Our Daily Bread*, read Acts 16:1-10 and then read this commentary by ODB writer Bill Crowder. It's about the Macedonian who called the apostle Paul in a vision with "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

In 1701, the Church of England founded the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in order to send missionaries around the globe. The motto they chose was *transiens adiuva nos*—Latin for "Come over and help us!"

This has been the call on gospel ambassadors since the first century, as followers of Jesus take the message of His love and forgiveness to a world in desperate need of it.

The phrase "come over and help us" comes from the "Macedonian call" described in Acts 16. Paul and his team had arrived at Troas on the west coast of Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey, v. 8). There, "Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us' " (v. 9).

Having received the vision, Paul and his companions "got ready at once to leave for Macedonia" (v. 10). They understood the vital importance of the call.

Not everyone is called to cross the seas, but we can support those who do with our prayers and finances. And all of us can tell someone, whether

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across the room, the street, or the community, about the good news of Jesus.

Let's pray that our good God will enable us to cross over and give people the greatest help of all—the opportunity for forgiveness in Jesus' name.



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Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy birthday to this person who celebrates another orbit around the Sun:

10/1 Pastor Al Page, whose birthday is an unlisted number!

Hillside also wishes God's blessing on any people who celebrate a wedding anniversary this month. If that is you, let the Editor know about it.

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It is our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tune in to Gospel Radio

In the Concord area, get more of God's Word by tuning into New Hampshire Gospel Radio at 99.1 FM or 104.3 FM.

For example, on Saturday mornings at 6:30 a.m., enjoy "The Brinkman Adventures," a lively well-

done radio drama. In the wee hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings, if you can't sleep, tune in to Praise & Worship music.

During the week, tune into well known speakers such as Alistair Begg, Chuck Swindoll, Dr. David Jeremiah, and Dr. Jim Daly. In the evenings catch the latest episode of "Adventures in Odyssey."

Learn more at <http://www.nhgr.org/>.

Hillside on the Web

Go to the Hillside web site <http://www.hillside-sbc.org/> for more information about our fellowship, including this newsletter in PDF format.

Sermons are also recorded weekly and published on the web site as podcasts in mp3 format.

Submissions for Next Issue

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