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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine***

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Know Your Bible: Answers

- 1. Laodicea (Rev. 3:15-16)
- 2. Philippi (Acts 16:15, 40)
- 3. Troas (Acts 20:7-12)
- 4. Ephesus (Acts 19:19)
- 5. Antioch (Acts 11:26)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Josh Emerson
Announcements: Gary Tuttle
Encouragement Talk: Brad Smith
Opening Prayer: Robert McCorkle
Scripture Reading: John Franks
Colossians 3:22-25
Song Leader: Ryan Haarmann
Table Talk: Jacob McAdams
Contribution: Josh Emerson
Helper: Corwin Richardson
Fruit of Vine: John Van Baale
Helper: Chris Beard
Helper: Verlin Wilson
Closing Prayer: Scott McDearman

Sunday Afternoons

Sept 3 4PM Bible Fundamentals Class
Sept 10 4PM Worship (Gospel Meeting)
Sept 17 Nothing
Sept 24 4PM Boys Song Leading Class

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Corwin Richardson
Speaker: Josh Emerson



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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Gospel Meeting Next Week

September 10-13

with *D. J. Dickerson*

THEME: **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**

Sunday

9:30am Not Knowing God's Righteousness
10:30am Establishing Our Own Righteousness
4:00pm Not Going Beyond What Is Written

Weeknights at 7:00pm

Monday Establishing Our Own Righteousness: In The Home
Tuesday Establishing Our Own Righteousness: In Humbling Ourselves
Wednesday Establishing Our Own Righteousness: Regarding Sin

Join us as we worship God and focus on His word.

Are You Inviting Others?

by Charles Willis

“One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which translated means Christ). He brought him to Jesus” (John 1:40–42). Andrew “brought him to Jesus.” It seems the reason Peter went to see Jesus was because of the insistence, enthusiasm, and encouragement of Andrew. He did not go before the invitation. He accompanied Andrew to go see Jesus.

“Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see”” (John 1:45–46). Philip went and found Nathanael and invited him by saying “come and see.” Verse 47 tells us he did go see Jesus and became a believer, saying in verse 49 “You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.”

We are so fortunate and thankful that God has given us the written word that we might know the truth of how to serve Him in righteousness. Everyone has access to the Bible, but most people in our society do not know what the Bible says, and the large majority do not attend any religious services. A Gallup Poll in May of 2023 indicated 31% of American adults said they had attended church, synagogue, mosque or temple in the past seven days. Virtual attendance flared to over 30% during and following the pandemic, but is now reported at 5%. Some 65–70% of Americans do not regularly attend any religious assembly. Still, many consider themselves to be a Christian.

A LifeWay Research study from 2014 found that 67 percent of Americans said a personal invitation from a “family member” would be very or somewhat effective in getting them to visit a church. These simple truths show us what Scripture has already told us: bringing someone (John 1:42) and inviting someone (come and see John 1:46) are the primary way most people will

Know Your Bible

Churches

1. What church was neither hot nor cold?
2. What church began in the home of Lydia, a seller of purple?
3. In what church did Paul raise up Eutychus, who had fallen to his death out of a window?
4. What church was the scene of a burning of wicked books?
5. At what church were believers first called Christians?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



come in contact with the truth of God. “For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe” (1 Corinthians 1:21).

Many Christians feel as if they are not able to do many things in service to God. They feel unable to teach a class, preach, lead singing, lead a public prayer, go to a wayward brother, and more. While it is true some have more ability and gifts in some of these areas, these are not the only ways in which we can serve God. Most of these are public ways some serve. But EVERYONE can invite someone. It is painless, simple, and requires no preparation. It can be planned or spontaneous.

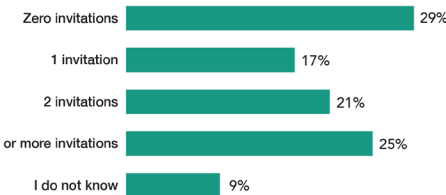
The two examples at the beginning of this article are about inviting a family member (Andrew brought Peter) and a friend (Philip invited Nathanael). Statistics agree these are the most effective invitations. **Are you inviting people to visit the assemblies?** The statistics below indicate 29% of churchgoers do not invite others. Scripture shows us the need to focus on family and friends. We invite people because we are excited to know the truth, thankful to God for salvation, and we love the one we are inviting.

Our gospel meeting starts next week. How many postcard invitations have you taken, and how many have you given? How many digital shares of the flier have you sent to others? (Take a picture on your phone, grab the flier from our website.) How many verbal invitations have you extended to family and friends?

Do not presuppose others will reject the invitation. Encourage some to accompany you. Encourage them to come and hear. This is a very good work which everyone can do, and should want to do because we were once invited and have come to know the truth of God, and the love He has for us all.

During the past six months, how many times did you invite an individual or family to attend a worship service with you at your church?

Among American churchgoers



Note: Includes repeated invitations to the same person or family. Includes invitations even if they did not accept. Does not equal 100% due to rounding.

LifeWay

LifeWayResearch.com

Why Someone Visits

- 2% by Advertisement
- 6% by the Pastoral Invitation
- 6% by organized evangelism campaign
- 86% by friends or relatives

(Source: *The Inviting Church*, 1987 p. 44)