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Hebrews 10:24,25;

Acts 2:42-46

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- ✦ They are present for Bible study on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening
- ✦ They attend both Sunday morning and evening worship services
- ✦ When the church has a gospel meeting, they attend each service
- ✦ They frequently attend gospel meetings at other congregations



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## **While Some others Do Not**

- ✦ Only once on Sunday, and that sporadically
- ✦ Do not participate in the Bible studies
- ✦ Are not present for most services during local gospel meetings
- ✦ As for attending a gospel meeting elsewhere...very unlikely



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- ♦ Why the difference?
- ♦ Are there spiritual consequences?
- ♦ Why should EVERY Christian ATTEND EVERY service possible?





# "Why Attend Every Service?"



- ◆ To Worship God,
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- ◆ To Glorify God,
- ◆ To Be Taught By God
- ◆ To strengthen, support and encourage God's people



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## **Hebrews 10:19-27 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup> and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful.

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<sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. <sup>26</sup> For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, <sup>27</sup> but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

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## #1 - To Keep The Commands of God

### Positively:

- ✦ Consider One Another - (Heb 10:24)
- ✦ Stir Up Love & Good Works - (Heb 10:24)
- ✦ Exhorting One Another - (Heb 10:25)
- ✦ Edify One Another - (Rom. 14:19; 15:1-3; Heb. 3:12-14)
- ✦ Seek First The Kingdom of God - (Mat 6:33; 10:37,38; Luke 14:26)

### Negatively:

- ✦ "Not To Forsake Our Assembling" ... He 10:25
- ✦ **Forsake** - ἐγκαταλείπω  
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While one may not have totally abandoned assembling with other Christians by attending only once a week, one has left the work and duties given to all Christians to others thus neglecting his/her share of responsibility

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## **Psalm 42:4 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise, With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast.

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**Psalms 55:14 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> We took sweet  
counsel together,  
*And* walked to the  
house of God in the  
throng.



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## Psalm 63:1-3 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> A Psalm of David when  
he was in the wilderness of  
Judah. O God, You *are* my  
God; Early will I seek You;  
My soul thirsts for You;  
My flesh longs for You In a  
dry and thirsty land  
Where there is no water.

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Psalm 63:1-3 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> So I have looked for  
You in the sanctuary,  
To see Your power and  
Your glory. <sup>3</sup> Because  
Your lovingkindness *is*  
better than life, My lips  
shall praise You.

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Psalm 84:2,10 (NKJV)  
<sup>2</sup> My soul longs, yes,  
even faints For the  
courts of the LORD;  
My heart and my  
flesh cry out for the  
living God.



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**Psalm 84:2,10 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> For a day in Your  
courts *is* better than a  
thousand. I would  
rather be a doorkeeper  
in the house of my God  
Than dwell in the tents  
of wickedness.



# "Why Attend Every Service?"

## #2 - To Grow & Develop Spiritually

- ✦ **The design of Bible Classes** – (Heb. 5:12-14; Titus 2:1-6; Eph. 4:11-16)
- ✦ **The design of Preaching** – (2 Tim 4:2; Col. 1:28)
- ✦ **The design of Singing** – (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16)
- ✦ **The design of Prayer** – (Acts 2:42,46,47; 4:24-31)



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## #3 - To Help The Assembly Function

- ♦ Preaching -
- ♦ Song Leading -
- ♦ Leading Prayer -
- ♦ Teaching Bible Classes -
- ♦ Announcements -
- ♦ Reading Scripture -
- ♦ Serving Lord's Supper -
- ♦ Preparing Communion -
- ♦ Signing
- ♦ Passing out Bulletins
- ♦ Cleaning Building -
- ♦ Counting Money -
- ♦ Sound/ Tapes -
- ♦ Lesson Material -
- ♦ Keeping grounds -
- ♦ Building Upkeep -
- ♦ Air -
- ♦ Visitor Cards -



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## #3 - To Help The Assembly Function

### **The Work Of The Church Is Dependant Upon It's Members!**

- ✦ Teaching the lost -
- ✦ Teaching each other -
- ✦ Helping the needy -
- ✦ Visiting the sick -
- ✦ Strengthening the weak -

Ephesians  
4:15-16;  
1 Corinthians  
12:12-19





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## #4 - To Provide A Good Example

### We Must Provide A Good Example For:

- ✦ **One Another!** – (1 Tim 4:12; Tit 2:7,8; Rom 14:13,19-21)
  - ◈ Newborn Christians - (1 Pet 2:1,2)
  - ◈ The weak – (Rom 15:1)
  - ◈ Visitors – (1 Cor 14:23)
- ✦ **The Lost** – (Mat. 5:14-16; Phili 2:15) –  
[Relatives – Children – Siblings – Neighbors –  
Friends – Enemies – Visitors]





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## #5 - To Be Ready, Watching, & Waiting

### Because:

- ✦ **Jesus Warned Us** - (Mat 25:13; Mark 13:33-37)
- ✦ **Paul Taught Us** - (1 Thes. 5:1-11)
- ✦ **We Must Walk Wisely** - (Ep. 5:16)
- ✦ **The Day of judgment Is Approaching!** - (Heb. 10:25)



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## #6 - To Have A Clear Conscience

**Our  
Conscience Is  
Clear When  
We Know We  
Have Obeyed  
God! –  
(1 Pet 3:21; Acts  
24:16; Jam. 4:17)**

- ✦ **Our Conscience Must Be Educated** - (1 Tim 1:5)
- ✦ **Missing Services Contributes To Ignorance While Attendance Contributes To Knowledge** – (Hos 4:6; 2 Tim 2:15)
- ✦ **A Conscience Can Become Seared** – (1 Tim 4:2)

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- ✦ To Grow And Develop Spiritually
- ✦ To Help The Church Function Properly
- ✦ To Provide A Good Example And Influence
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- ✦ To Have A Clear Conscience





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## Who Is Hurt When "I" Don't Attend?

- ✦ I am hurt -
- ✦ My family is hurt -
- ✦ The weak or new Christian is hurt -
- ✦ The church is hurt -
- ✦ The world is hurt -

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**Can You  
Honestly  
Say What  
The  
Psalmist  
Said?**

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JUNE 2011						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Singing: 3:00 PM

**Gospel Meeting**  
*Speaker:* Keith Sharp –  
*Subject:* Authority & Institutionalism

# "Why Attend Every Service"

During Our Gospel Meeting June 12-17



**Keith Sharp**  
*Mountain Home AR*

Question and answer  
after each lesson  
during the week

*Sunday June 12,*

9 am – The Nature of Authority

10 am – The Divine Pattern

5 pm – The Individual and Local Church

*Mon. June 13, 7 pm –*

The Work of The Church

*Tue. June 14, 7 pm –*

The Benevolent Work of The Church

*Wed. June 15, 7 pm –*

The Autonomy of The Local Church

*Thur. June 16, 7 pm –*

The Power of God

*Fri. June 17, 7 pm –*

Is That You O Troubler of Israel





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