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“I Want A Church That Meets My Needs”

The statement made in the title is not only the desire of many in the religious world, but is becoming the philosophy of many Christians, because many of us are seeking a religion that meets our needs.

Let me hasten to say that if the phrase means that we need to satisfy spiritual hunger, then it is a good expression. For surely everyone ought to be in a Christian community where his/her deepest spiritual longings are addressed. The voice of God needs to be heard through spiritual teaching, and we need opportunities to serve, love, and be called to repentance.

We ought to be a part of a congregation not so that our needs can be met, but rather so we may best meet the needs of God’s work.

But being a part of the church, to some, means reaching for goals of “self-actualization.” So, if the church doesn’t fulfill certain expectations, wants, and preferences, then they must move on to another emotional department store, with different merchandise, more appealing to their “tastes.”

Sadly, and probably without realizing it, many congregations have gotten into thinking that “we have to do all these things and plan all the activities to meet people’s needs, so they won’t leave.” Consequently, well-meaning leaders have turned God’s church into a merchandising institution. So we promote this program and that program for this group and that group.

But, in my judgment, the system has become turned upside down from the way God intended it to be. Whatever happened to the attitude in a Christian’s heart of “I’d like to be a part of this congregation because of what I can do to meet its needs.” When are we most fulfilled? When our needs are met, or when we meet the needs of God’s church on this earth? We ought to be a part of a congregation not so that our needs can be met, but rather so that we may best meet the needs of God’s work.

Christians need to recall the truth of the Scriptures that personal fulfillment is a great spiritual paradox. We are most filled when we empty ourselves and be filled serving others. Jesus taught us, “Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant... Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister” (Matthew 20:26-28). And again, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” (Romans 12:1). “Reasonable service” is not being served (having your needs met), but serving (meeting the needs of others). We need to relearn the axiom, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

Let’s not demand that God’s church be a place where people (leadership or membership) cater to our desires and preferences. Let’s turn it right side up again and be a part of a congregation, not for what it can do for us, but for what we can do for it!

William Woodson
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WELCOME VISITORS:

We are so glad you decided to be here today! It is always such a blessing to be able to meet you and be encouraged by your presence. Thank you for coming our way.

FOR THE CHILDREN:

Children’s Worship Bulletins are available at the back for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

Attended Nursery for infants through age two. Parents may leave their children in the nursery before the worship service begins.

A Training Room for parents to use anytime during the worship service is also provided across the hall from the attended nursery.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Hearing aid devices are available and may be received from the attendant in the sound room at the rear of the auditorium.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR (Luke 11: 28)

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

BELIEVE (Mark 16: 16)

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

REPENT (Acts 2: 38)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

CONFESS (Matthew 10: 32)

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

BE BAPTIZED (Acts 22: 16)

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Involvement Questionnaire's



PLEASE!!! Do not forget to turn in your Involvement Questionnaire form. This questionnaire is important for our monthly scheduling! Please complete the forms and turn them in by February 29th. Beginning in March, the areas of service selection will be determined from **ONLY** those who have turned in questionnaires. If you have any questions, please see one of the elders.

50th Anniversary Party

Today from 4:00 – 6:00 pm Robert & Helen Underwood will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The Underwoods extend an invitation to everyone to help them celebrate this joyful occasion. Food and refreshments will be served.



PotLuck/Pitch-In



On Sunday, February 26th, following morning services, we will have a Potluck/Pitch In. Everyone is invited to attend and share in this time of food and fellowship. Please invite a friend or family member to services and potluck. Bring your favorite food to share.

Spiritual Growth Workshop

Time does fly. It is only six months away from the 12th biennial Spiritual Growth Workshop.

Theme: A Heritage of Hope

Date: July 20-23, 2006

Location: Rosen Centre Hotel on International Drive in Orlando.

Website: www.spiritualgrowthworkshop.com

Just a few of the speakers will be:

Dr. Skovorodnikov, Superintendent of High Schools in Russia, sponsored by Eastern European Mission (EEM)

Juan Monroy, an international evangelist from Madrid, Spain.

Glenn Langston, blind evangelist to the blind worldwide

Willard Tate, one of the most popular speakers in the past.

Watch the bulletin and bulletin boards for more information or check out the website listed above.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates Tour



Mark your calendars for Monday, March 6th. A group will be going to the Edison and Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers. There are seats still available on the bus. If you would like to go, there is still time to put in your reservation, please see B.J. Thomas or Bill Sweeton.

Picnic

It is getting close to that time of year. Time for our annual picnic at the Hammock State Park. Please mark your calendars for March 12th. More information to follow.



Guest Speaker



On Sunday, March 5th Ken Joines will be speaking. Please mark your calendars and invite others to hear Ken Joines.

Dedicated Funds Envelopes

On the backs of the pews, you will find envelopes marked dedicated funds. When donating to the building fund, special mission efforts, special medical missions, or other specially dedicated funds, please check the appropriate box on the envelope.



Members/Visitors Cards



There are new cards in the pews. On one side, it has the member attendance information and on the reverse side, it has the visitor's information. Please fill out the appropriate side on Sunday morning, this allows us to have a record of your attendance.



The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

Our Record: February 12th, 2006

Bible Study	139
Sunday AM Worship	202
Sunday PM Worship	124
Contribution	\$4191
Wednesday Bible Study	156
Building Fund	\$30
Ukraine Building Fund	\$0
F.H. Gates	\$425
Special Mission Efforts	\$40

Visitors Last Week

No Cards Received

Please remember to invite others to our services. There are cards available in the foyer to help you invite others.

Upcoming Birthdays



Betty Anderson	2/19
Mary Parsley	2/20
Lori Brockwell	2/24
Ronald Horton	2/24
Nancy Stalter	2/24
James Ware	2/24
Amanda Tubbs	2/25
Betty Abrams	2/26
Paul Tubbs	2/26
Marvin Massey	2/26
Joshua Saenz	2/27
Mike Tubbs	2/27

Anniversary



Chad & Kari Pritchett 2/22/03

Prayer List

- ❖ **Al Overfield and Jean Fulbright**, continue to improve daily.
- ❖ **Frank Henry** continued health concerns.
- ❖ **Wayne Welsh and family** as he undergoes treatment for health concerns
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** is making improvements from his recent back surgeries.
- ❖ **Pauline Rye** is back in Indiana. She fell this past week and broke her nose, had to have stitches in her forehead, and was bruised. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- ❖ **Al Overfield**, is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery on Feb. 27th.

Prayer List

- ❖ **Buel Piety**, remains in a Terre Haute Hospital in serious condition. Their address is:
1120 E. Davis Dr. Apt 105
Terre Haute, IN 47802
- ❖ **Elizabeth Tubbs** hopes to get her picc-line out this week. She continues to improve, but does not have a medical release to return to work.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Gary Taylor**, son of Kathryn Taylor and brother of Betty Abrams, hopes to go home soon, but will have a long recovery.
- ❖ **Mae Dorst**, 96 year-old-mother of Patty Massey, continued health concerns.
- ❖ **Jim Casey**, friends of the Barber's, is recovering from heart transplant. Brother Casey is an elder of the Adrian church of Christ and until recently had been the preacher there for 15 or more years. He will have a long road a head of him. Please also remember the family of the young man who lost his life but gave life back to Brother Casey.
- ❖ **Margaret Kooi**, friend of Zink's and Powell-Pearce, must undergo testing for spots on lungs.
- ❖ **Ed Weaver**, father of Carolyn Thomas, continued health concerns.
- ❖ **Evelyn Einfeldt**, stepmother of Rachel Capps, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Nancy Basket**, sister of Mary Welsh, will undergo biopsies tomorrow for possible breast cancer.
- ❖ **Debbie Vigar**, Marjorie Vandivor's sister began 5 months of chemotherapy this past week.
- ❖ **Katherine Farmer** continued health problems.
- ❖ **Harold Cochran, father of Rick Cochran**, is waiting test results about possible heart blockage.
- ❖ **Dorothy McCracken**, recently diagnosed with cancer in both lungs.
- ❖ **Dorothy Maxwell**, mother of Brenda Shinholser, had surgery on Friday to repair a broken hip. She is in Highlands Regional Hospital.
- ❖ **Lora Jones**, needs to undergo treatment for Leukemia, if she cannot make arrangements here she must go back north.

MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaal and family and Javeed Ally** in Guyana. (Great amount of concern from criminal activity preceding this year's elections.)
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F.H. & Becky Gates** in Brazil.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE		REMINDER:
THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY	<p>If for some reason you find that you cannot serve as scheduled in the monthly assignment schedule, please call Chris Fowler as soon as possible so that a substitute can be selected.</p> <p>Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts.</p> <p>Those who participate Sunday morning are asked to wear appropriate dress attire, preferably, though not required, a dress shirt and tie. At other services casual sport shirt and slacks are acceptable; no T-shirts or shorts should be worn while serving the congregation.</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation.</p>
<p>Prepare Communion: Laura Ware</p> <p>Greeters: Ron Horton Rick Cochran Bill Sweeton Linda Cochran</p> <p>Pick Up Cards: Nicholas Stalter & Victor Oregon</p> <p>Pick Up Communion Cups: Kaitlyn Nall & Forest Ritenour</p> <p>Sound Room: Bill Benton</p> <p>Secure Building This Week: Bill Benton</p>	<p>Prepare Communion: Laura Ware</p> <p>Greeters: Ron Horton Allen Barber Bill Sweeton Marie Barber</p> <p>Pick Up Cards: Philip Naugle & Troy Talbert</p> <p>Pick Up Communion Cups: Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler</p> <p>Sound Room: BJ Thomas</p> <p>Secure Building Next Week: BJ Thomas</p>	
<p>Announcements: Chris Fowler</p> <p>Song Leader: Dan Luidhardt</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Robert Underwood</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Preside: Clark Gannon</p> <p>Serve:</p> <p>1. George Henderson 5. Bill Cole 2. Herman Klahn 6. Wayne Anderson 3. Bob Lynch 7. Don Yost 4. Delbert Mason 8. Arlon Dale</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Dale Naugle</p>	<p>Announcements: Paul Talbert</p> <p>Song Leader: Jim Morris</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Clark Gannon</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Preside: Robert Underwood</p> <p>Serve:</p> <p>1. Nicholas Stalter 5. Dan Luidhardt 2. Bill Benton 6. Robert Parnett 3. Rick Cochran 7. John Roberts 4. George Lazzell 8. Tracey Stalter</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Clem Smith</p>	SHEPHERDS
Sunday Evening	Sunday Evening	<p>Harry Johnson 655-3386</p> <p>Dave Marcum..... 385-8899 (Treasurer/ Administration/ Membership Directory)</p> <p>Olin Shinholser 382-1060 (Worship Services/ Education)</p> <p>Paul Talbert 385-3756 (Building & Grounds/ Benevolence/ Membership Services/ Directory)</p>
<p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Jim Morris Ernie Zink</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Clark Gannon Harlen Drew</p>	<p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Chris Fowler Don Ware</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Robert Underwood Dave Marcum</p>	EVANGELIST
Wednesday Evening	Wednesday Evening	<p>Bryan Naugle 314-9828</p>
<p>Song Leader: Invitation: Troy Talbert Bill Sweeton</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Dale Spung</p>	<p>Song Leader: Invitation: Don Ware Harry Johnson</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Dale Naugle</p>	DEACONS
FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL	MEET WITH US	<p>Bill Benton..... 453-6002</p> <p>Chris Fowler..... 386-4661 (Youth Director/ Services Director/ Substitute Teacher Assignments)</p> <p>Roger Gurganus..... 453-3939 (Building & Grounds Maintenance (Outside)/ Transportation/ Communion)</p> <p>Tracey Stalter..... 471-9736 (Building Maintenance (Inside)/ Membership Directory/ Pews)</p> <p>BJ Thomas..... 385-7270 (Building Maintenance (Outside)/ Benevolence)</p> <p>Don Ware 382-0194 (Special Mission Efforts/ Timothy Class)</p>
<p>If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sebring Parkway Church of Christ 3800 Sebring Parkway Sebring, FL 33870</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Age Range:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 10 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 17 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 50 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - ?? yrs</p>	<p>Sunday Bible Study 9:00 AM Sunday AM Worship..... 10:00 AM Sunday PM Service 6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM</p> <p>Website: http://www.sebringcoc.com</p> <p>Email: sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Hours 8:00 am – 1:00 pm Monday - Friday</p>	