

# THE BELLEVILLE MESSENGER

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## The Need To Regularly Assemble Together

Sadly, there are some who consider themselves to be a faithful child of God, but yet they neglect to regularly assemble (i.e. come together) with the saints. You see, it is very important for a member of the body of Christ to assemble together in one place (1 Corinthians 11:18, 20) with those of like precious faith, and the inspired Hebrew writer emphasizes the importance of this when he penned, *“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the Day approaching”* (Hebrews 10:23-25).

Now, with those inspired words in mind, let’s take a look at some reasons for why it is very important for us to regularly assemble together.

### **Need To Regularly Assemble Together To Keep The Commandment of God.**

First of all brethren, we must not neglect the assembling of ourselves together because we have specifically been given a commandment in the Scriptures to “not forsake the assembling of ourselves together” (Hebrews 10:25). You see, God desires for His people to regularly come together in one place (Ref. 1 Corinthians 11:18, 20). Therefore, when we fail to come together in one place, we are simply disobeying what God has said to do. Knowing that, we

need to regularly assemble together, in one place, in order to obey what God wants us to do. Think about that, and may this reason alone motivate us all to regularly assemble ourselves together to worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24).

### **Need To Regularly Assemble Together To Enhance Spiritual Growth.**

Another reason for why we need to regularly assemble together is so that we will not become spiritually malnourished (Hebrews 5:12-14). You see, Christians are instructed to desire the pure milk of the word of God so that they can grow thereby (1 Peter 2:2), and they are instructed to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). However, how can one effectively do this when they consistently neglect coming together with the saints to hear, study, and to learn more about God, His word, and His will for us? Think about that, and realize the need to regularly assemble together.

### **Need To Regularly Assemble Together To Express Love For God and One Another.**

We must also regularly assemble ourselves together in order to express our love the Lord our God (Matthew 22:37), and for one another, and in order to stir up one another for love and good works (Hebrews 10:24). You see, God’s people are to always put Him first (Matthew 6:33), and they are to love one another (John 13:34-35, 15:17), and Peter says, *“Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart”* (1 Peter 1:22). Now, I ask, how can you effectively express your love for God, and for one another when you fail to regularly come together to worship God, and to be around one another (Ref. Hebrews 10:23-31)? Think about that, and understand the need to regularly assemble together, and be one who sincerely expresses your love for God, and for one another.

### **Need To Regularly Assemble Together To Encourage One Another.**

Likewise, we need to regularly assemble ourselves together to encourage one another. In Romans 1:12, Paul expressed his desire

to visit the church at Rome, and one reason for this desire was as Paul said, "...that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me." So, you see, even the apostle Paul desired to be in one place together with the brethren so that he and they both could be encouraged together. Therefore, let us all strive to regularly assemble together, in one place, in order to effectively stir up one another for love and good works (Hebrews 10:24), let's set the proper example for one another to follow, and let's be an encouragement to one another by our presence, rather than a discouragement to others by our constant absence. Think about that, and be one who regularly assembles yourself together with the saints.

**Need To Regularly Assemble Together To Help Support The Work of This Local Church.**

Do you realize that as being a member of this local church you have a responsibility to this local church, and a duty to provide your part, and to do your share? Think about that, as you read the following Scriptures (Ref. Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:16). You see, to be simply put, each and every member of this local church is needed and useful, and in order for this local church to function to its fullest potential, each and every member is going to have to be here, and are going to have to provide their part to this local work. Knowing that, don't hinder the work of this local church by failing to regularly assemble together with the saints here, but rather make it a point to take advantage of every opportunity you have to regularly assemble together here with the saints, and do your part in supporting the work of this local church.

Brethren, the list of reasons for why it is very important for us to regularly assemble ourselves together could go on and on. However, I hope and pray that we will all understand the need to regularly assemble together, and that we will all strive to be one who does not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but rather we will all be one who takes advantage of every opportunity to come together with our brothers and sisters in Christ so that we can effectively support the local work in which we are a part of, never forgetting, when we fail to regularly assemble together, WE MISS OUT!

*✍ Brad Phillips*

## God's Plan of Salvation

**Hear the word of God. (Romans 10:17)**

**Believe in Jesus Christ. (John 8:24)**

**Repent of your sins. (Acts 17:30)**

**Confess Jesus Christ. (Romans 10:9-10)**

**Be baptized for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38)**

**Remain faithful unto death. (Revelation 2:10)**

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (Romans 1:16).*

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#### Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study .....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship .....	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study .....	7:00 p.m.

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