



Always Late

I read a neat article the other day on the website webmd.com entitled *Help for the Chronically Late*. It was written by Sherry Rauh and reviewed by Louise Chang, MD. According to Rauh, "For some people, being on time seems nearly impossible -- no matter how important the event. They're always running out the door in a frenzy, arriving everywhere at least 10 minutes late." Rauh declares the various problems associated with always being late and then offers suggestions for correcting the underlying reason for the condition. It is a very good article.

Psychologist Linda Sapadin, PhD, author of *Master Your Fears*, says the consequences of being chronically late run deeper than many people realize. "You're creating a reputation for yourself, and it's not the best reputation to be establishing. People feel they can't trust you or rely on you, so it impacts relationships. It also impacts self-esteem."

Moreover, say the experts, always being late sends a message that the person you're meeting or the event that you're attending doesn't possess supreme importance to you. Essentially it is a negative. Those who do value the event, find it distressing when their focus is interrupted because of movement and sound due to your tardiness. Always being late sends a powerful, though unwanted message!

Now, consider church services. We could speak about the disruption that occurs when someone enters late to a class or for worship. We could speak about the insensitive message it sends to the teachers and leaders (i.e. Their hours of preparation really do not matter). We could address the fact that the person being late is robbing themselves of great fellowship and spiritual encouragement. We even could speak about the example that the late person is setting for others, in particular their own children (i.e. Jobs and recreation are important because we are on time, but the church that belongs to Jesus is of less value). We could focus on these things and many more, but we won't.

Instead, I want us to focus on Jesus. Think of the message that is being sent to Him and the Father. The suffering and death, all that they have done, are doing and have promised to do is of lesser value than things of this world. The message is that the here and now and the things we enjoy here and now are of greater importance. Is this the message that we really want to send? Think about it. Take care.

Terry D. Casey
Preaching Minister

Attendance/Offering/Last Week (Spanish & English)

Bible Class: 150/32 Sunday AM: 313/72 Sunday PM: 76 Wednesday: 98/20

Budget: \$8,950. Last Week's Offering: \$9,311. (Spanish Attendance in blue)



WELCOME VISITORS !!

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AWAKEN!

"You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober."

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6

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Schedule of Assemblies

English

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 am
Sunday Worship 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Night Study 7:00 pm

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Sunday Bible Study 11:00 am
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News & Notes for December 21st 2014

PRAYER LIST

Chuck Johnson (Cleveland Clinic); **Vicki Wolfe** (foot surgery); **Pat Farris**; (eye surgery); **Deborah Mizell family** (loss of sister Lorraine) **Olga Sweeney**; **Arias Family**; **Marion Newman**; **Willie Koch**; **Barbara Waters**; **Kyle Halat**; **Henry Bosch**; **Joan Johnson**; **Meada Jonas**; **Jeff Gruendel**; **Yvonne Scouras**; **Evelyn Cobham**; **Cleve Boothman**; **Willette Ingraham**; **Jacqueline Johnson family**; **Jean Noel family**; **Karen Johnson**; **Ethel Bracey**; **Wilberto Alegria**; **Stephen Watson family**; **S. Jackson family**; **Eileen Largie family**; **Kaylin Soero**; **Michaela Rival**; **Vida Allicock**; **Randy Reed family**; **Donald Family**; **Shere Eckley**; **Melissa Smith**; **Dieulila Joseph family**; **Debbie LaChance**, **Kevin Nunnery**; **Jesse Darrow**; **Angela & Kebel Codner family**; **Joleen Robinson**; **Stuart G.**; **Donna Newman's parents**; **Cornelia Watson's Grandma** (hospice); **Grace Lee** (surgery); **Ty Daniel & family**; **Christine Phillips family**; **Junior Wiggan family**; **Broderick Smith family**.

Keep In Prayer:

David Caskey, **Chip Monk**, **Mark Jordan**, **Marge Logan**, **Todd Gruendel**, **Irelis Shapley**, **Noah Casey**, **Frances Salmon**, **Cindy Long**, **Amy Horton**, **Janice Goodpasture**.

Remember Our Military:

Jess Aldred, **Kenyatta Battle**, **David Cunningham**, **Levi Danforth**, **Brandon Edelstein**, **Ciara Ruiz**, **Naterika Benton-Stickland**.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

Children's Bible Hour is closed for the month of December. Lester Wolfe is seeking volunteers for the program. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Target date to reopen is Sunday, January 18th. Please see Lester today.



HERE AM I, SEND ME ...

Often overlooked but most important, help is needed to **Prepare Communion** each month and to **Lock the Building** each month. A schedule is now posted on the Bulletin Board in the foyer for the 2015 year. Please pencil your name in where you can serve. Thank you.



SERVICE TIME CHANGE

On **Wednesday, December 31st** the Devotional service time will change to **8 pm**.

NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCH NIGHT

The Twelfth Annual New Year's Eve Watch Night will be held here on Wednesday, 12-31-2014, beginning at 9 pm until 12:30 am. Bring in the New Year with your fellow saints! Bring: your Bibles, friends, family, a covered dish or dessert and be sure to sign up at the information desk. Flyers are available at the desks.

THANK YOU

Terry & Patty Brown would like to thank everyone who purchased gifts for Christian Homes for Children. We also really appreciate all the people who transported the gifts Saturday and made it a great party for the kids. A big thanks to Mike Aldrich for being Santa Claus!

CDs OF SERMONS

Please don't forget to pick up your CD requests at the Information Desk. The bin is overflowing.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Reminder: Please check the boxes in the foyer and take your cards home to enjoy!

LADIES PRAYER BREAKFAST

The first Ladies Prayer Breakfast of the new year will be Saturday, January 10th at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP at the desk.

INFORMATION PAGE:

Life Group Meetings



Put this on Your Calendar Now!

January

LG#10—Jay Vitarelli
January 10th at Koch's home
5:30 pm

Living
In
Faith
Everyday



JANUARY

2nd Deadline for Wintercamp Registrations
4th Devo at 7 pm at the Youth House
16-19th Wintercamp
(See Doug Horton for Details)

COMING EVENTS

December

Thurs./Fri. Dec. 25 & 26 Church Office Closed
Wed. Dec. 31 Devotional Service at 8 pm
Followed by New Year's Eve Watch Party at 9pm

January

Thurs. Jan. 1 Happy New Year—Office Closed
Sat. Jan. 10 Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:30 am

Sermons Today

10am "What Gift Do You Bring?"
Matthew 2:1-12; Romans 12:1-8
6 pm Josh Ross

Order of Services Sunday, December 21st

Song Leader: Dale Kennon
Song Medley: 264, 202, 264
Welcome From the Elders: Russ Garner
Song Medley: 1018, 286, 344, 23, 538, 1018
Opening Prayer: Steve Bails
Song: How Deep The Father's Love
Lord's Supper & Offering: Terry Henderson
Scripture Reading: Alex Garner
Scripture: Romans 12:1-8
Song: 276 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Sermon: Terry Casey
Song: 309 In My Life Lord, Be Glorified
Song: 294 You're The One
Closing Prayer: Frank Washington