

THE FOREST HILL NEWS



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Resolutions of Faithfulness #1 Faithful Attendance

Barry Grider

At the conclusion of the thrilling 15th chapter of First Corinthians, Paul writes, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, foreasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (v.58). Since we know that Jesus is coming again and that our mortal, corruptible bodies will be changed at that time, let each of us resolve to be faithful to the Lord. Peter admonished, " Seeing that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness" (1 Pet. 3:10).

This is the beginning of a new year and it is customary to make resolutions. Such resolutions are decisions you have made in your mind to make some positive changes in your life for the coming year. It means you have a goal in mind and a plan to accomplish that goal. Let us make up our minds to make some positive spiritual changes in our lives. As Christians our goal is heaven. Through the blood of Jesus we have been forgiven of our sins and now we want to remain faithful to Him and grow in our faith (2 Pet. 3:18).

May I first suggest, dear Christian friend, that you resolve in your heart to be faithful to the assembly. Christians are commanded to assemble with the saints. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25). Of course, we will never be excited about the assembly until we are excited about Christ. In the assembly, we remember His death through the partaking of the memorial supper each Lord's day (Acts 20:7). As we assemble we go to our Father in prayer through Christ and give of our means so that His cause can prosper. Hymns of praise are offered toward Heaven. These psalms, hymns and spiritual songs greatly encourage us in our walk with the Lord. Likewise, God's will is made known through the preaching of the gospel of Christ. You see, you don't want to miss the assembly because you have been commanded to assemble. Furthermore, having been converted to Christ you have every motivation for being present. When you miss the assembly, like Thomas, you miss the Lord (John 19:24).

Likewise, there are other benefits that one enjoys through faithful attendance. Fellowship with the brethren strengthens us, particularly as we come together as a collective body. Through faithful attendance we can stay abreast of the work of the church and get involved in various activities that promote the Lord's cause. When we assemble, Bible classes are offered to help us grow in our knowledge of the Word and this strengthens our faith (Rom. 10:17).

If you already attend the services of the church faithfully, keeping this resolution will be easy. Of course, you want to make sure your attendance is not ritualistic, but, rather, you attend because your heart is right with God and you want to please him. If you are having trouble faithfully attending the assembly, now is the time to resolve to change that. Think about what Christ has done for you. Realize there are many Christians who long for your association and want to engage in the Lord's service with you. Make up your mind to be faithful to all the services of the church in 2010. You will be glad you made this commitment.

“Please, Daddy, Let’s Go...”

A little girl with shining eyes,
 Her little face aglow,
 Said, “Daddy, it is almost time
 For Sunday school; let’s go.”
 “Oh, no,” said Daddy, “Not today,
 I’ve worked hard all the week,
 And I must have one day of rest.
 I’m going to the creek
 For there I can relax and rest,
 And fishing’s fine, they say.
 So run along, don’t bother me.
 We’ll go to church some day.”

Months and years have passed away
 But Daddy hears that plea no more...

“let’s go to Sunday school.”

Those childish days are o’er.
 Now that Daddy’s growing old,
 When life is almost through,
 He finds time to go to church...
 But what does daughter do?

She says, “Oh, Daddy, not today...”

I stayed up almost all night
 And I’ve got to get some sleep.
 Besides, I look a fright.”

Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand
 To brush away the tears.

He seems to hear the pleading voice
 Distinctly through the years.

He sees his small girl’s little face
 Upturned, with eyes aglow,
 Saying, “It’s time for Sunday school.
 Please Daddy, won’t you go?”

Your Children

It Is Hard To Convince Your Children

That the work of the church is really important when you are not taking an active part in the work of the church.

It Is Hard To Convince Your Children

That faithfulness to the church is the most important loyalty in life when you permit them to forsake services to engage in other activities.

It Is Hard To Convince Your Children

That the church is the body of Christ when you are indifferent to the welfare of the members of that body.

It Is Hard To Convince Your Children

That they are to respect the church when you constantly complain and criticize the efforts of those who care enough to be doing something.

It Is Hard To Convince Your Children

That the church is the world’s most important institution when you give so little to finance the church’s work.

It Is Hard To Convince Your Children

That they can believe God’s Word if you can’t believe Him enough to place the kingdom of God first in your life.

It Is Hard To Convince Your Children

That it is important to love your enemies when you hold grudges and have wrong attitudes toward those who do you wrong.

It Is Hard To Convince Your Children

That we must obey the laws of the land when we lie on our tax form and disregard speed limits.

It Is Hard To Convince Your Children

That it is important to teach others the gospel when we have never attempted to talk with our neighbors or friends about the truth.

It Is Hard To Convince Your Children

That we must stand against false doctrine and immorality when we remain silent when error is being propagated or practiced.

**Forest Hill Church of Christ
Adult Classes
Winter Quarter, 2009-2010**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Topic</u>
<u>Sunday Morning</u>			<u>Wednesday Night</u>		
Auditorium (A)	Bobby Liddell	Christian Characteristics	Room 201(E)	Lyle Summitt (College Age)	<i>Prayer: When I Kneel at the Throne Of God's Grace</i>
Chapel Hall (E)	Keith Mosher	The Godhead	<u>Tuesday Morning</u>		
<u>Wednesday Night</u>			Ladies Class (A)	Celicia Grider	<i>Decisions: How to Live Right in a World so Wrong</i>
Auditorium (A)	Jason McDade	Hebrews	A - Auditorium Building E - Education Building		
Chapel Hall (E)	Mike Dugger	How to Study the Bible <i>With Others</i>			

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