

Closed on Sunday

When I was growing up, Sunday was a day set aside for rest and reverence. Most stores and businesses were closed and most folks got together with family for Sunday lunch. There were “blue laws” which allowed only basic necessities such as food or gasoline to be purchased. Yeah, Sunday’s were different back then.

Nowadays, it’s hard to tell Sunday from any other day of the week (other than a lot of people are off work). Every conceivable business or recreational activity is available, allowing us to purchase or do most anything on the “first day of the week”. As convenient as this is, it poses a great challenge to the disciple of Christ. Instead of Sunday worship taking priority, it would seem that “going to church” is something we do as long as there’s nothing else happening. This is especially true when it comes to the evening services. But as we continue to strive for spiritual growth, we must make the commitment to place God’s service first and not just work it in when we can. Let’s remember to:

- Seek First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness (Matthew 6:33)
- Continually Offer the Sacrifice of Praise to God (Hebrews 13:15)
- Place God First then Family Second (Matthew 10:37)
- Be Steadfast in the Work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)
- Not to Neglect Meeting with Our Church Family (Hebrews 10:25)
- Not Love the World More Than the Lord (James 4:4)
- Make Self-Sacrifices that Will Please God (Hebrews 13:16; Romans 12:1)
- Be Good Examples to Those Outside the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)

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