

Announcements

Come share your ideas today at noon.

January 16-January 22

16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Potluck and planning at noon in annex	College- age Bible study @ 6:30 p.m.		Joe Ed's birthday		Zach B.'s birthday	

Two birthdays and **no** anniversaries this week.

January 09, 2021

Contribution: \$1,360.00

Attendance: 27

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Welcome to the Alpine church of Christ

January 16, 2022



Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God.



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in the annex.*

Why Saints Assemble

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together--" (Heb. 10:25) is a clear statement of God's will in the matter; and some babes in Christ may "go to church" compelled by fear of God's wrath. This is a legitimate motive, albeit one that is less needed by the more mature Christian. The collective action of saints, with its attendant assemblings, is far more than an self-justifying end. It grows out of the basic character of saints, and their God-appointed purposes.

Early Christians were "together" "with one accord". (Acts 2:44-46) A closeness, and singleness of purpose such as theirs brought them together physically, just as it will bring true Christians together today. They gravitated toward one-another for prayer as fishermen gather to discuss lures; they had a common interest and object of worship.

They loved the truth, and their "delight" was in the law of the Lord. (Matt. 5:6 Psm. 1:2) When people are hungry, they do not have to be urged to go where there is food; nor do they eat "because of a sense of duty."

Faithful Christians had great respect and veneration for Jesus Christ (1 Cor.11:23-f.) hence, welcomed opportunity to participate in the memorial supper. Their hearts were warmed and faith renewed as they worshipped "in remembrance of" Christ.

Each one's concern for his own spiritual welfare, as well as that of fellow Christians, was reflected in the assembling. In Heb. 10:23-25 note how "let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering" is related to their gathering together. And because "every man according to his ability, determined --" the making of a common treasury brought them together. (Acts 11:29 1 Cor.16:1-3) A pooled fund is the means of exchange by which a plurality of saints act as one to do God's will. Some early churches were so anxious to do God's work they begged Paul to take their offering. (2 Cor. 8:4) The next verse explains this eagerness: they had given themselves to the Lord.

Saints today assemble for these same reasons. I do not refer to those who occasionally "attend" worship; I mean **those who worship with regularity**, the faithful few or many. Robert F. Turner (*Plain Talk*, 1969)

Extra meeting time opportunities in January 2022

- This Sunday, *January 16*-Potluck meal in annex and discussion of meeting times and activities for the rest of the year.
- Sunday, *January 23*-Singing night at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in leading singing can lead. One of our members will give a devotional talk.
- Sunday, *January 30*-Group activity based on Joe Ed's bulletin articles about places for families to visit. Our first hike will be in Ft. Davis at Davis Mountain State Park. We will hike Indian Lodge Trail. We will leave the church building around 1 p.m.



Several members recently honored Stacey Watson and her family by repairing and restoring a building on the adjacent property donated in her honor. Thank you to all in this ongoing effort to be a family of God in Alpine.