



# FAILURE TO SING



A preacher recently announced from the pulpit, just before he delivered his sermon, "Brethren, not one of you would deliberately omit the Lord's Supper this morning, I know. Yet, during the course of the last song, I noticed six or seven Christians who were not singing."

The Lord surely did not provide avenues of worship merely to meet man's fancy. Every Christian knows that to break bread (Acts 20:7), to sing (Colossians 3:16), to study (2 Timothy 2:15), to pray (Ephesians 6:16), and to give (1 Corinthians 16:2) are all specified as items of worship.

Further, singing, according to Scripture, goes beyond just a physical movement of the lips and mouth. The object or purpose of singing as worship is to teach and admonish one another, to speak to one another (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16), to express joy (James 5:13), to praise God (Romans 15:19), and to make melody in the heart to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19).

One need not be a talented singer to comply with these requirements. A coarse, tuneless monotone properly applied is acceptable to the Lord, while a beautifully trained voice singing words without meaning is not acceptable.

No one knows better than a song leader the difficulty of attempting to lead a song service and observe sprinkled throughout the audience many Christians that sit silently without any attempt to sing. Perhaps the song leader surmises that such people do not feel like singing. However, it is strange that these brethren feel well enough to partake of the Lord's Supper. There are times that the song leader leads singing when he does not feel like it, but he continues on. Surely, excuses are slim indeed.

There are many sins of omission, but, brethren do not be found guilty of this one. Sing at every service. It is not only a privilege, it is a duty to sing praises unto the Lord.

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). - Author Unknown. via Wadsworth, OH (Submitted)

To spend time wisely, invest it in eternity.

## News & Notes

**THANKS:** The McMahan-Wright families would like to thank our brothers and sisters of the congregation for their many acts of love bestowed upon us in the loss of our mother, sister, grandmother, and aunt.

**SYMPATHY:** To Karen Main at the passing of her great uncle, Jim Montgomery. May God bless and comfort the family.

**CONFESSIONS:** Dennis & Lori States.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All the ladies are invited to participate.

**PANTRY:** Canned fruit.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME:** Scharlotte Cyphers, Carol Stillwell, Mary Beth Robinson, Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred & Jean Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, George & Betty Dunn (Pat Wright's parents). **NURSING HOMES: Fox:** Ray Baker. **Calcutta Health Care:** Glenn Beagle, Virginia Clutter (sister-in-law of Eva Stefl). **Nentwick:** Ruby Kenny. **Rivendale:** Ione Asher. **Weirton Geriatric Center:** Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum.

### - Happy People -

... happy is that people, whose God is the Lord. Psalm 144:15

Happy or blessed is the people whose God is JEHOVAH, a people who worship and serve Him. The religion of God is designed to make happy people. It gives peace and quietude. God provides a hope that keeps us persevering. He teaches the principles of prosperity and happiness: work, diligence, thrift, love and good will. His way guards us from bitterness and strife, freeing our energies for a more productive life.

The good life is no accident. It is produced by a cause—God's directives.

The best security for any nation is adherence to God's plan. A remembrance of God has always prospered nations. The nations that forget Him are the ones that regress and destroy themselves. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17).

To be happy is one of the most prized personal and national goals. We all want to be happy. For some, it is even an obsession. Yet, where do most people and nations look for happiness? To God? Seldom.

Only a few know where real happiness comes from. It is not found in the pleasure palaces of the world. Genuine joy and happiness are found only in Jehovah our God.

- Leroy Brownlow, A Psalm In My Heart, (used by permission).

### MEETINGS

Pine Grove.....	Mar. 18-22 .....	F. Higginbotham
<b>Chester .....</b>	<b>Mar. 25-29 .....</b>	<b>Tim Hatfield</b>
Pumpkin Center .....	Apr. 1- 6 .....	F. Higginbotham
Reader .....	Apr. 15-20.....	F. Higginbotham
Southern Hills .....	Apr. 22-25 .....	Jeremy Main
Weirton Heights .....	Apr. 22-26 .....	Steve Stevens
Horse Cave, KY .....	Apr. 29-May 2 .....	F. Higginbotham