

Popcorn Worship

Years ago, Frank Pack expressed a desire to know what really went on during a worship service. He said that just one time he would like for the bodies of the worshipers to go where their minds were.



As a preacher, I don't know if I could stand that.

- ♦ A businesswoman, thinking of the house she hoped to sell that afternoon, would suddenly pop out of the assembly and be with her prospect ...
- ♦ A teenager might return to Friday night and the touchdown he scored to give his team the victory ...
- ♦ Several adults have already popped out of the assembly with their minds fixed on the opening kickoff of a televised football game, and wondering if the service will conclude in time for them to race home and see it ...
- ♦ A married couple sits in the pew seething with anger at each other and trying to figure out what to say next in the argument which started on the way to the service ...
- ♦ An elderly man's thoughts turn to the grave of his wife who was buried on Friday ...
- ♦ A woman's mind returns to her kitchen, and the roast she put in the oven ...
- ♦ An avid golfer contemplates how he is going to play the fifth hole next time.

If on a Sunday morning our bodies went where our minds did, I'm afraid there would be so much popping in and out that all of us would be dizzy from looking up and down long before the service concluded. Worship in spirit and truth is not easily accomplished. It requires discipline on the part of every worshiper.

Make sure your worship this Sunday is a response to God, to what God has done, and to what God is doing. *"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness"* (1 Chronicles 16:29).

— John Gipson (Chester Bulletin Archives, 2/18/2001) —

Four Reasons People Pervert the Gospel

Profit ([Titus 1:10-11](#); [2 Peter 2:3](#)).

Popularity ([Acts 20:29-30](#); [2 Timothy 4:3-4](#)).

Pleasure ([Jude 1:4](#)).

Persecution ([Galatians 6:12](#); [Matthew 5:10-12](#)).

—Chance Hicks, Jacksonville, Alabama (via Glad Tidings of Good Things)—

Man's way leads to a hopeless end. God's way leads to an endless hope!

News & Notes

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER & EARLY SERVICE: Today about Noon at the Fellowship Building followed by our early afternoon service at 2:00 p.m. at the church building. All are invited and urged to participate in these events.

ADDRESSES FOR SYMPATHY NOTES OR CARDS: Betty Henthorne passed away recently and requested that there be no memorial services for herself. The following are the addresses for Betty's children: **Mike Kodrich**, 30 Crystal Ave., Williamstown, WV 26187, and **Mr. & Mrs. Edward (Linda) Howard**, 28 Tracy Trail Rd., Loveland, CO 80537.

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

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for 1 hour. Men, come fellowship and study together with other men of the church.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Dec. 8th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbiana, Ohio Church of Christ. Sign-up sheet on the desk in the foyer. The date was mistakenly given on the December calendar as the 15th.

FOX NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, Dec. 8th at 2:30 p.m.

LADIES WORK DAY: Saturday, Dec. 15th, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Fellowship Building. This is to assemble baskets for shut-ins and others.

PIZZA PARTY: Friday, Dec. 21st, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building. R.S.V.P. today. Sign-up sheet on the desk in the foyer. Attendees are asked to bring a wrapped gift valued at not more than \$5, marked for age and gender. Questions or donations for the pizza, see Dean or Sandy Spencer.

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building. If you have not made arrangements for this visit, please do so for this work to be completed before year's end.

PANTRY: Spaghetti & spaghetti sauce.

SEND CARDS:

Marcia Murphy (Noni Scadden's sister), 133 Woodlyn Dr., Weston, WV 26452.

Bob & Patty Eddy, 4898 Oroszy Ave., Lorain, OH 44052.

Alex Harless, 1322 North 4th Street, Toronto, OH 43964.

SICK & SHUT-IN: *Weirton Medical Center:* Ray McCullough. *At Home:* Linda Wiersbicki, Becky McKitrick, David McCoy, Nancy Hadley, Charlie Delong, Jenny Rhodes, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19).

CROSSROADS: Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

Life is short
Death is sure
Sin is the cause
Christ is the cure