Quail Lakes Baptist Church Newsletter

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Being a Considerate and Respectful Worshipper (Part 1)

I observe that there is less and less awareness of appropriate behavior in public gatherings. This is true of all circumstances. Recently, when I was at the movies, the crowd was reminded 5 times prior to the show to turn off their cell phones and twice not to talk during the film, and still there were constant interruptions.

This problem is also seen in the worship service. The difference being that here at church we are seeking to engage the Lord and if there is an interruption due to improper behavior, it is not just a moment of entertainment that is lost but it may be a distraction that Satan uses to cause a person to miss an important element of teaching and guidance. Therefore, in this month's and next month's article, I am going to set down some behavioral basics that will help us all be considerate and respectful worshippers.

1. Arrive on time - Late entrances create a disturbance that distracts others and causes the late comer to miss an aspect of the service. We plan the service so that every element is valuable as a part of the worship experience. I encourage you to plan to arrive 10 minutes prior to the service that you will attend. That gives you time to visit with some friends, use the restroom and settle in when the service starts.
2. Stay until the end - Once the service begins, do not exit the Sanctuary until after the benediction (closing prayer.) The service is planned as a unit - do not develop the mentality that you only come for the "good part" (whatever your definition of the "good part" is.)

Looking Ahead

Couples Retreat with Pastor Marc and Sylvia Mar. 12-14

SALT High Tea Mar. 12

Men's Breakfast Mar. 20

Woodleaf Men's Conference, Apr. 23-25

Health & Wellness Fair Apr. 17

Sr. High Inflatable Gym Night Mar. 12

Charitable Contributions

The IRS has expanded the rules for charitable contributions over the years:

Donors must maintain a bank record or a written

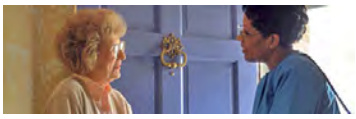
3. Turn off cell phones or put them on silent - It is very rare that an emergency will require your attention during the worship service and, in fact, it is beneficial for you to explain to your family and friends that your phone is off while you are in church. Cell phones going off in church are a major distraction that takes people's attention away from what the Lord is doing.

With these basic reminders, we can improve the atmosphere of respect and consideration for one another in worship.

To be continued next month...

Love and Respect Marriage Enrichment Event

A Marriage Enrichment Event to be held on Sat., Feb. 13, from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm in the QLBC sanctuary. If you register by Tues., Feb. 9th the $25 cost per couple will include lunch. **Read more**



Lay Counseling Training
Feb. 25-27 & Mar. 25-27 Room E-213

Learn to encourage and walk alongside people going through a tough time. This training is for men and women of all ages. Class fees vary. Call for details (209) 951-7380 .**Read more.**

ICE SKATING FUN AT OAK PARK ICE ARENA
Feb. 21
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

$3.00 per person. Sign up Feb. 7th in the foyer
More details available on Children's page - click here

SR. HIGH - bemodified

Broom Hockey

Sat., Feb. 13, 8:00-10:30 pm
Oak Park Arena. Cost: $1.00
Limited spots available

receipt from the church listing the date and amount of gift;
Cash gifts no longer qualify without a written receipt from the church as above;
All donations of $250 or more require a qualifying receipt as in the past.

As a result of these provisions, we as a church are now required as a practical matter to provide a written receipt of each donation and a date of donation. The Giving Statements that we provide in late January qualify as donation receipts.
The only donations not requiring a receipt are those documents with a bank record (check/bank statement) under $250. Any questions may be referred to your tax consultant or Fred Hammond in the church office.

Hume Lake Winter Camp

Feb. 19-21, Cost: $100

Click here for more information on these and other events.

Men's Conference

NO EXCUSE!

Sat., Feb. 27th - 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Tickets: $30 on-line; $35 at door.
Tri-Tip lunch provided.
Temple Baptist Church - Lodi

For Tickets and more information, click here

Divorce Recovery - Feb. 17th - May 5th

An 11 week series beginning Wed., Feb. 17 at 6:00 pm in Room A-206. The cost is $65. This workshop helps those going through divorce, recently divorced or are dealing with unresolved hurts from divorce...**Read more**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through December 2009:

- Gifts of $2,449,740 = 92.8% of Plan
- Expenses of $2,498,855 = 94.7% of Plan
- Actual Deficit ($49,116) vs Plan ($0)

Operating reserves cover the year-end deficit. A complete report is available in the office.
Michael Sather
Elder of Finance

TAX TIP

2009 Giving Statements have been mailed. Do not file your 2009 income tax return until you have received yours. Some of your contributions may not be tax deductible if you file your return without this document!

Forward email

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Update Profile/Email Address | Instant removal with SafeUnsubscribe™ | Privacy Policy.

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