

SUMMERDALE YOUTH NEWS

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"WHAT TO DO BEFORE WORSHIP"

Worship on the first day of the week is something that we all should look forward to each week (Acts 20:7). Sometimes we are not sure how to prepare for worship. I want to share with you some practical ideas to help you to get focused. If we all practiced these principles our worship could be even more effective...

1. Start getting your mind prepared for worship and Bible study before you get to the building.
2. Keep in mind that we are about to enter worship with God. So pray and meditate on your way to worship.
3. Dress for worship, in clothes that are modest. Try to wear apparel that people consider to be church clothes.
4. If you have children, prepare a bag for services (Bible, fruit snacks, etc.). Try not to bring items that make noise or play music.
5. Make sure you get up early and leave in plenty of time to get there on time. There are problems occasionally, but try to be on time.
6. Have your contribution check written out before we assemble. Ripping checks out of checkbooks can be distracting to others.
7. If you want to visit with others, come early and talk, or stand outside. Remember that idle chit chat is not appropriate in worship.
8. If you come early make sure you know where your children are at all times. Don't let them run in the building or parking lot.
9. If you are supposed to lead in worship, and cannot attend services, please call someone the night before.
10. If you are reading scripture find out the specific passage before the assembly.
11. If you are leading the song service, please have the service prepared before hand.
12. If you are going to lead a prayer, have your thoughts together, and practice humility.
13. We need to be organized in all aspects. So make sure that you pick up a worship order to know the order of service.
14. If you have announcements give them to the person before we begin services, preferably a few days in advance.
15. Do not adjust the thermostat, just adapt as best you can. Bring a coat, blanket, or fan to worship.
16. Be on time for classes and for worship. Truancy distracts worshippers. Irregularity can reveal procrastination.
17. Try not to distract people by playing with the baby in front of you or talking across the pew.
18. If something humorous happens try to regain your composure quickly and take your focus back to the purpose of worship.
19. When its time to start, sit down and get quiet. Get your focus on the purpose of our worship.
20. Try to get excited about services and get ready to worship God. Pray and think about God's goodness.

I hope these suggestions are helpful. Remember that these are just suggestions and I am sure we could add more to the list. I know they can help all of us to have great worship services. Next week we will consider how to conduct ourselves during the worship. Have a great week!!!

You are loved,
Ray

SYG NEWS & EVENTS



We offer two opportunities for our children during the week for Bible study. On Sunday mornings we meet on the front pew for a "Pew Packers" style class before worship. SONSHINE STUDIES will have singing, Bible reading, and an object lesson for pre-K to 5th grade. We also have Wednesday night Bible classes for all ages! The teenagers will be studying the L2L material to prepare for the 2021 convention in Orlando, FL. Please bring your children and teens to Bible study and worship.



The teens will be working on "You Are Loved" packages for Valentine's Day.

We want to bless our shut-ins and individuals in the nursing home or assisted living. If you have any names that you would like to add to our list please give them to Ray or Misty before February 1.

Youth & Young Adult Game Night will resume on January 29th at 6:30 PM. Game nights will be held in the fellowship hall on the last Friday of the month.

We are asking everyone to bring a finger food and/or a dessert. A movie will play in the Theater for the little kids who do not want to play games.



We need to start getting prepared for the convention in Orlando - April 1-4.

If you want to participate as a student, a coach, a judge, a donor or in any other way, please see Ray ASAP. The deadline for registration of events will be the end of February.

We are VERY excited about participating this year at convention!

We've got questions. You've got answers. Don't throw us shade. It's time to spill the tea. This is an interview with one of our teens in a series of random questions. We call it "7 Groovy Questions." You can find it on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube. The next video will be with Chase Joiner.

