

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

Our website: OpenBibleHour.net



OBH CHRISTMAS BANQUET UPDATE

WHEN: Tuesday, December 3
6:00 p.m. Happy Half-Hour
6:30 Dinner

WHERE: Great Room

COST: \$13.00/person

*Register between 11/3 and 11/25 at the Ticket desk
or online at www.wooddale.org*

**Bring a gender neutral gift (\$5 value) for our after dinner
activity**

Looking ahead -

Dec. 1

Richard Payne – Wooddale Worldwide Pastor

Will share what God is doing through Wooddale
Worldwide around the world.

Dec. 3

OBH Christmas Banquet

“DRAW NEAR, HOLD FAST, AND CONSIDER ”

PART II

Hebrews 10:19-26

November 17, 2013

Heb 10:19-25

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- 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,
- 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,
- 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
- 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;
- 24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,
- 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

“consider”

katanoew

katanoeo

“to think, to meditate, to focus, to plan, to zero in on,
to bear down on”

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“stimulate”

parocusmos

paroxusmos

“to ignite, to light a fire under”

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“forsaking”

egkataleipw

egkataleipo

“to leave behind, to abandon”

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“assembling”

episunagw

episunago

“to assemble or gather together upon a place”

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“encouraging”

parakalew

parakaleo

“to call alongside, to call near, to invite, to comfort”

- I. Signs of a departure from commitment to the local church.
- II. 10 reasons why believers need the local church.
- III. When is it wrong to leave a local church?
- IV. When is it right to leave a local church?

10 reasons why Christians stop attending church?

1. “It’s boring.”
2. “I’m not getting fed spiritually.”
3. “I don’t like the music.”
4. “Too many hypocrites.”
5. “You don’t have to go to church to be a Christian or to get to heaven.”
6. “I can watch church on T.V.”
7. “I was hurt by people in the church.”
8. “Too much fighting and division.”
9. “I was spiritually abused by false teachers.”
10. “No one cared.”

Signs of Departure From Commitment to the Local Church

- ***Last 100 years.***

Multiplication Ministries International -

1. The number of people in America that DO NOT attend church has doubled in the last 15 years.
2. 43,000 Americans will leave the church every year, never to return.
3. There are almost 100 million unchurched Americans, 20% claim to be born again. They have either left the church or never connected.
4. 59% of those who claim to be born again attend church weekly.
5. 1 out of 4 church attendees are considered “church hoppers”.
6. An estimated 15 – 20 million people in America say they are Christians but do not want to be a part of a church.

GI Generation.

Born 1901-1926.

Mature/Silents.

Born 1927- 1945.

Baby Boomers

Born between 1946 and 1964.

Generation X.

Born between 1965 and 1980.

Generation Y/Millennium.

Born between 1981 and 2000.

Generation Z/Boomlets.

Born after 2001.

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- Para-church organizations.

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