

How Do We Know Sunday is the Christian Day of Worship?

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In the Greek language, the names of the days Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mean "second", "third", "fourth", and "fifth" respectively. This leaves Sunday as the first day of the week. The current Greek name for Sunday, Κυριακή (Kyriake), means "Lord's Day" coming from the word Κύριος (Kyrios), which is the Greek word for "Lord" (Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:2)

Some hold – even today – that the Sabbath is the day for Christian worship, but where is the evidence that the early church, under the Lord's guidance, came together to worship God on the Sabbath day?

The kingdom of Christ was established on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), which always fell on "the morrow after the Sabbath" (Lev. 23:15-16), hence, on Sunday. So the church started out meeting for worship on the first day of the week (Acts 2:42).

Consider Acts 20:7: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." Some English translations, such as the King James, say, "when the disciples came together." In the original language, the meaning is better rendered, "The disciples were gathered together" (that's in the passive voice) upon "the first day of the week" to break bread, i.e., to worship, (Acts 20:7). The specific day of meeting was no accident. Though Paul was anxious to get to Jerusalem (Acts 20:16), he waited seven days for the opportunity to assemble with the church.

Moreover, the passive voice indicates that the assembling together was instituted by someone other than the disciples. It was by God's design.

According to I Cor. 16:2, the saints in Corinth were assembling and contributing into the church treasury, "every first day of the week."

On the isle of Patmos, John was "in the spirit" on "the Lord's day" (Rev. 1:10). The term for "Lord's" is kuptiakos, which is defined here as "relating to the Lord." Thayer's Greek Lexicon says: "the day devoted to the Lord, sacred to the memory of Christ's resurrection." In other words, Sunday, the first day of the week. Dear Soul, where are you normally found on the first day of the week when the saints assemble?



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.

Thursday

Home Bible study-7:00pm

**ALL THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST
GREET YOU.
ROMANS 16:16**

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Scripture: Romans 8:26-30

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Next potluck: March 19th Theme: Irish**
- **Ladies Class: 10am, Tuesday, February 28th at the building. We will be discussing chapter 6 of Struggle, Seek, Grow, which is about Rahab.**
- **Midweek Bible study @ McElhaney's Thursday nights at 7pm. Coffee and dessert is usually served. All contributions gladly accepted!**
- **Horseheads Ladies Day will be on Mar 18. Diana Owens from Wetzel Road church of Christ will be the speaker.**
- **Men's Revival, Inner Man: the Uprising, Saturday, May 6th. Arthur has lined up speakers from Newark, NY and Endwell, NY.**



- Our dear sister Cathy Carey went to be with the LORD on Wednesday the 15th after suffering a stroke on the previous Thursday. We will have a **memorial service** for her at 12 noon today following worship. A light lunch will be available in the back room after the memorial service.
- There will be a special collection today as well as the normal one if anyone would like to contribute toward the cost of Cathy's daughter Kimberly and family taking her ashes to be buried in Texas near where her little boy is buried. That was Cathy's wish, but the family is finding it hard to come up with the money for it.
- A new search for an evangelist for the Endless Mountains church of Christ in Tunkhannock is underway. Jeff Wyeth from Ohio, is being considered and will be visiting the elders at Elmore church of Christ in Alabama the weekend of March 4th.

PRAYERS...

- Pray that we can all stay healthy and that there is a spirit of unity among us here at Valley Cities church.
- Pray for all of our family members and loved ones who are yet lost or have strayed far away to come (back) to Christ.
- Pray that Darlene has no discomfort or reason for worry during her radiation treatments, which will begin in a few weeks.
- Keep praying for the Endless Mountains church in Tunkhannock and their search for a preacher.
- Pray for comfort for those from war-torn or famine-stricken countries who have no homes, are starving (Northeastern Nigeria and Sudan to name a couple) and without water and are not safe and have lost friends and relatives in the violence that surrounds them.
- Sandy's cousin Bunny had surgery to repair her broken eye socket on Tuesday. She still has sight in her eye, and is home recuperating. She is truly thankful for all of our prayers following her car accident from which her mother died.
- Emily Barry will be having a needle biopsy of her thyroid on Wednesday. Pray for courage, and that there is no cancer.
- Molly Rivera is awaiting test results concerning her heart, and Celiac disease.
- Remember to pray for Deborah Albro (stage 4 breast cancer) in Florida, Matthew Lowe (needs care) in Ohio, and Edna Jarrett (blood cancer), of the Bronx. Also Lori Kashorek (lung cancer) in Plattsburgh, NY and Rocky Perry (seeking the Truth) of Sayre.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry

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