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BTWF

MINISTRY OF HELPS ATTENDANCE POLICY



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BELIEVERS TEMPLE WORD FELLOWSHIP

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

*Changing Lives...
Serving...
& Connecting to
Impact our Community*



A Message To The Ministry

Member's church attendance, along with effective teaching, and prayer has the greatest influence on member's engagement and achievement in the kingdom of God and this world. It increases their potential to grow spiritually, emotionally, psychologically and socially.

Why is regular weekly church attendance so important? Why can't a believer stay at home and develop spiritually just through Bible reading and prayer?

Hebrews 10:25 gives the command in no uncertain terms: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." In keeping with this instruction in this MOH policy, the BTWF members shall represent, as nearly as possible in detail, the body of Christ as described in New Testament scriptures." The New Testament church met faithfully on the first day of the week. Its members were instructed to bring their offerings to God on that day (1 Cor. 16:2).

A person's reasons for going to church are usually influenced by his or her appreciation as a child of God. Apart from our feelings about personal church attendance, we must look at Scripture to see the importance God places on attendance in His House with fellow believers.

Throughout the Old and New Testaments, the necessity of setting aside a day each week to acknowledge God's importance in our lives is not only stressed but commanded (Ex. 20:8). Jesus who is Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28) was faithful to the Sabbath law and was regularly found in the House of God

during His earthly walk (Luke 4:16). If the Son of God felt the need to attend a house of worship regularly, we, His followers, should do no less. The Sabbath as an Old Testament tradition gives way in the New Testament to gather for worship on the first day of the week as a commemoration of Jesus' resurrection. The day, however, is not the essential; the gathering together is.

Relationships are an important part of human life. We were not created to live in isolation. Historically, some hermits have withdrawn from the world to meditate and have communion with God, but Scripture nowhere teaches permanent solitude as a lifestyle. Having understood the importance of fellowship with other human beings, our choice of associations is critical. Rather than finding our fellowship with people of the world, we can go to a church, even in a different city, and expect to find people of like beliefs and faith.

Not only is Christian fellowship in a local church good for our emotional health, it is essential to our Christian commitment. We are to encourage one another (1Thess. 4:18, NIV), comfort one another (2 Cor. 1:3, 4), and bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2). Those who do not attend church regularly with fellow believers run the risk of failing in their Christian walk. We really do need each other. God wants us to fellowship with Him both individually and with other believers. Some followers of the Christian faith rationalize that once they have learned the basic lessons of the Bible it is no longer necessary to attend church. Others claim to be able to worship God alone without the distractions of the "hypocrites" who attend church.

This logic reveals much about the spiritual health of the absent believer. It is not a matter of either going to church to grow spiritually or having devotions at home to grow spiritually. Both are essential to a healthy Christian life. And it is selfish to learn Bible truth at home and not share it with fellow believers to encourage and edify them as well as to receive edification. Paul told the Thessalonians, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thess. 5:11). We cannot fulfill that instruction when alone.

As a Pentecostal church, BTWF believes in the operation of the gifts of the Spirit in public worship. The Holy Spirit manifests the gifts through various believers, as He chooses, for the edification of the assembled body. Meeting together is absolutely essential for such edification. "All these [Gifts] are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body" (1 Cor. 12:11, 12).

Attendance at church with a body of believers is also essential to our fulfilling the command of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19, 20). Although one can theoretically be a witness by himself during the week without attending church, in reality that does not happen. It is the dynamic of a group of believers, encouraging, challenging, and strengthening each other that will reach the lost for Christ.

We do not go to church regularly to be saved; we go because we are saved. The question is not "Can a believer maintain his Christianity and develop spiritually without attending church?" Instead, the real question is "Can a believer afford to lose all the benefits and rewards that come from obeying the inspired command of Scripture not to stop meeting together with fellow believers?"



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Effective November 2014

But, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head, Christ. 16 From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love (Eph. 4:15-16 NKJV).

PRAYER SESSIONS

- All MOH members are required to attend every first “Tuesday Leadership Prayer” session.
- If unable to attend, the member should notify their Auxiliary Leader as soon as possible.
- If the member neglects to notify the Leader, they will be considered as absent without an excuse.
- After three (3) unexcused absences (only 1 allowed per month), the member will be placed on probation for three (3) months. During this time, the member’s attendance will be monitored to determine if the member will be removed from the probationary status or removed from the Auxiliary.
- If a member fails to adhere to the MOH Attendance Policy, ultimately they will be removed from their position in the Auxiliary (Leadership/Laity).

- If they have keys and security codes, that individual will be required to turn in all keys to the Leader of that Auxiliary and their security code will be deleted.
- The member can apply for re-instatement after they demonstrate faithfulness to the required ministry schedule.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

- All MOH members are required to attend one of the morning services as a non-worker (7:30a.m. or 10:30am).
- If unable to attend, the member should notify the Auxiliary Leader as soon as possible.
- If the member neglects to notify the Leader, they will be considered as absent without an excuse.
- After three (3) unexcused absences (only 1 allowed per month), the member will be placed on probation for three (3) months. During this time the member's attendance will be monitored to determine if the member will be removed from the probationary status or removed from the Auxiliary.
- If a member fails to adhere to the MOH Attendance Policy ultimately, they will be removed from their position in the Auxiliary (Leadership/Laity).
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MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS

- All MOH members are required to attend one of the midweek bible classes (12:30p.m. or 7:30pm).
- If unable to attend, the member should notify the Auxiliary Leader as soon as possible.
- If the member neglects to notify the Leader, they will be considered as absent without an excuse.

- After three (3) unexcused absences (only 1 allowed per month), the member will be placed on probation for three (3) months. During this time, the member's attendance will be monitored to determine if the member will be removed from the probationary status or removed from the Auxiliary.
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ALL MOH MEMBERS MUST ATTEND SPECIAL SERVICES (CONFERENCES, CLERGY APPRECIATION, AND OTHER STATED SPECIAL SERVICES)

All of the above guidelines shall apply to Special Services' attendance.

SUNDAY MORNING INTERCESSORY PRAYER

- All members of every Auxiliary are required to attend scheduled Sunday morning 6:30a.m. "Intercession Prayer".
- Every Sunday a different Auxiliary will facilitate and lead Sunday morning 6:30a.m. "Intercession Prayer".
- If unable to attend, the member should notify the Auxiliary Leader as soon as possible.
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- The member can apply for re-instatement after they demonstrate faithfulness to the required prayer schedule.
 - ✓ Attendance will be monitored by the leader of each Auxiliary.
 - ✓ A discussion regarding the monitoring process will be given.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things (1 Cor. 13:11 (NKJV)).



Ministry Of Helps - Receipt of Acknowledgement

By signing this form, it is your acknowledgement of the receipt and review of BTWF's Attendance Policy.

If you have any questions, please consult with your Team Leader.

I _____, ministry volunteer, have read and understand the policies and procedures in the handbook. I also understand the repercussions if I do not oblige to the information provided in this handbook. By signing this form, I agree to follow all rules and regulations that have been outlined in this packet.

Ministry Volunteer Signature

_____/_____/_____
Date

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