

Acts 2:41-47
God's plan for our church and our families

- I. Teaching/preaching (includes discipleship)**
 - II. Evangelism outreach to community**
 - III. Fellowship (includes giving)**
 - IV. Prayer**
- Result: God added daily those who were being saved**

The three legged stool every church must have:

Every church service must have all three of these major components to have a truly meaningful and successful service. Of course all three of these "components" must be "Spirit led" and bathed in prayer or they are merely a well staged production and not godly worship.

The Three legged stool for a church service:

1. quality teaching and preaching

2. quality worship music

3. loving fellowship

What should my plan be to help serve God through my church this year?

1. _____ We need to attend church on Sunday mornings as much as possible. If you find your self too tired or too busy, and relegate church to once a month or every couple months then you need to rethink your priorities. Hebrews 10:24-26

2. _____ We need to volunteer to serve in some type of ministry and be faithful to commit to it. This can be children's church, the nursery, music, power point, youth (High school or Middle school), cleaning /maintenance, greeting, food server etc. Don't worry, none of our ministries are for "life", and most of the time you can share the load such as teaching once every 5 weeks etc. This would also include some of our special events outreach to the community such as the Spring Bash. Galatians 6:9-10

3. _____ Sunday morning is just not enough if you are to really grow in God's word and form close friends and fellowship in church. If at all possible you should find a small care group to be part of. All of them are very flexible and if you miss some weeks you are not "kicked out of the group." Some of you may also consider coming on Wednesday night sometimes to just pray. Ephesians 4:13

4. _____ We need to continue our tithes and financial support of the church. I always am a little uncomfortable asking people for money, and have never pressured anyone. Especially in these difficult economic times and some of our members out of work I want to be sensitive; money is on everyone's minds. However, giving is commanded by God and it is part of our worship just as prayer, or singing are. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

5. _____ Prayer! We need to pray for our church daily. Pray we are loving and united. Pray for the leadership. Pray God fills our church up with people and uses us in a mighty way. Pray we are obedient to God whatever he asks us to do. 1 Thessalonians 5:17
2 Thessalonians 1:12- 11

Finally, please do not retreat away from your brothers and sisters in church because you are too stressed or too busy. Believe me God will reward you far more than you give up if you are faithful in serving and worshipping with others. Now is not the time to panic "circle the wagons" leave out other people and the church, and just take care of you and your family. Now is the time to form a prayer circle with your brothers and sisters in Christ and help each other get through these tough times.

Answers: attendance, service, care group bible study, giving, prayer