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It is a group of Christians that claim no human denominational affiliation — just Christians working and worshipping together at the Lord's word teaches.

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Faithful Attendance



An elder was once asked to define "Faithful Attendance at Worship," and this was his reply: All that I ask is that we apply the same standards of faithfulness to our church activities that we would in other areas of our life. That doesn't seem too much to ask. The church, after all, is concerned about faithfulness. Consider these examples:

If your car started one out of three times, would you consider it faithful? If the paperboy skipped Monday and Thursdays, would they be missed? If you didn't show up at work two or three times a month, would your boss call you faithful? If your refrigerator quit a day now and then, would you excuse it and say, "Oh, well, it works most of the time." If your water heater greets you with cold water one or two mornings a week while you were in the shower, would it be faithful? If you miss a couple of mortgage payments in a year's time, would your mortgage holder say, "Oh, well, ten out of twelve isn't bad"? If you miss worship and attend meetings only often enough to show you're interested but not often enough to get involved, are you faithful?

No Invitation Needed

A church member waiting to be asked to serve in his own church is just like the member of a family waiting to be invited to pull weeds in front of the house where he lives.

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Read This – It Will Help Valley Station

People who move into a community are either Christians or they are not. Those who are not make good prospects for home Bible studies. Those who *are* make good prospects for new members. But how do you know when new people move into our area? It might help just to look around. Presence of a moving van, or a group of young people unloading furniture from a pick-up is an indication that they are either coming or going. We can find out by asking.

Newcomers to our area who are Christians probably are looking for a “home base” or a local church with which to “identify.” What can we do to get them interested in making Valley Station *their* “home base?” Those who are not Christians may be open to study and investigation, provided they know what we have to offer. We just have to get acquainted with such folks.

People are generally attracted to a local church by the convenience of the meeting house. Sometimes they are attracted to the preacher. Most of the time, however, there is one thing that grabs the attention of newcomers. It is plain old friendliness. When someone walks into our meeting house one thing every single member of this church can offer is friendliness. Where there is a warm feeling based on an enthusiastic membership there is sure to be an opportunity to attract people.

Churches can buy lots of things to attract visitors. We could build a cathedral, install the latest restaurant facilities, hire some excellent entertainers, set up a baby-sitting service (just call it a “Pre-school Facility”), and erect a fine playground and-gym facilities — and that really draws a crowd. But those things do not fall in the category of scriptural and authorized activity. Hopefully, we are not disposed toward such worldly enterprises. But there is one thing we can add to the worship we offer God Almighty — a friendly atmosphere that others cannot miss.

There is no substitute for plain old fashioned friendliness in a local church. The world needs it more than parties, games, and recreational activities. Friendliness can come only from a heart of a dedicated individual who loves the Lord and really enjoys being helpful to other people. Think about the following steps we all can take to make Valley Station friendlier.

3. Speak to other people first. Don't wait for them to come to you — go to them before they exit the building.
4. Introduce yourself to everyone you don't know.

5. Wear a pleasant expression. If you feel like being grumpy, find some other place than our meeting house to express it.
6. Be like Will Rogers, who never met a man he didn't like.
7. Memorize and practice the following passage: “*A man that hath friends must show himself friendly*” (Proverbs 18:24).

Friendliness will have a longer lasting and more genuine effect than all the gimmicks some promoter can think up. Don't believe me? Try it and see for yourself. -- DRS

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is one who **MAKES it**
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The Scriptures give four names to Christians-saints, for their holiness; believers, for their faith; brethren, for their love; disciples for their knowledge. -Fuller



But he said, “I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason. “For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner. “King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe.” Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.” And Paul said, “I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains.” Acts 26:26-29

