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# KEAM ROAD BULLETIN

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## Do I Have To Go To Church?

By Steve Higginbotham  
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Have you ever had questions like that asked of you? Through the years, I have often had people ask the question, "Do I have to go to all the services of the church? I mean, what if I don't go on Sunday night or Wednesday night? Do I have to go at those times if I faithfully go Sunday morning?"

Well, allow me to answer that question with a few questions of my own.

Do you have to hug and kiss your little children?

Do you have to remember your wife's birthday?

Do you have to call home when you're late coming home from work?

Do you have to buy Christmas presents for your family?

Do you have to attend ballgames and band functions in which your children are involved?

Do you have to attend the funeral of a close friend or loved one?

Do you have to say, "I love you" when you love someone?

I think you see the point. Sometimes we are guilty of asking the wrong questions. There are some things in life that we don't "**have**" to do, but we "**get**" to do. In fact, even asking the question, "Do I have to..." is terribly inappropriate.

When my relationship with my God is based on what I "have" to do and what I don't "have" to do, then I had better take a long hard look at that relationship.

I have never met Steve Higginbotham, but I like most of what I have read from him. This one fits particularly well with the theme of my recent articles and sermons about the church. As Brother Higginbotham remarks, these are the wrong questions to ask. They reveal a particular attitude, the "what is the minimum I have to do to get to heaven" attitude.

So, what attitude does the Bible teach us to have? **Philippians 2:5-7** says, "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, Who, although He existed in the form of God...emptied Himself..." Jesus left Heaven and gave up the throne of glory for a little while for us. Is this attitude reflected in someone who asks, "What do I have to do?"

### ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday Morning 10:00  
 Worship Assembly

Sunday Morning 9:00  
 Bible Study

Sunday Evening 18:30  
 Worship Assembly

Wednesday Ladies 10:00  
 Class

Wednesday Eve- 19:00  
 ning Bible Study

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In **John 17:5**, Jesus prays, "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was." Is His willingness to sacrifice and serve reflected in someone who asks, "What do I have to do?"

Jesus gave His all, and He requires that of us: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." **Revelation 2:10** Is a commitment even to the point of death reflected in someone who asks, "What do I have to do?"

In **1Samuel 13:14**, quoted in **Acts 13:22**, David is described by God in this way: "...I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My will." How did David manifest that heart? In **Psalms 122:1**, he says, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Is that same desire to worship and praise God with others reflected in someone who asks, "What do I have to do?"

Israel did not like what God's prophet Isaiah was saying. It exposed their sins, error, and rebellion, and it discouraged them greatly. Instead of making the necessary changes, they said to him, "...And to the prophets, 'You must not prophesy to us what is right. Speak to us pleasant words. Prophecy illusions.'" By contrast, Isaiah said, "Here am I. Send me!" He did not say, "What do I have to do?"

If you are one who is worshipping, studying, and serving to your fullest ability, then you will find this lesson uplifting, reassuring, and encouraging. If you are not doing so, then you may consider this article a "downer" - depressing, disconcerting, or discouraging. Peter preached a sermon in **Acts 2** that resulted in about 3000 conversions. Stephen preached essentially the same sermon in **Acts 7** that resulted in him being stoned to death. What is the difference? It is the attitude of the hearers, not the lesson being heard.

Attending all the worship, service, and study meetings of the church that one can possibly attend is the least of the responsibilities that one has to Jesus, who died for each of us. These are how we prepare for the real battle we fight against evil and sin every day of our lives in Christ. Remember, the root word in responsibility is response. What is your response to the Savior's example of attitude?

**Doing what I have to do each week,**

**Bill Elliott**

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## YEAR END BANQUET

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YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE KEAM ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST'S YEAR END BANQUET.

DATE: SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2006  
 VENUE: CHURCH OF CHRIST, FELLOWSHIP HALL, 6 KEAM ROAD  
 TIME: 18:30 FOR 19:00  
 DRESS: FORMAL  
 THEME: BEACH  
 COST: R60.00 PER TICKET AND R40.00 FOR PENSIONERS.



(TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME FIRST PAID BASIS FROM QUINTIN LE ROUX)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MONDAY

**Weekly singing practice at 19:00 at Basil Baisley's home. Please join us for an evening of uplifting songs.**

### TUESDAY

**"If you love souls"** Lessons presented by Bill Elliott at 19:00.

### WEDNESDAY

**Ladies Bible Class at 10:00.** The lesson will be presented by Penny and will be hosted by Gabby and Barbara.

**Midweek Bible Study at 19:00** presented by Bill Elliott.

### FRIDAY

**Youth** at the building @ 19:00. Bring your Bibles.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Rodney Share is in need of our prayers following surgery. We also pray for strength for Pam Share at this time. Wilson Crossley is not well. Please continue to pray for Basil Baisley. Travelling mercies for Bill Elliott who is in PE this weekend.

### OVER 60'S ANNUAL DINNER

The annual over sixty's dinner will be held on **Saturday 25th November** in the Fellowship Hall. Invitations have been distributed. Please confirm your attendance with **Braam or Petro today** at the latest to facilitate arrangements.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING

All members, parents, children and youth are invited to join us on **Sunday 10th December** at **09:00** for this event. Please mark your calendars now and ensure your attendance to pay tribute to the Sunday School teachers, facilitators, our children and youth.

### CHILDRENS LIBRARY

Donations of religious books are requested to enable us to establish a children's library. All donations are welcome—books for young children up to teenagers. Please see **Penny Richardson** if you can assist.

## BENEVOLENCE

We continue to encourage all to donate the required items each week. We feed many needy families both within our church and members from the Buffalo Flats Congregation. **For next week please provide: Rice 500gr and samp 1kg.**

### SPECIAL BENEVOLENCE REQUEST

We wish to provide some extra "nice goodies" in the December food hampers to be donated to the needy. Your contribution in product, gifts or money can be given to Gaby or Joy.

### YEAR END CHILDREN'S PARTY

Donations are requested for our annual year end childrens' party organized for the Buffalo Flats Congregation. All donations will be gladly accepted. Please forward your contributions to **Erica Roberts**. Kindly support this event that brings joy to so many children.

### VISITORS

Our visitors are very special to us and to God, and we thank you for coming to worship with us. We also offer private Bible classes at your convenience and invite you to avail yourself of this opportunity.

### MORNING FELLOWSHIP TEA

Our monthly Sunday morning fellowship tea will be held next week directly after service. Ladies on duty are Gaby, Tracey, Luawayne, Lee-Anne and Alicia. Please stay to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and some fellowship.

### BAPTISMS

We celebrate two recent baptisms, namely;

- Charmaine Randall who was baptised on Sunday evening, 29 October.
- Claude Ekron's fiancé Felicia, who was baptized last Wednesday evening, 8 November.

We rejoice in their decision to make Jesus their Lord.

### A NOTE OF THANKS

The Granger family express their sincere thanks to everyone who showed so much love and concern recently with the death of Pamela's father. All the phone calls, visits, SMS's, and prayers, made such a difficult time for the family, easier to bear.

### BIRTHDAYS

**This week, happy birthday to: Milly Crossley and Ty-**

**ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

Sunday AM Worship	93
Sunday PM Worship	70
Wednesday Bible Study	41

**BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS**

All news items and prayer requests for the bulletin may be forwarded to Pamela Granger on Cell: 082 898 8083 or e-mail: [hpls.granger@absamail.co.za](mailto:hpls.granger@absamail.co.za) by 16:00 on a Friday for inclusion.

**ACCOMMODATION REQUEST**

The Du Preez family are relocating to East London from SABC in Johannesburg and require assistance with temporary accommodation for their two eldest daughters. Accommodation is required for two evenings the 1st and 2nd of December. Kindly speak to Dan Harding or Bill Elliott should you be able to assist.

**ANNOUNCEMENT PROTOCOL**

All announcements are to be handed in in writing at least ten minutes prior to service commencement. This will ensure that the necessary prepara-

**SERVING ROSTERS****TODAY**

<b>SINGING</b>	<b>AM</b> Q. Le Roux	<b>PM</b> Q. Le Roux
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	<b>AM</b> H. Granger	<b>PM</b> G. Baisley
<b>LORD'S TABLE</b>	<b>AM</b> N. Lentz	<b>PM</b> Jason Le Roux
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>AM</b> I. Engelbrecht	<b>PM</b> Noel Nyemba
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	<b>AM</b> J. Roberts	<b>PM</b> B. Le Roux
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Thelna Birkholtz	
<b>PREACHING TODAY</b>	<b>AM</b> <b>Dan Harding</b>	<b>An overflowing life is an abundant life.</b>
	<b>PM</b> <b>Q. Le Roux</b>	
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>AM</b> Scripture Reading: John 10:9	

**NEXT WEEK**

<b>SINGING</b>	<b>AM</b> M. Baisley	<b>PM</b> M. Baisley
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	<b>AM</b> J. Roberts	<b>PM</b> Q. Le Roux
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<b>CLOSING PRAYER:</b>	<b>AM</b> I. Engelbrecht	<b>PM</b> M. Baisley
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Gillian Heath	

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