

WEEK 5: CHURCH ACTIVITIES
DAY 1: WORSHIP

1. Write the 7 responsibilities of every church member.

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 - 3. _____
 - 4. _____
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2. The 7 responsibilities of every church member are:

- 1. To witness and lead others to receive Christ as Saviour.
- 2. To teach believers and help them grow spiritually.
- 3. To pray with and for other church members.
- 4. To give to support the ministry of the church.
- 5. To meet together with other church members.
- 6. To encourage other church members.
- 7. To help make decisions with other church members.

Baptist churches have many activities for church members. Through these activities church members carry out their responsibilities. Through these activities the churches do their work.

Read 1 Chronicles 16:23-24.

According to 1 Chronicles 16:23-24, who planned worship?

God? _____ or Man? _____

3. God planned worship, not man. God planned worship because He knew man needed to worship. Man needed to worship in order to be aware of God. Man needed to worship to develop love for God.

Write 2 reasons why man needs to worship.

1. _____

2. _____

4. God planned worship because He knew man needed to worship (1) in order to be aware of God, and (2) to develop love for God. Worship is not sad. Worship is rejoicing.

What does verse 23 of 1 Chronicles 16 say to do? _____

5. It says to sing. Singing, and worship, is praising. Praising is remembering victory and our salvation. Look at verse 23 again.

Who does it say is to worship God? _____

6. It says all the world, everyone, is to worship God. Not just certain people are to worship God. Everyone is to worship God. Look at verse 23 again.

When does it say we should worship? _____

7. It says we should worship God and proclaim His salvation every day, or day to day. Now read 1 Chronicles 16:25-27.

Who is to be worshipped? _____

8. The Lord God is to be worshipped. God alone is worthy to be worshipped. The word "worship" means to show the worth or value.

Through the Old Testament, before Christ came to earth, the worship was very formal. There was much ritual in the worship services. In the New Testament, worship became simple. Worship usually included praise singing, prayer, Scripture reading, giving, and teaching/preaching.

What is the difference between the kind of worship in the Old Testament and the kind of worship in the New Testament?

9. Old Testament worship was formal, with much ritual. New Testament worship became more simple.

WEEK 5: CHURCH ACTIVITIES
DAY 2: WORSHIP

1. What does the word, worship, mean? _____
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2. "Worship" means to show the worth or value.

Who is to be worshipped? _____
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3. God, alone, is worthy to be worshipped.

Baptists regularly worship on Sundays, the first day of the week. Sunday is also known as "The Lord's Day". There is no record in the New Testament that the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, was observed by any believer after the resurrection of Christ. The first day of the week has been celebrated by the Church from the resurrection of Christ to the present time.

Read Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 16:2, and Revelation 1:10.

When do Baptists regularly worship together? _____
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4. Baptists regularly worship together on Sundays, the first day of the week.

There is no written requirement for keeping the Lord's Day, Sunday, as special. Jesus was devoted to His Father the same every day of the week. Christians should also worship God every day alike. Meeting together to worship on Sunday is because there is usually more time available that day.

Does the New Testament give us a command to worship God on Sunday only?

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5. No, the New Testament does not give us a command to worship on Sunday only. Christians should worship God every day. Sunday is a day when there is usually more time available to make the day God's day.

Most Baptist churches do not follow a calendar of Lent, Holy Week, Pentecost, etc. for their worship services. Some special worship services are often held for national or special holidays.

Do Baptists follow a special calendar for worship services? _____

6. No, most Baptists do not follow a special church calendar for worship services.

Worship services in Baptist churches have a great variety. The order of service, type of music and style of preaching can be different from one week to another. It can be different from one church to another. Some worship services are carefully planned and follow certain worship forms. Others are more free and change as the Holy Spirit leads. Some are quiet experiences with God. Others are fellowship among persons as well as with God. These fellowship services include much praising and singing.

Do Baptist churches have one certain form to follow for worship services?

7. No, Baptist churches do not have one certain form to follow for worship services. Worship services in Baptist churches have a great variety.

Baptist worship services involve people celebrating God's presence. They involve people celebrating God's plan for their lives. Christians should not attend worship services just out of tradition or obligation. It is not right to attend a worship service to be entertained. It is not right to attend a worship service for social fellowship. Worship is meaningful when it leads worshippers to meet with God.

When is worship meaningful? _____

8. Worship is meaningful when it leads worshippers to meet with God.

Worship should lead to confession of sin. Worship should lead to a response to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Worship should lead to a commitment of lives to God. For this reason, Baptist churches usually have a time of invitation at the end of a worship service. It is during the time of invitation that people can make public the decisions they have made.

Why do Baptists have a time of invitation at the end of worship services?

9. Baptists have a time of invitation at the end of worship service so that decisions can be made public. Worship services are planned in many forms, but they should all lead to decisions for God.

WEEK 5: CHURCH ACTIVITIES
DAY 3: SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY

1. Baptist churches usually have worship services on Sundays and sometimes at other special times.

When is a worship service meaningful? _____

2. Worship is meaningful when it leads the ones worshipping to meet God.

We have learned the command Jesus gave in Matthew 28:19-20. He said to make disciples, baptize, and teach those new disciples. That is the work of the church. That work can not be done well if the church only meets to worship on Sunday morning. Many other activities are part of Baptist church life that helps the church do its work.

Why does the church need to have more activities than just a worship service once a week?

3. We need to talk about this in class. One hour of worship on Sunday is not enough time for teaching all Jesus taught.

Read 2 Timothy 3:16. Scripture is useful for teaching, correcting, and training. Scripture must be studied and learned if it is to be useful. Read 2 Timothy 2:15. If a church member is going to correctly handle the Word of God it must be studied. Now read Acts 17:11. This tells us about some new believers who searched the Scriptures every day to learn if what they had been told was true.

If the Bible tells us we should study and search the Scriptures, should we do that?

4. Yes, we should follow what the Bible tells us. If a Christian is to grow and develop he must learn what the Bible teaches.

Baptists are well known for having Sunday School, or Sunday Bible Study, for all ages. Sometimes older adults say that Sunday School is only for children.

Is this true? _____

At what age does a person finish learning all about the Bible? _____

5. No, it is not true. A person never finishes learning about the Bible. Sunday School is for all ages.

In Sunday School, or Sunday Bible Study, people are grouped according to age. There is a class for every member of the family. In the small groups there is plenty of chance for asking questions and discussing answers. Sunday School should not be a time for lecturing or preaching. It should be a time to search the Scriptures with others of the same age and interests.

Why are there different classes grouped according to age in Sunday School?

6. Classes are grouped so that people of the same age, with similar interests, can share the learning together.

The primary purpose of the Sunday School is to teach people the Bible. It will also reach people for Christ and grow Christians. The Sunday School can reach out to win unbelievers to Jesus. The Sunday School can develop Christians. The Sunday School is an important plan for teaching the Bible.

What is the primary purpose of the Sunday School? _____

7. The primary purpose of the Sunday School is to teach people the Bible.

In Sunday School Christians also grow by serving and working in the church. In a good Sunday School class Christians should learn to:

1. Visit and witness
2. Lead and teach
3. Pray for and minister to those in need
4. Enjoy the fellowship of other Christians
5. Use the Bible in their lives every day

Does this look as if everyone is to be doing things in Sunday School and not just the teacher? Yes, each member of a Sunday School class has work to do.

Write the 5 things Christians should learn in Sunday School.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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DAY 4: WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

1. What is the primary purpose of Sunday School, or Sunday Bible Study?

2. The primary purpose of Sunday School is to teach people the Bible.

Write the 5 things Christians should learn In Sunday School.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

3. In a good Sunday School class Christians should learn to:

1. Visit and witness
2. Lead and each
3. Pray for and minister to those in need
4. Enjoy the fellowship of other Christians
5. Use the Bible in their lives every day

Read Acts 2:42-47. The New Testament Christians met together every day for praying, teaching, singing and fellowship. Baptist churches have many activities that can bring members together for this purpose. Each local church chooses and develops the activities that best carry out this plan for their community of believers.

Why do local churches have many different activities for church members?

4. Local Baptist churches have different activities so that they can pray, sing, teach, and fellowship together. Many Baptist churches have a meeting for all church members in the middle of the week. This is usually on Wednesday. It is called by many names, but the purpose of the meeting is for sharing praises or problems and praying together.

Does your church have a meeting in the middle of the week? What does your church call this meeting?

What does your church do at the middle of the week meeting?

5. We hope your church has a middle of the week meeting for praying together. If you do not have a meeting in the middle of the week, discuss in class how you might begin to meet together.

An important part of a Baptist church is music. Choirs practice at different times during the week. Some churches have special choirs for children and youth. Some churches have a group who play instruments for worship services. That group practices together during the week.

Does your church have a choir? _____

When does your choir practice? _____

6. You will need to talk about this in class.

The women of the church often meet together at special times. They have many activities. Usually they have Bible studies that are helpful especially for women. They might have lessons on child care or cooking. They might learn some crafts. They might grow a garden together. They might go visiting or witnessing together.

Do the women in your church have a special organization? _____

What do they do at their meetings? _____

7. Get the answer to these questions from the women in your church. Discuss it in class.

Youth like to have fellowship together. Good Christian fellowship can grow and develop young Christians. Some church youth groups plan regular times for fellowship or weekday Bible study. Others plan regular times to play ball games.

What activities do the youth of your church have? _____

8. Again, you will need to find the answer from the youth.

Special training classes are often a part of the church programme. Some churches have a literacy programme. Some churches study special Bible courses during the week.

Why do Baptist churches have weekday activities? _____

9. Baptist churches have weekday activities so that church members can pray, sing, teach and fellowship together. When they do that they are being like the New Testament Christians. That helps them reach others for Christ and grow the church.

WEEK 5: CHURCH ACTIVITIES
DAYS: REVISION

You have learned much about Baptists. You have learned history. You have learned what a church is and how to be a member of a church. You have learned about church ordinances. You have learned what a church member should do and what activities a church can have to help. We are half way through our study about Baptists. We need to go over what you have learned to help you remember the most important things.

Try to answer every question without looking back at the lessons. When you have written all of the answers, then go back and see if you are right. If you are right, you have learned well. If you are wrong, mark out the wrong answer. Write the correct answer. Study again the answers that you got wrong so that you will get them right next time.

Questions from Week 1.

1. Why are Baptists called New Testament Christians? _____

2. In which country were New Testament Christians first called Baptists?

When? _____

3. Who is the head of the Church? _____

4. Write the work of the church by writing Matthew 28:19-20. _____

5. What are you doing when you make a public profession of faith? _____

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Questions from Week 2.

1. What is an ordinance? _____
2. What does The word "baptism" mean? _____
3. Write down the three things that have happened in a person's life that baptism shows.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
4. Write down three things Christians remember when they have the Lord's supper.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
5. The Lord's Supper is a time of worship. What is a Christian to do to himself during this worship?

Questions from Week 3.

1. Write the three ways a Baptist church will accept new members.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
2. Name the 9 parts of the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23.
1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____
4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____

3. Who gives spiritual gifts to Christians? _____

4. Why does He give spiritual gifts? _____

Questions from Week 4.

Write the list of 7 responsibilities of every church member.

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2. _____

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4. _____

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Questions from Week 5.

1. What does the word "worship" mean? _____

2. When do Baptists regularly worship together? _____

3. When is worship meaningful? _____

4. What is the primary purpose of Sunday School? _____

5. Why do Baptist churches have weekday activities? _____
