Recharging

If we want to see the church here at West Murray to grow and become stronger, then we have some work ahead of us. Too often we/I start, only to become discouraged and quit. We need a spirit like never stops, gives in, gives up, quits, becomes discouraged, etc. etc. The energizing bunny actually does stop, but if we use recharging batteries, it will keep going. Our worship services needs to be designed to recharge us. This is where you and I come in. We need to seriously “consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another” (Heb. 10:24-25).

I will not be “encouraging one another” if I am not there in the assembly. Instead of helping the church, I am discouraging others by my neglect. Your habitual neglecting not only leads to your own ruin, but discourages those who are faithful.

I like the story about the older brother who walks in with a cane, can’t hardly see or hear or sing. But he keeps going. A younger brother approaches him, and nearly yells as he talks, “WHY DO YOU COME TO WORSHIP IF YOU CAN’T HARDLY SEE, HEAR, OR SING”. The older brother replied, “I come to worship my God, and to let the old devil know whose side I’m on, just like Jacob did”!

“By faith Jacob, when dying… bowing in worship over the head of his staff” (Heb. 11:21). Jacob’s faith did not die out. A strong church is made up of christians whose faith keeps going strong in the face of difficulties. They recharge their faith. Difficulties are opportunities. When the early church faced difficulties, they prayed, and were recharged. They didn’t pray for the difficulties to stop. That’s the easy way. No, they prayed like this, “And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,”(Acts 4:29). Let them threaten, mock, or jest, but let me keep speaking boldly the words of Jesus.

What did Jesus say? “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matt. 6:30). If I don’t have enough faith to seek God first on Sunday, how will I have enough faith to seek him first the rest of the week? If I don’t have enough faith to go to church, how willI have enough faith to go to heaven? Jesus also said, “I will build my church” (Mat. 16:18), those who follow him are there, being the church. Those who are in the assembly are recharging other people and in the process they are being recharged too; the “one who waters will himself be watered.”(Prov. 11:25). The EV’s need a recharging station, God has built the church, the assembly, for just the same reason. It is where the saved stay saved and get recharged. Dan Peters