

## **“NO EXCUSE-SUNDAY”**

By Keith Greer

While in Indiana for a gospel meeting some years back, my aunt gave me this column from the local newspaper. No author is given credit for the article, and I have added a few changes. Even though this list is, obviously, "tongue-in-cheek", there is more truth in it than many of us would care to admit.

1. Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who think, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."

2. Eye drops will be available for those whose eyes are tired from watching television too late on Saturday night.

3. Steel helmets and insurance will be offered for those who believe "the roof will cave in" if they show up for worship.

4. Blankets will be furnished for those who complain that the building is too cold. Fans will be on hand for those who think it is too hot.

5. We will have "hearing aids" for those who think the preacher doesn't talk loud enough. Cotton will be provided for those who think he is too loud.

6. We will have the list of hypocrites in attendance for those who desire to count.

7. Bible lessons will be filled out for each Bible class for those who were "too busy" during the week.

8. There will be T.V. dinners available for those who claim that they can't attend worship services and cook dinner, too.

9. We will have familiar signs of "Christmas" and "Easter" since this will create an environment of comfort for those who only attend on these days.

10. We will make arrangements with the local golf course for afternoon tee times, with transportation provided.

11. Watches will be given to those who like to "watch the clock".

12. The preacher will only preach twenty-five minutes - guaranteed!

13. Worship services will be over by 11:00 a.m. so that no one will miss the games on television. If the preacher goes "over time", please feel free to leave.

14. Each member will get "one credit" for showing up at every service for a month. This credit can be used for the Sunday that fishing might be good at that local lake over the week-end.

15. We make special arrangements with the local restaurants to be sure you will have a table for lunch and won't have to wait in those long buffet lines.

16. We have a "bonus excuse" that can be used just in case the one you would like to use is not in our current list. Don't want to leave anyone out!

Harrodsburg is like many of the congregations across the country. Sunday morning attendance is good, Sunday night is less, and Wednesday night is even less. When we can be assembled together and choose to do something else, then we need to consider our attitude. Yes, you could be doing something else. Why would one not want to be in the presence of the Lord and their brethren that will be with them for all eternity in heaven? "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. " (Matthew 18: 20) \*\*\*