

Encourage One Another Daily **Hebrews 3:13**

- The rest of the sentence: Lest any of you become hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
- Attendance at Bible Classes is very low. But there are good reasons:
 - Sunday afternoon and Wednesday, class is for adults. Nothing is available for kids. If there were, some adults would miss the adult class.
 - Kids in sports (and such like). Christian parents should be the dominant influence at such events.
 - Distance and weather. If it were a ball game, would you be there?
 - Work schedule. We need to adapt to provide fellowship for such people.
 - Sunday morning: if it were Monday, you would be at work already. You can sleep in and get here by 9:30.
 - Rhys thinks Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening are interesting, but he's the teacher.
- Why Bible class?
 - The New Testament does not mention such gatherings specifically.
 - Obviously, we should know the Bible better. Classes at specific times are one way to make it happen. We can do it ourselves, we just don't.
 - In addition, we need a way to exchange ideas. Most people quickly lose interest when learning alone.
 - In our culture, everything needs to be fast paced or we lose interest. The Bible class format has not kept up with the times.
- Using the electronic age to encourage one another daily:
 - Facebook (and such like)
 - Becky posts a Scripture daily.
 - Rhys posts an idea from the Scriptures daily.
 - Stop and ponder its application to your life.
 - "Share" rather than "Like" so it goes to your non-church friends (who may unFollow you; that's the risk).
 - "Reply" with questions that it raises in your head. Suggest applications.
 - Telephone
 - If you commute and you have a cell phone and a signal, redeem the time. Please set up hands-free calling; we want to see you next Sunday. Check on people briefly. Find out if a call-back for a longer call is needed. If you car-pool, let the passenger do it.
 - Have a list of everyone. Randomly call people you don't normally spend time with just to check in and find out how they are doing.
 - New church web site (ready in a few weeks)
 - It is not fancy, but it will have a lot of stuff.
 - Recordings of recent sermons
 - Typed sermons
 - Bible class handouts (topics, word studies)
 - Detailed outlines of New Testament books.
 - PowerPoint presentations from classes
 - Books and commentaries
 - A resource for answering questions of yours and from others.

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- What am I promising myself that I will do?
 - Get a partner who will prompt me to do it.
 - Teach a monthly men's or women's class.
 - Show up at Bible class if work and/or kids do not supersede.
 - For those with smartphones: participate through Facebook
 - Call people to check in
 - Download (at the building if not at home) resources
- What are your suggestions for making daily encouragement happen?
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