

## **BOOST ATTENDANCE?**

I recently attended a major college football game. It was absolutely awesome. Going to a football game is very special. You know, you can learn several things at a football game, and I think I now know how we can boost attendance at the meetings of the Lord's church.

Here are my conclusions:

We're going to replace our cushioned pews with steel benches and remove the backs (Our elders will have backs for rent.)

We're going to make people sit very close to each other. Especially close to those we don't even know.

We're going to take the top off the building. There must be something about having a top on the building that keeps people from coming in.

We're going to have someone holler real loud in the loud speaker. I guess that will be me since I have the loudest mouth.

Oh yeah, one last thing. We're going to make everyone pay \$50.00 to get in, even before they know the outcome.

The average in attendance at college football games is 81,000. You know, I think we would settle for 81,000 at our meetings. Oh, one more thing. We're going to change our services to 3 hours instead of one. Boy, with these changes, you'd better come early next Sunday in order to get a good parking place. Adapted and readapted - cab

## **Would You Allow This?**

A husband was away from home for several weeks. There was no justifiable reason for him to be gone. One day he just left and never came home. Numerous inquiries were made, but his absence remained unexplained. And then one day he wandered back home. He sat down at the supper table and acted as though nothing had ever happened. Would you allow this?

A worker walked off his job. He did not obtain his employer's permission, he just disappeared. He remained gone for a couple of months. Other employees had to take up the slack and fill-in for him, covering his work while they tried to do their own. Then he showed up on a payday. He offered no explanation, asked for all his back wages and proceeded to take up his former position as if everything was normal. Would you allow this?

A student failed to attend classes for a number of weeks. School officials attempted to locate him and discover the cause of his absence, but to no avail. The other students progressed in their studies, leaving the absent student far behind in several important subject areas. The truant student returned one day. He had no excuse. There was evidence that his absence was deliberate and that he had been involved in a good bit of mischief. Amazingly, he expected to be welcomed without question and even requested that the entire class back-track and cover the subject matters he missed. Would you allow this?

A Christian did not attend services for several weeks. The elders, the preacher, and a number of other church members tried to find out what the problem was, but without success. Others had to take up the slack caused by his absence. The congregation proceeded with its program of work and teaching. Then one day he showed up for services again. There was no explanation - no confession of wrongdoing. He wanted to immediately retake his former status, to be counted as a faithful member, to be called on

for prayer and used in the services. Would you allow this? Think!! - [Greg Gwin](#)  
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