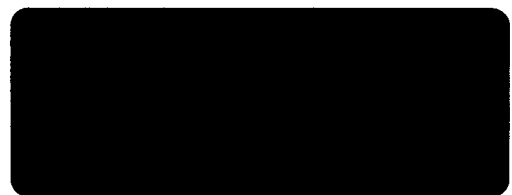


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Introduction

The worship services of Duluth First Baptist Church (FBC) are planned jointly by appropriate ministerial staff and a committee of laypersons. For several years, worship services have been offered on Sundays at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. As the worship planners sought God's will regarding the style and type of worship that should be offered, they decided He might speak to them through the collective opinions of those who worship at FBC.

A questionnaire was developed jointly with input from FBC staff, FBC laypersons, and North American Mission Board and Georgia Baptist Convention researchers. This instrument was administered to FBC worshippers at both morning services on May 7, 2000. This report provides results of the survey along with some possible implications for worship at FBC.

Survey Participation

Worship attendance for both morning services on May 7, 2000 represented a typical Sunday in the life of FBC. Worshippers had been informed previously that a survey would be taken that day. Ushers passed out the questionnaires at the end of the 8:30 service and at the beginning of the 11:00 service. A handbell choir played reverently as the surveys were completed. Ushers gathered the completed forms. The entire process took 10-12 minutes in each service.

Completed forms were received from 195 worshippers at 8:30 and 371 at 11:00.

Questionnaire Design

The survey instrument had three main sections. Eight questions concerned the Sunday morning worship experiences, four questions asked about Sunday evening worship, and there were four questions describing the respondents. Additionally, one question was asked about potential participation in a Wednesday night activity in the summer months.

Reporting Results

The results are summarized for the two primary sections regarding morning worship and evening worship. Following the summary report, a one-page summary of each item asked is provided.

Results for Sunday Mornings

- ❖ 61% of all respondents prefer 11:00 a.m. worship, 29% 8:30 a.m., and 10% alternate between the two
- ❖ Parents of preschoolers are more likely to prefer the 11:00 service (75%)
- ❖ 5 of 6 respondents are regular attendees
- ❖ Time convenience is the most important factor in determining which service a person attends (52%)
- ❖ 1 in 4 said worship style was an important factor in which service to attend
- ❖ Worship style is a more important factor in choosing a worship time for those ages 19-32 (33%) and ages 46-65 (32%)
- ❖ Blended worship style is the preference of 63%, traditional 21%, and contemporary 16% of FBC respondents.
- ❖ Only 23% of worshippers (119) think that an alternative style worship at another time should be offered. This does not mean that these folks would attend then. If an alternative worship is planned it should be designed to meet the needs of the community, not current worship attendees.
- ❖ There is no mandate for a change in music style at either morning worship service. Those who attend at 11:00 and those who prefer blended or traditional worship have a strong preference for the piano/organ/orchestra combination. Those who attend at 8:30 or alternate and those who prefer contemporary style like the praise band style.
- ❖ One-third of respondents do not want visual aids.
- ❖ 37% said visual aids with drama were acceptable.
- ❖ Projections of words to hymns, choruses, and sermons were more acceptable to those who alternate their worship time and to those who prefer contemporary worship.
- ❖ Children's worship is just fine as it is. 70% of all respondents want no changes. Parents of children involved in the children's worship felt even stronger (83%) that it should remain the same.
- ❖ **Conclusion: Respondents generally like the morning worship services as they are. Any change in worship style or time should be done with the demographics of the community in mind. For example, what style and time would attract the many single adults in our area?**

Results for Sunday Evenings

- ❖ Only 80 people (15%) said they attend regularly.
- ❖ 77% attend once a month or less.
- ❖ Having preschoolers or younger children makes attendance less likely.
- ❖ Older groups have better attendance rates.

- ❖ People do not attend because Sunday afternoon and evenings is family time. Of those who seldom attend, 58% gave this as a reason for staying home.
- ❖ 73% of those with preschoolers who do not attend said Sunday evenings was family time.
- ❖ None of the suggested changes to Sunday evening worship are likely to have a great impact on attendance.
- ❖ 32% said more praise choruses would encourage them to attend, while 22% cited more familiar hymns.

- ❖ 75% of all respondents want the Sunday evening service continued.
- ❖ 72% of those who seldom or never attend want the Sunday evening service continued.
- ❖ 85% of those who attend at least twice a month want the services continued

- ❖ **Conclusion: Folks want the Sunday evening worship to continue, even if they do not plan to attend. None of the suggested changes would greatly encourage their attendance. They spend Sunday afternoon and evening with their families.**

WORSHIP SURVEY

The purpose of this survey is to gather opinions from our congregation concerning the significant role worship plays in the life of our church. Your participation will be invaluable to those planning our worship experiences. Fill in the circle beside your answer.

THE FOLLOWING SECTION REFERS TO SUNDAY MORNINGS ONLY

Indicate your current level of participation (fill in one choice)

- Regular (attending most Sundays)
- Frequent (attending 2-3 times/month)
- Occasional (attending one time per month or less)
- First-time guest

Which worship time do you usually attend?
(fill in one choice)

- 8:30 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.
- Alternate between them

What is the most important factor in determining which morning service you attend? (fill in one choice)

- Time convenience
- My family comes then
- Worship style
- Other _____

Which worship style defined below is most conducive to your worship and praise of our Lord? (fill in one choice)

- Blended (combination of hymns, choruses, and contemporary music; piano/organ/orchestra accompaniment; flexible/creative format)
- Traditional (traditional hymn singing, piano/organ accompaniment, unchanging format)
- Contemporary (use of praise band, praise teams, high energy music; use of projectors/words on screens)

Our Sunday morning services should: (fill in one choice)

- Remain two distinct styles and formats
- Be exactly the same style and format
- Be the same on Sunday mornings but offer an alternate style at another time

Do you prefer congregational music accompanied by: (fill in all that apply)

- Piano and organ only
- Piano, organ, and orchestra
- Praise band
- Tape track

Which high quality visual aids used selectively during worship times would enhance your worship experience? (fill in all that apply)

- Words to hymns/choruses projected on a screen
- Sermon outline highlights projected on a screen
- Special film clips/announcements
- Visual aids used to enhance dramatic presentations
- None of the above

How can our children, especially those 4 years old through 2nd grade, best experience worship?
(fill in only one choice)

- Continue children's participation in the Worship Center at 11:00 WITH a children's message and then exit to extended session
- Continue children's participation in the Worship Center at 11:00 WITHOUT a children's message and exit to extended session
- Provide a separate and complete children's worship during the 11:00 worship service
- Allow children to remain for the entire 11:00 service with adults

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**WORSHIP SURVEY (continued)****THE FOLLOWING SECTION REFERS TO SUNDAY EVENINGS ONLY****Indicate your current level of participation**

- Regular (attending most Sunday evenings)
- Frequent (attending 2-3 times/month)
- Occasional (attending one time/month or less)
- Never or hardly ever

If you do not attend on Sunday evening, please tell us why. (fill in all that apply)

- Worship style of the service
- Does not meet a need in my life
- Inconvenient time
- Sunday afternoon/evening is set aside as our family time
- Work responsibilities (travel, etc.)

What would make Sunday evening worship more attractive to you? (fill in all that apply)

- More of the familiar hymns
- More of a praise and worship time with choruses
- More instrumentation
- Children/Youth leading in worship music
- Testimonies
- Prayer requests

For me, Sunday evening worship should be: (fill in one choice)

- Continued as it is: a Bible teaching and prayer time
- Continued at the same time with suggested additions
- Held occasionally for special events
- Is not necessary

PLEASE TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF**Your relationship to this church:**

- Member
- Repeat Guest
- First-time Guest

Your gender:

- Female
- Male

Your marital status:

- Single
- Married

Your age group:

- Under 12 33-45
- 12-18 46-65
- 19-32 65+

Age of your children who live with you and participate in our church activities: (please fill in all that apply)

- Birth - 3 years of age 3rd - 6th grade
- 4-5 years of age 7th - 12th grade
- 1st - 2nd grade None of the above

BONUS QUESTION REFERS TO WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Would you be willing to participate in a one hour Wednesday evening family gathering for a light supper (6:00-6:30) and prayer meeting (6:30-7:00) around the tables in the Family Life Center during the summer months? [Childcare would be provided during this hour for infants, birth through 3 years of age.] Yes No

Thank you for your help!



Which worship time do you usually attend?

Note: There were 21 respondents who chose not to answer this question. For these persons, the service they attended on May 7, 2000 was used as a substitute response.

	All Respondents	
	Number	Percent
8:30 a.m.	163	28.8
11:00 a.m.	344	60.8
Alternate between them	59	10.4
	<u>566</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Overall, about 60% of respondents usually attend the 11:00 a.m. worship, 30% attend at 8:30 a.m., and 10% alternate between them.

Comparing age groups, observe that 11:00 is the usual time for the majority of each age group except those under 12. Adults age 46-65 are a bit more likely to prefer 8:30 than other adults.

Having a preschooler at home makes it difficult to come at 8:30 (only 17%). The presence of other age children at home has little impact on choosing which service to attend--roughly 60% come at 11:00.

	Under Age 12		Ages 12-18		Ages 19-32	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
8:30 a.m.	7	70.0	24	35.8	19	23.2
11:00 a.m.	2	20.0	35	52.2	52	63.4
Alternate between them	1	10.0	8	11.9	11	13.4
	<u>10</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	Ages 33-45		Ages 46-65		Age 65 and Over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
8:30 a.m.	40	23.7	47	32.2	16	27.1
11:00 a.m.	114	67.5	83	56.8	38	64.4
Alternate between them	15	8.9	16	11.0	5	8.5
	<u>169</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>100.0</u>

	Have preschooler		Have grades 1 to 6	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
8:30 a.m.	19	17.1	38	32.2
11:00 a.m.	84	75.7	69	58.5
Alternate between them	8	7.2	11	9.3
	<u>111</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	Have youth		Have none	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
8:30 a.m.	38	30.6	54	27.8
11:00 a.m.	69	55.6	120	61.9
Alternate between them	17	13.7	20	10.3
	<u>124</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Indicate your current level of participation. (a.m.)

All Respondents			
	Number	Percent	
Regular	465	83.3	(attending most Sundays)
Frequent	61	10.9	(attending 2-3 times/month)
Occasional	18	3.2	(attending one time per month or less)
First-time guest	14	2.5	
	<u>558</u>	<u>100.0</u>	

Respondents graded themselves highly on attendance of morning worship. More than 4 of 5 (83%) said they come regularly (most Sundays). Almost 11 percent attend frequently, 3 percent occasionally, and 14 respondents (3%) were first-time guests.

Worshippers at 8:30 and 11:00 claimed similar attendance tendencies. Those preferring 8:30 are slightly more regular in attendance. Not much needs to be made of this difference.

	8:30 Habit		11:00 Habit		Alternate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Regular	140	87.5	276	81.4	49	83.1
Frequent	12	7.5	44	13.0	5	8.5
Occasional	1	0.6	14	4.1	3	5.1
First-time guest	7	4.4	5	1.5	2	3.4
	<u>160</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>339</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>100.0</u>

What is the most important factor in determining which morning service you attend?

All Respondents		
	Number	Percent
Time convenience	274	51.7
My family comes then	78	14.7
Worship style	136	25.7
Other	42	7.9
	<u>530</u>	<u>100.0</u>

More than half of all respondents said time convenience was the most important determining factor in their choice of morning worship times. One-fourth said worship style was the primary factor, 15% noted that their family comes then. Forty-two respondents had other reasons for their choice of worship time.

Cross-tabulating this question with respondents usual worship habit was interesting. Of those who alternate between the services, over 70% said time convenience was the primary factor. These folks decide each week which time is convenient. The 8:30 group was a bit more likely to site time convenience than the 11:00 group (56% compared to 46%).

Time convenience was the primary factor for each age group. One of every 3 respondents age 18 and under said "My family comes then" was the major factor whether they came at 8:30 or 11:00. Those ages 19-32 (33%) and 46-65 (32%) were more likely to choose worship style as the most important factor.

	8:30 Habit		11:00 Habit		Alternate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Time convenience	86	55.5	149	46.4	39	72.2
My family comes then	20	12.9	55	17.1	3	5.6
Worship style	42	27.1	86	26.8	8	14.8
Other	7	4.5	31	9.7	4	7.4
	<u>155</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>321</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>100.0</u>

	Under Age 12		Ages 12-18		Ages 19-32	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Time convenience	5	55.6	29	45.3	40	49.4
My family comes then	3	33.3	23	35.9	9	11.1
Worship style	1	11.1	7	10.9	27	33.3
Other	0	0.0	5	7.8	5	6.2
	<u>9</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	Ages 33-45		Ages 46-65		Age 65 and Over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Time convenience	87	53.0	70	50.4	26	54.2
My family comes then	18	11.0	18	12.9	6	12.5
Worship style	37	22.6	44	31.7	13	27.1
Other	22	13.4	7	5.0	3	6.3
	<u>164</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Which worship style defined below is most conducive to your worship and praise of our Lord?

All Respondents		
	Number	Percent
Blended	343	63.2
Traditional	112	20.6
Contemporary	88	16.2
	<u>543</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Worshippers at FBC favor a blended style of worship. More than 3 of 5 chose this response. The second choice was traditional (1 of 5), followed by contemporary (1 of 6).

There are differences between the 8:30 and 11:00 worshippers, but note that blended is still the highest response for each group. The 8:30 group does like contemporary more than the 11:00 group (30% versus 9%), while 11:00 worshippers like the blended style more than their 8:30 counterparts (72% compared to about 50%). Among worshippers who alternate between the services there is a more even distribution among style preferences. This group truly cares more about time convenience.

Worship style preferences do vary by age. Of the 88 respondents preferring the contemporary style, 76 are 45 or younger. Of the 99 preferring the traditional style, 80 are age 33 or older. No one over age 65 chose contemporary as their preferred worship style.

	8:30 Habit		11:00 Habit		Alternate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Blended	78	49.4	235	71.6	30	52.6
Traditional	32	20.3	63	19.2	17	29.8
Contemporary	48	30.4	30	9.1	10	17.5
	<u>158</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>328</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>100.0</u>

	Under Age 12		Ages 12-18		Ages 19-32	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Blended	3	30.0	32	49.2	46	56.8
Traditional	2	20.0	8	12.3	9	11.1
Contemporary	5	50.0	25	38.5	26	32.1
	<u>10</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>100.0</u>

	Ages 33-45		Ages 46-65		Age 65 and Over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Blended	121	72.5	102	72.3	28	50.9
Traditional	26	15.6	27	19.1	27	49.1
Contemporary	20	12.0	12	8.5	0	0.0
	<u>167</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Our Sunday morning services should:

All Respondents			
	Number	Percent	
Remain distinct	313	61.5	Remain two distinct styles and formats
Be the same	77	15.1	Be exactly the same style and format
Offer alternative	119	23.4	Be the same on Sunday mornings but offer an alternative style
	<u>509</u>	<u>100.0</u>	at another time

The majority of FBC worshippers are happy with the status quo on Sunday morning. Over 60% said the two morning services should remain two distinct styles. Another 15% said the services should be identical, while 23% would like to see an alternate style offered at another time.

There were not major differences in response to this question among the 8:30, 11:00, and alternating worship groups.

	8:30 Habit		11:00 Habit		Alternate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Remain distinct	97	63.8	184	60.9	32	59.3
Be the same	27	17.8	40	13.2	10	18.5
Offer alternative	28	18.4	78	25.8	12	22.2
	152	100.0	302	100.0	54	100.0

Do you prefer congregational music accompanied by:

All Respondents			
	Number	Percent	
Piano/organ	120	21.2	Piano and organ only
Piano/organ/orchestra	399	70.5	Piano, organ, and orchestra
Praise band	243	42.9	Praise band
Tape track	87	15.4	Tape track

Music accompaniment is an important element of worship. Overall, respondents felt more favorable toward piano/organ/orchestra (over 70%), while 21% like the piano/organ combination. More than 40% like accompaniment by a praise band. Tape tracks were not favored and will not be discussed.

The 8:30 group likes praise bands slightly more than the piano/organ/orchestra combination (57% to 52%), while only 33% of the 11:00 group likes praise bands.

Worship style preference is highly related to type of music preferred. Among those who prefer a contemporary style, 93% like praise bands, compared to only 42% of those preferring a blended style, and 9% of those preferring traditional worship.

	8:30 Habit		11:00 Habit		Alternate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Piano/organ	29	17.8	74	21.5	17	28.8
Piano/organ/orchestra	85	52.1	274	79.7	40	67.8
Praise band	93	57.1	115	33.4	35	59.3
Tape track	18	11.0	58	16.9	11	18.6

	Prefer Blended		Prefer Traditional		Prefer Contemporary	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Piano/organ	65	19.0	43	38.4	8	9.1
Piano/organ/orchestra	281	81.9	74	66.1	35	39.8
Praise band	145	42.3	10	8.9	82	93.2
Tape track	56	16.3	10	8.9	17	19.3

Which high quality visual aids used selectively during worship times would enhance your worship experience?

All Respondents			
	Number	Percent	
Hymns/choruses	169	29.9	Words to hymns/choruses projected on a screen
Sermons	148	26.1	Sermon outline highlights projected on a screen
Clips/announcements	131	23.1	Special film clips/announcements
Drama	211	37.3	Visual aids used to enhance dramatic presentations
None of the above	191	33.7	None of the above

The use of audio visuals is not in demand among worshippers at large. In fact, 1 of 3 respondents chose none of the above in selecting audio visuals they liked. With that said, the most favorable response was for visual aids used to enhance dramatic presentations (37%). Less than 30% would care to see hymns, choruses, sermon outlines, or announcements projected on a screen.

There were differences among groups with different worship time habits. In particular, those who alternate between the services like visuals better than the overall group.

Among those preferring contemporary worship, visual aids received a more favorable reply. In fact, more than two thirds of the contemporary crowd would like to see words to songs projected.

	8:30 Habit		11:00 Habit		Alternate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Hymns/choruses	69	42.3	78	22.7	22	37.3
Sermons	41	25.2	82	23.8	25	42.4
Clips/announcements	34	20.9	77	22.4	20	33.9
Drama	51	31.3	134	39.0	26	44.1
None of the above	57	35.0	118	34.3	16	27.1

	Prefer Blended		Prefer Traditional		Prefer Contemporary	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Hymns/choruses	79	23.0	25	22.3	60	68.2
Sermons	85	24.8	18	16.1	40	45.5
Clips/announcements	83	24.2	14	12.5	32	36.4
Drama	138	40.2	23	20.5	43	48.9
None of the above	114	33.2	59	52.7	14	15.9

How can our children, especially those 4 years old through 2nd grade, best experience worship?

All Respondents		
	Number	Percent
Continue with	353	70.2
Continue without	18	3.6
Separate/complete	107	21.3
Remain	25	5.0
	<u>503</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Seven of ten respondents favor the current approach to meaningful worship for young children. Twenty percent think a separate, complete worship experience at 11:00 a.m. would be better.

Among those who usually worship at 8:30, almost 1 in 3 prefer a separate, complete service for children. Does this mean they would come at 11:00 if this change was made? Among the 11:00 and alternating worshippers, 75% would leave the children's worship as it is.

Parents of children age 4 to grade 2 overwhelmingly (83%) want to continue with the current scheme. This may be the group that should carry the most weight on this topic. Folks with no children are slightly likely (27%) to prefer a separate worship time for children.

Considering the age of respondents, those under age 32 are more likely than older folks to want children out of the regular 11:00 worship.

Conclusion: there is no demand for a change in children's worship.

	8:30 Habit		11:00 Habit		Alternate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Continue with	81	56.6	232	75.8	40	74.1
Continue without	6	4.2	10	3.3	2	3.7
Separate/complete	47	32.9	49	16.0	11	20.4
Remain	9	6.3	15	4.9	1	1.9
	<u>143</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>100.0</u>

	Have Children				Have none	
	Birth to Age 3		Age 4 to Grade 2		Number	Percent
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Continue with	56	70.0	75	83.3	110	64.3
Continue without	2	2.5	2	2.2	7	4.1
Separate/complete	15	18.8	8	8.9	47	27.5
Remain	7	8.8	5	5.6	7	4.1
	<u>80</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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**How can our children, especially those 4 years old through 2nd grade, best experience worship?
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	Under Age 12		Ages 12-18		Ages 19-32	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Continue with	4	44.4	44	74.6	47	63.5
Continue without	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.4
Separate/complete	5	55.6	13	22.0	24	32.4
Remain	0	0.0	2	3.4	2	2.7
	<u>9</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	Ages 33-45		Ages 46-65		Age 65 and Over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Continue with	124	77.5	95	68.8	28	60.9
Continue without	6	3.8	6	4.3	5	10.9
Separate/complete	22	13.8	31	22.5	8	17.4
Remain	8	5.0	6	4.3	5	10.9
	<u>160</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Indicate your current level of participation. (p.m.)

All Respondents			
	Number	Percent	
Regular	80	15.0	(attending most Sunday evenings)
Frequent	43	8.1	(attending 2-3 times/month)
Occasional	185	34.8	(attending one time per month or less)
Never or hardly	224	42.1	Never or hardly ever
	<u>532</u>	<u>100.0</u>	

FBC folks were honest about their attendance on Sunday evenings. Only 80 (15%) claimed to be regular attendees at the evening service. Fully 77% admitted they attend one time per month or less (combining the last two categories.)

The presence of children in the home is a detriment to Sunday evening attendance. For example, 57% of parents of preschoolers never or hardly ever attend. One question not asked was whether improved programs for children on Sunday evenings would encourage family participation.

Age is a factor. The older groups have better attendance rates. For example, 34% the age 65 and over respondents said they were regular in attendance.

	Have preschoolers		Have grades 1 to 6		Have youth		Have none	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Regular	9	8.7	6	5.3	7	5.8	34	17.9
Frequent	4	3.9	6	5.3	12	9.9	18	9.5
Occasional	31	30.1	46	40.4	60	49.6	64	33.7
Never or hardly	59	57.3	56	49.1	42	34.7	74	38.9
	<u>103</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>100.0</u>

	Under Age 12		Ages 12-18		Ages 19-32	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Regular	4	40.0	13	19.7	7	9.0
Frequent	0	0.0	9	13.6	7	9.0
Occasional	2	20.0	19	28.8	21	26.9
Never or hardly	4	40.0	25	37.9	43	55.1
	<u>10</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>100.0</u>

	Ages 33-45		Ages 46-65		Age 65 and Over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Regular	13	8.1	21	14.6	18	34.0
Frequent	5	3.1	15	10.4	5	9.4
Occasional	60	37.3	62	43.1	15	28.3
Never or hardly	83	51.6	46	31.9	15	28.3
	<u>161</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>100.0</u>

If you do not attend on Sunday evening, please tell us why.

All Respondents			
	Number	Percent	
Worship style	18	3.2	Worship style of the service
Does not meet a need	47	8.3	Does not meet a need in my life
Inconvenient time	80	14.1	Inconvenient time
Family time	265	46.8	Sunday afternoon/evening is set aside as our family time
Work responsibilities	62	11.0	Work responsibilities (travel, etc.)

When asked to share why they do not attend on Sunday evenings, respondents' top answer was that Sunday afternoon/evenings is family time.

It is more appropriate to look only at those who seldom if ever attend (box below). Almost 3 of 5 gave family time as a reason for not coming to evening worship. Inconvenient time (18%), work responsibilities (13%) and not meeting a need in their life (10%) were other reasons given by non-attenders. Note that the style of the evening worship is not a factor.

Parents of all age groups who seldom if ever attend were even stronger in their opinion that Sunday evening is family time.

Occasional, Never, or Hardly Ever Attend		
	Number	Percent
Worship style	12	2.9
Does not meet a need	41	10.0
Inconvenient time	72	17.6
Family time	239	58.4
Work responsibilities	52	12.7

Analysis limited to those whose attendance is "Occasional" or "Never or Hardly Ever"								
	Have preschoolers		Have grades 1 to 6		Have youth		Have none	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worship style	3	3.3	4	3.9	3	2.9	4	2.9
Does not meet a need	5	5.6	9	8.8	11	10.8	17	12.3
Inconvenient time	10	11.1	23	22.5	17	16.7	26	18.8
Family time	66	73.3	63	61.8	67	65.7	71	51.4
Work responsibilities	3	3.3	12	11.8	7	6.9	28	20.3

What would make Sunday evening worship more attractive to you?

All Respondents			
	Number	Percent	
Familiar hymns	127	22.4	More of the familiar hymns
Praise with choruses	180	31.8	More of a praise and worship time with choruses
Instrumentation	57	10.1	More instrumentation
Children/youth	101	17.8	Children/youth leading in worship music
Testimonies	105	18.6	Testimonies
Prayer requests	79	14.0	Prayer requests

There is not one item that would make the Sunday evening worship service more attractive to a majority of respondents. Almost one third of respondents said "more of a praise and worship time with choruses" would be more attractive. One in five said "more familiar hymns" would be helpful.

Accounting for attendance, those who are currently attending regularly or frequently want more of everything than those who attend occasionally or never. Choosing a response is not a promise to attend if the changes are made.

	Regular or frequent		Occasional or never	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Familiar hymns	40	32.5	85	20.8
Praise with choruses	42	34.1	137	33.5
Instrumentation	16	13.0	41	10.0
Children/youth	24	19.5	77	18.8
Testimonies	32	26.0	72	17.6
Prayer requests	29	23.6	49	12.0

For me, Sunday evening worship should be:

	All Respondents		
	Number	Percent	
Continued as is	179	41.8	Continued as it is: a Bible teaching and prayer time
Continued with suggestions	144	33.6	Continued at the same time with suggested additions
Held occasionally	78	18.2	Held occasionally for special events
Is not necessary	27	6.3	Is not necessary
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Fully 75% of all respondents want Sunday evening worship to continue, over 40% as it is and over 30% with suggested changes. This is interesting, in that only 23% attend at least 2 to 3 times a month. One-fourth said the evening worship should be held occasionally or not at all.

Current attendees really want this service continued 85% (57% as it is, 28% with changes). Of those who seldom attend, over 70% still want the service continued. Either these folks are too nice to vote against a church service or they like the doors to be open even if they are not coming.

	Regular or frequent		Occasional or never	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Continued as is	62	57.4	114	36.2
Continued with suggestions	30	27.8	113	35.9
Held occasionally	11	10.2	66	21.0
Is not necessary	5	4.6	22	7.0
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Your relationship to this church:

	All Respondents	
	Number	Percent
Member	475	86.2
Repeat guest	64	11.6
First-time guest	12	2.2
	<u>551</u>	<u>100.0</u>

	8:30 Habit		11:00 Habit		Alternate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Member	138	86.8	287	85.7	50	87.7
Repeat guest	16	10.1	43	12.8	5	8.8
First-time guest	5	3.1	5	1.5	2	3.5
	<u>159</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Your gender:

All Respondents		
	Number	Percent
Female	291	54.4
Male	244	45.6
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	535	100.0

	8:30 Habit		11:00 Habit		Alternate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Female	82	53.2	183	56.1	26	47.3
Male	72	46.8	143	43.9	29	52.7
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	154	100.0	326	100.0	55	100.0

Your marital status:

All Respondents		
	Number	Percent
Single	151	29.2
Married	367	70.8
	<u>518</u>	<u>100.0</u>

	8:30 Habit		11:00 Habit		Alternate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Single	43	29.9	92	28.9	16	28.6
Married	101	70.1	226	71.1	40	71.4
	<u>144</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>100.0</u>

	Under Age 12		Ages 12-18		Ages 19-32	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Single	10	100.0	62	100.0	31	38.8
Married	0	0.0	0	0.0	49	61.3
	<u>10</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>100.0</u>

	Ages 33-45		Ages 46-65		Age 65 and Over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Single	13	7.8	14	10.0	18	35.3
Married	153	92.2	126	90.0	33	64.7
	<u>166</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Your age group:

All Respondents

	Number	Percent
Under 12	10	1.9
12 to 18	67	12.6
19 to 32	82	15.4
33 to 45	169	31.7
46 to 65	146	27.4
65 and Over	59	11.1
	<u>533</u>	<u>100.0</u>

	8:30 Habit		11:00 Habit		Alternate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 12	7	4.6	2	0.6	1	1.8
12 to 18	24	15.7	35	10.8	8	14.3
19 to 32	19	12.4	52	16.0	11	19.6
33 to 45	40	26.1	114	35.2	15	26.8
46 to 65	47	30.7	83	25.6	16	28.6
65 and Over	16	10.5	38	11.7	5	8.9
	<u>153</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>324</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Age of your children who live with you and participate in our church activities:

	All Respondents	
	Number	Percent
Birth - 3 years of age	85	15.0
4-5 years of age	52	9.2
1st-2nd grade	53	9.4
3rd-6th grade	89	15.7
7th-12th grade	124	21.9
None of the above	194	34.3

Would you ... Wednesday...during the summer months?

	All Respondents	
	Number	Percent
Yes	258	58.4
No	184	41.6
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	442	100.0