get your questions on.

ASK THE PASTOR

Short Answer: No

What is commanded?

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Assemble Together

4. Is Sunday School in the Bible? What are some principles about <u>meeting together?</u> The Purpose - <u>Spiritual Growth</u>

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

The Devotion

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

The Display of...

Love - I John 4:12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Encouragement -Hebrews 3:13 But **exhort** one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Stirring up - Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Serving -Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

<u>Instruction</u> -Romans 15: 14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, <u>able also to admonish one another.</u>

Honoring-Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

What are the essential components of meeting together as a church?

- 1. Teaching Acts 2
- 2. Fellowship Philippians 2
- 3. The Ordinances-Acts 2
- 4. Prayers Acts 2

How do we follow through in obedience?

When did Sunday School Start?

Sunday School Started in the 1780's and spread to America in the 1800's.

Sunday School started as a way to educate children who were employed in factories, stress, and farms during the work week.

-The Bible was the main curriculum.

Why do we still do it?

It can be used to effectively fulfill the commands and principles of Scripture about meeting together as a church.

There is a Biblical pattern of ministering to smaller groups within a larger group.

Luke 10:27: "And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

There is no mention of a literal weight on Jesus during the crucifixion in the Bible.

So where does that idea come from?

Isaiah 53: 12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm 32: 1,2,5 Blessed is he whose transgression is **forgiven**, whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. 5b I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou **forgavest** the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

Our sin burdens God.

Isaiah 43:24b thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.

Isaiah 1:4 a people laden (weighed down) with iniquity

Isaiah 1:14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

What physical weight did Jesus bear during His crucifixion?

- 1. A whole cross would weigh well over 135 kilos (300 lb), but the crossbeam would not be quite as burdensome, weighing around 45 kilos (100 lb).
 - -This physical burden is often used as a symbol of the spiritual burden Jesus was to bear.
- 2. The weight of His own physical body.

What NT clues are there about the kind of burden that Jesus bore on the cross?

2 Corinthians 5: 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

- The burden of our sin was placed on Him so that it could be removed from us. (substitution)

Mark 15: 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying,..... My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?