

The Times, They are a changin'

Summer Schedule Begins June 19

Most of you are, by now, well used to our annual summer schedule switch, moving Sunday worship from 11 am to 10. Normally, we revert to our conventional schedule in the fall. year, General Assembly approved a proposal to stay on the summer schedule through the 2011-2012 school year. the re-scheduling of the rapture and day of judgment, this may not affect you, but in case there has been another mis-calculation, and we do actually need to keep things going on this earth, we'd like to explain the reason for not changing back.

It's no secret that people who do actually come to Sunday School often miss the 9:30 start time by a few smidges. is kind of a challenge for teachers who make lesson plans. Two years ago, facing a critical decline in children's Sunday School attendance, we decided to try moving their classes to the worship hour and scheduling youth and adult classes to follow fellowship time. that year, we noticed little change in most classes, with a notable exception among the young adults, who thrived with the new time, often having fifteen or more attendees.

The next year, aware that 10 am wasn't the first choice of most congregants, the young adults offered to try moving back to the 9:30 class time. might have predicted the result. patterns reverted as well and the young adults have not been able to sustain a viable 9:30 class since.

So...General Assembly elected to return to a 10 am worship time and see if we can't re-vitalize Sunday School, and give visitors who enjoy worship an easy way to try out a class afterward. children will continue to have their program during worship, with activity based child-care during the 11:30 - 12:15 time slot. will start Sunday, June 19th, and continue through next spring, at which time we can re-evaluate our success. are due to those who've sacrificed some extra leisure time Sunday morning while we give this another shot.