

"A Missing Bell"

Back in the '70's, our church used to have a small daycare center in what is now our Education Building. We still have a bell system from that time - a simple hammer and domed bell activated by electricity from a central, round button on a wall on the first floor. We have two bells downstairs and two on the second floor. Now, the system is still used to mark times and activities in church that have tremendous, spiritual importance. Since they have wooden covers in the shape of a cross, only today it was discovered that one of the domed bells is missing. The hammer still moves so the electrical connections still do their simple job, but the assembly remains largely silent. We are in the process of replacing that bell for more than one reason: the bells mark times of unified worship and other activities we do in relation with God, such as Sunday School, Choir, then Worship, Vacation Bible School, and other opportunities to worship our Lord God. Secondly, we must be good stewards of our own, personal bell of faith in God individually as well. Matthew 10:32-33 says, "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Are you a missing bell at times? Let your bell of faith ring for yourself and, especially, for the sake of others. Such is a part of the Father's love for you.