

## ***WOULD JESUS “ROCK THIS HOUSE” FOR TEN DOLLARS PER HEAD?***

*Do you remember the Sermon on the Mount? How much did Jesus charge those who assembled to listen? Nothing!*

*Do you remember Acts 2? How much did the apostles charge the Jews who assembled?*

Jesus Christ is our perfect example. On their website, the Ash Flat Church of Christ states that they seek to follow “the examples that He set while He was on this earth” ([www.ashflatcofc.org](http://www.ashflatcofc.org)). These are wonderful words, but their “Rock This House” weekend contradicts their claim.

If they follow Jesus’ example, why do they charge admission fees to their event, sell t-shirts, and organize a 5K race? Did Jesus charge admission fees or sell commemorative robes after His sermon? Which church of Christ in Scripture offered a God-filled weekend paid for by a 5K race? Sports were extremely popular during the days of Jesus (the Olympics started 700 years before Jesus was born!). He could have attracted a large audience by organizing a chariot race to support His earthly ministry. But this was not the example that He set for us.

Have we forgotten Jesus’ words at the Temple in Jerusalem? *Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!* (John 2:16). Jesus was angry with what men were doing in association with the Temple worship. Would Jesus have reacted any differently if there had been a t-shirt vendor in the Temple?

His words “rocked that house” and should do the same today, especially among churches of Christ who abuse God’s words and funds with merchandise by building gyms, cafeterias (falsely called “fellowship halls”), selling t-shirts, and charging admission fees for spiritual services they offer! God equipped the church with spiritual teachers—not race organizers and clothing vendors (Ephesians 4:11; 1 Timothy 3:15).

Though good intentions exist in Ash Flat, an ancient problem remains--*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge... because you have forgotten the law of your God...*” (Hosea 4:6). We plead for you to search the Scriptures to find out if the things you see and hear in area churches today match what you can read in Scripture!