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Local Church Budget

Moon Walk or Sabbath School? Astronaut James B. Irwin's wife gave a most impressive testimony on the importance of Sabbath observance and Christian responsibility on Sabbath, July 3, 1971.

Walter Cronkite, CBS news celebrity reporting on the moon shot, said, "Mrs. James B. Irwin did not watch her husband take his first ride and walk on the moon yesterday. She is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and she had a Sabbath School class to teach. She said, "He has his mission and I have mine."

This significant statement was broadcast and telecast to the United States., the Congo, Europe, South America, and Canada. What an eloquent testimony this was to our faith!

Of course, we all agree that there are legitimate reasons for missing church—illness, for example. And no one would have faulted Mrs. Irwin had she took the time to watch her husband walk on the moon. But sometimes we allow little aches and pains, rain drops, or other minor things to keep us from the joy of fellowship.

Each local church has a mission for its members and the larger community. This morning, we have another opportunity to lift up our wonderful church by contributing, in addition to our faithful tithe, a generous and sacrificial offering for our local ministries. Thank you for supporting the mission!