

WCBC WORSHIP SERVICE - FEBRUARY 18, 2018

TOPIC: BUILDING OURSELVES UP!

Sermon 4: *"By Faithfully Attending Church!"*

TEXT: Acts 2:41-47; Hebrews 10:25

INTRO: Pastor's Destiny!

I. THE MEANING OF THE WORD CHURCH: I Pet. 2:9

- The word "church" was used 114 times in the N.T.
- It comes from the Greek word, "ekklesia," meaning, "to call out" or "assembly of called-out ones" - I Peter 2:9 (Note: "Ekklesia" is derived from the verb, "ekkaleo," "ek" = out, "kaleo" = to call).

II. THE IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

Note: Faithfully attending church (or worship) is so critical that in the O.T., even farm animals were commanded to be stopped from being "beasts of burden" on the Sabbath day! - Exodus 20:10

1. God commands us to not forsake it - Hebrews 10:25
 - Attending Church Regularly For 88 Years!
2. It brings deep encouragement to others - Hebrews 10:25
 - A. It gives great joy - Philippians 1:25-26
 - B. It provides positive influence - I Peter 2:12
 - Flor!
3. It provides personal development and growth spiritually - Acts 2:42-45
 - A. Where God's Word is sincerely upheld and obeyed - v.42
 - B. Where church activities and ordinances are provided - v.42

Note: Programs in churches are designed to bring us closer to our God! - Colossians 3:16

 - C. Where unity is practiced - v.44 cf. Eph. 4:15-16

- A United States Motto!
- D. Where benevolence is observed - v.45
- Note: Our church is a generous church!

CONCLUSION: "Beggar & Six Dollars!"

Possible To Be A Christian Without A Home Church?

Question: "Can I be a Christian without joining a church?"

Answer: "Yes, it is possible. It is something like being:

- A student who will not go to school
 - A soldier who will not join an army
 - A citizen who does not pay taxes or vote
 - A salesman with no customers
 - An explorer with no base camp
 - A seaman on a ship without a crew
 - An author without readers
 - A tuba player without an orchestra
 - A parent without a family
 - A football player without a team
 - A politician who is a hermit
 - A scientist who does not share his findings
 - A bee without a hive."
- Wesleyan Christian Advocate

Verse For Today

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD!" - Psalm 122:1 (KJV)

Food For Thought

"Christians should prepare their hearts and minds before coming to church!" (Psalm 139:23-24)

Happy Chinese New Year To All!

