

**WCBC WORSHIP SERVICE - JULY 8, 2018**

**TOPIC:** DOING THE "ONE THING" OF THE BIBLE

Sermon 1: *Church Attendance!*

**TEXT:** Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalm 27:4

**INTRO:** Scripture's Four Places Of Worship!

**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 - Psalm 27:4; 122:1
  - B. It provides positive influence - I Peter 2:12
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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 are held and ordinances are observed - 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 practiced - v.45 cf. 4:32

Note: Our church is a generous church!

**CONCLUSION:** "Beggar & Six Dollars!"

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Pastor's Destiny!

A mother woke her son up on Sunday morning and told him he needed to get ready to go to church. The son replied to his mother that he didn't want to go to church that morning. She told him, "nonsense," - that he should get up and go to church.

"But Mom," he replied, "everybody hates me, the sermons are boring, and none of my friends ever come."

His mother replied, "Now, son...! First, everybody doesn't hate you, only a couple of bullies, and you just have to stand up to them. Second, the sermons mean a lot to many people. If you listened to them, you'd be surprised at how good they are in helping people. Third, you have lots of friends at church. They are always having you over to their house. And finally, you have to go - YOU'RE THE PASTOR!" - Pastor Flavor

**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

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**Verse For Today**

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" - Psalm 122:1*

**Food For Thought**

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

