Welcome to ***HBC***

***January 12, 2025***



***H****ighland* ***B****aptist* ***C****hurch*

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***Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD***

 Psalm 33:12;

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***Today we continue our study of I Peter***

 *Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,*

**JANUARY In the Year of Our Lord 2025**

**Sunday** 10:30 - Worship Service

*In Person and on Facebook Live*

 6:00 - The Rest of the Message

**Wednesday**  6:30 - Prayer & Choir Practice

***Pray For Revival - For America - For the Peace of Israel***

WHY I ATTEND CHURCH

Adapted from an Article by Thom S. Rainer

In a culture that minimizes commitment and maximizes self-indulgence, I have learned the precious gift of church attendance or, more specifically, the church gathered. I do not see church attendance as a burden or legalistic commitment. I view it as joy—a place where I can give and serve, a place where I can focus more on others rather than myself.

I could name many, but here are some reasons I attend church.

1. **I attend church to serve others.**There is so much greater joy in serving than seeking to be served. These opportunities are my gifts from God.
2. **I attend church to encourage others.**There is still something irreplaceable about gathering together.
3. **I attend church to state my priorities.** If I am able to go to work, to go to school, to go on vacation, or to watch or be involved in a sport, I can attend church. I desire to have a “no excuse” clause in my life for attending church.
4. **I attend church to participate in worship.** There is something special and Spirit-filled about worshipping together with other Christians
5. **I attend church with frequency, not on occasion.**It is my prayer to be in my church every Sunday. I pray I will never say, “I need a break from church.” I certainly don’t want God to take a break from me.
6. **I attend church to set an example for my family.**Couples have healthier marriages when they attend church. Children grow up with countless benefits because their parents took them to church
7. **I attend church because the Bible tells me to do so.**The words ofHebrews 10:24-25 are powerful: “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is;* but exhorting *one another:* and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.“
8. **I attend church because I love my church.** I love my church. I love my pastor. I love the members of my church. I love the community my church serves. If I love someone, I will be there for them. I truly love my church.