

Welcome to **HBC**

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Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD
Psalm 33:12;

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

Wednesday 6:00 - The Rest of the Message
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 of Hebrews 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.