

## The Value of the Local Church

I am praying for Christian people that don't attend Church. It seems like in our modern day that people think they can be a good Christian without being an active member of a local Church. Many other Christians believe they don't have to attend Church on a regular basis. This is deception that comes straight from Satan himself. As I've been praying about this issue, I believe I heard the Lord say this to me. If people in Lawton, Oklahoma were asked which Church is their Church, probably over 2000 people would say that the Christian Center is their Church home. Many of these people haven't attended our Church in over a year. These people do not realize the value of being connected to a Church where they can give and receive from fellow believers. Some of these people are connected to school and civic groups in town and would never miss any of those meetings. The devil has pulled them away from their fellow brothers and sister in Jesus.

So you might ask me, "What are you going to do about it?" I'm glad you asked that question. I'm going to give the devil a dose of Holy Ghost prayer! My brothers and sisters that have been rocked to sleep by the devil are going to get a wake-up call from the Holy Ghost. If you are one of these people, get ready; because my prayers are going to make you very uncomfortable. You are not going to have much fun [on Sunday morning](#), if you don't come to Church. In these dangerous times, we need the body of Christ to be meeting together, praying together, and encouraging each other to love God more than they ever have.

One more thing before I close this letter. If you know somebody that has been offended or hurt in a Church, and that is the reason they don't go, ask them if they have ever been offended or hurt on their job? Then ask them why they didn't quit their job? People that are around people will have their feelings hurt at times. Tell them in love that they need to pray and forgive and get back in Church. We have a job to do in these last days, and it's going to take 'all hands on deck'!

Scripture verses to study on this subject.

Hebrews 10:24-25 NCV

[24] Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds.

[25] You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other. Do this even more as you see the day coming.

Ephesians [4:15-16](#) NLT

[15] Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the Church.

[16] He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

I love you,  
Pastor Paul