

“Membership Matters”

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“Membership Matters Pt 3 - The Power of a Pinky Toe”

Big Question: Does church membership really matter?

Five primary factors for membership decline

- Individualism.
- Bureaucratic skepticism.
- Consumeristic society.
- Fear of accountability.
- Question its biblical roots.

Key Passage: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 (NLT)

In the body, everyone finds.....

1) _____ - A place to live out your Spiritual Gifts and calling.

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 1 Peter 4:10

2) _____ - when we plug in and partner with others, family happens.

- 1 Corinthians 12:13

3) _____ - we are there for one another (we even fight for one another).

- 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

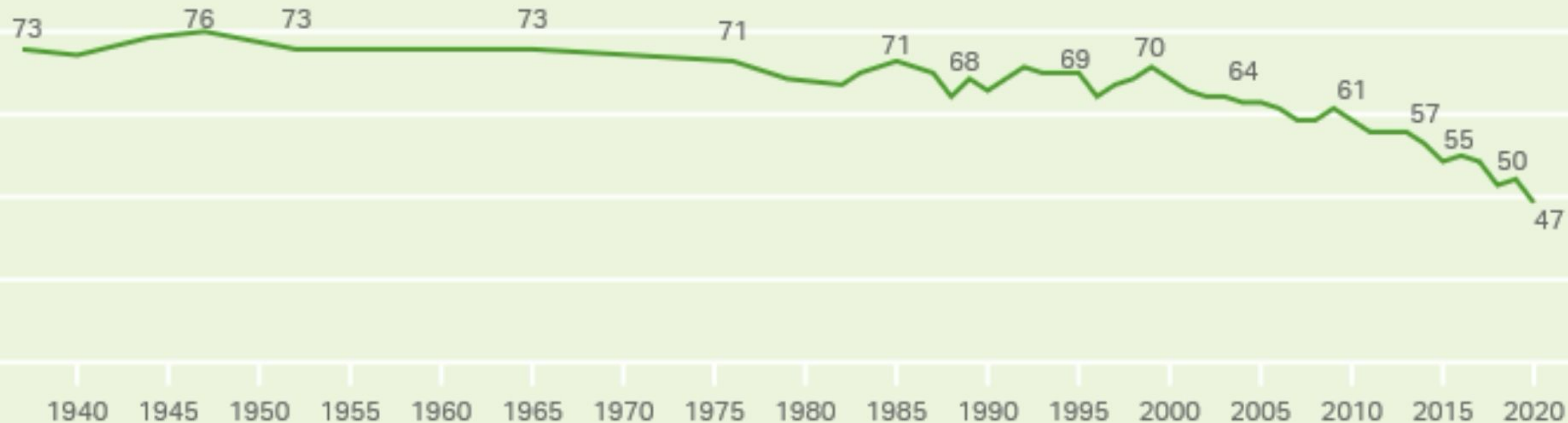
BIG QUESTION:

**Does church
membership
really matter?**

Church Membership Among U.S. Adults Now Below 50%

Do you happen to be a member of a church, synagogue or mosque?

— % Yes, member



Based on annual aggregated data, usually based on two surveys

GALLUP

Five Primary Factors

- 1) INDIVIDUALISM
- 2) BUREAUCRATIC SKEPTICISM
- 3) CONSUMERISM
- 4) FEAR OF ACCOUNTABILITY
- 5) BIBLICAL?

“The Power of a Pinky Toe”

1 CORINTHIANS 12



1 Corinthians 12:12-26

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In the body, every person finds...

1) PURPOSE - A PLACE TO LIVE OUT YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND CALLING.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7, 1 PETER 4:10
- SPIRITUAL GIFTS?
- WHAT IF SOMEONE ELSE HAS THE SAME GIFT?
- THE BIG PICTURE

2) PARTNERSHIP – WHEN WE PLUG IN AND PARTNER TOGETHER, FAMILY HAPPENS.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:13
- THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN US
 - WE LOVE EACH OTHER UNCONDITIONALLY
 - WE ARE THERE FOR EACH OTHER IN GOOD AND BAD TIMES
 - WE HOLD EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE

3) PROTECTION - WE ARE THERE FOR ONE ANOTHER (WE EVEN FIGHT FOR ONE ANOTHER).

- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:26-27
- WE ARE MOST VULNERABLE IN ISOLATION
- THERE IS SAFETY IN NUMBERS

Vision/Mission

FBCR IS A GROUP OF SPIRIT-FILLED DISCIPLES WHO LONG TO EXPERIENCE “**REAL CHURCH,**” “**REAL COMMUNITY,**” AND “**REAL CHANGE**” (WE CALL THIS RC₃).

RC₃ OCCURS WHEN WE **LOVE** (GOD AND OTHERS), **GROW** (EQUIP AND MULTIPLY DISCIPLES), **GIVE** (OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURES), AND **GO** (INTO ALL THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL).

WILL YOU JOIN US? WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

05.31.26

- IT'S VBS WEEK! PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REGISTER YOUR KIDS TO ATTEND IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY. YOU CAN FIND LINKS TO REGISTER ON THE ANNOUNCEMENTS TABS ON THE WEBSITE/APP OR ON THE CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE.
- VBS VOLUNTEER INFO - PLEASE BE AT THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN 5:30 PM EACH NIGHT.
 - IF YOU ARE A VOLUNTEER SERVING DURING VBS WE ASK THAT YOU PARK IN THE SOUTH PARKING LOT (NEAR THE PLAYGROUND) OR THE NORTHERNMOST PART OF THE NORTH PARKING LOT (DADEVILLE DIRECTION).
- WE WILL HAVE A PATRIOTIC CHOIR TO CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY.
 - SEE SUSIE IF YOU'D LIKE TO PARTICIPATE.
- MANLY MONDAY WILL BE AT VBS THIS MONTH. IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GUYS TO GATHER AND SERVE. HOWEVER, DON'T STOP WITH JUST MONDAY. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE ALL WEEK. YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED. SEE NIC STOCKDALE FOR DETAILS.
- CALLING THE GUYS! WE WILL BUILD A NEW PORCH AND WHEELCHAIR RAMP FOR A COMMUNITY MEMBER ON JUNE 13TH. GATHER IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AT 7 AM, WE WILL TRAVEL TOGETHER TO THE WORKSITE.
- WE ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT ALL THE "REEL LITTLES" WE ARE SEEING ON SUNDAY MORNING. AS WE GROW, WE CONTINUE TO BALANCE ATTENDANCE AND VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FOR BOTH THE NURSERY AND THE "REEL LITTLES" CLASS. AS SUCH, WE ASK THAT ALL THOSE COMING INTO THE "REEL LITTLES" CLASS BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 2 AND 4 AND BE POTTY TRAINED. IF YOUR LITTLE ONE IS STILL IN DIAPERS OR PULL-UPS, DON'T WORRY—OUR NURSERY TEAM IS READY AND WAITING TO GIVE THEM A FUN, CLEAN, AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT UNTIL THEY ARE READY TO MAKE THE JUMP TO THE REEL LITTLES! THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT.