

# “Membership Matters”

FBCR REELTOWN

MAY 17, 24, 31

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## **Sunday, May 17, 2026**

***Big Question: Does church membership really matter?***

Five primary factors for membership decline:

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General Biblical Observations:

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Specific passages that indicate membership:

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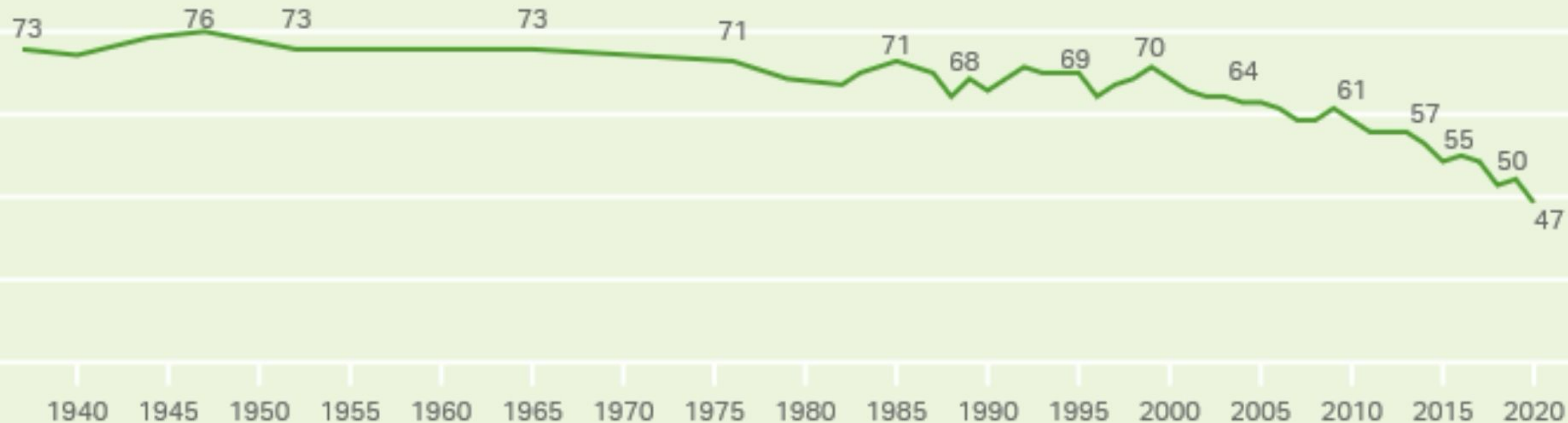
BIG QUESTION:

**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?

# General Biblical Observations

1) WORDS/PHRASES VS.

PRINCIPLES

2) WHO WERE NT LETTERS TO?

3) NUMERICAL ACCOUNTING

# **Specific Passages**

**HEBREWS 13:17**

**- PASTORAL**

**AUTHORITY/ACCOUNTABILITY**

# Specific Passages

1 CORINTHIANS 5:4B-8, 12

-CHURCH DISCIPLINE

# Specific Passages

1 TIMOTHY 5:3-7

-CHURCH

UNITY, FUNCTION, MINISTRY

# Specific Passages

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7, 12, 19-26  
-ONE BODY, MANY PARTS

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- VBS IS SUNDAY, MAY 31 - THURSDAY, JUNE 4, WITH OUR FAMILY SERVICE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 7. SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS ARE PAUSED FOR THE SUMMER. PLEASE JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY'S AT 6:30 PM FOR BIBLE STUDY!
- VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING - WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH - 6 PM
- SENIOR RECOGNITION IS MAY 17 DURING THE A.M. SERVICE. BACCALAUREATE SERVICE AT 6 PM.
- PATRIOTIC CHOIR PRACTICE - WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH AT 6 PM
- MANLY MONDAY WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEN TO GATHER AND HELP WITH VBS. DON'T STOP WITH JUST MONDAY
  - PLUG IN AND MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE ALL WEEK!
- 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.