

## Church Membership

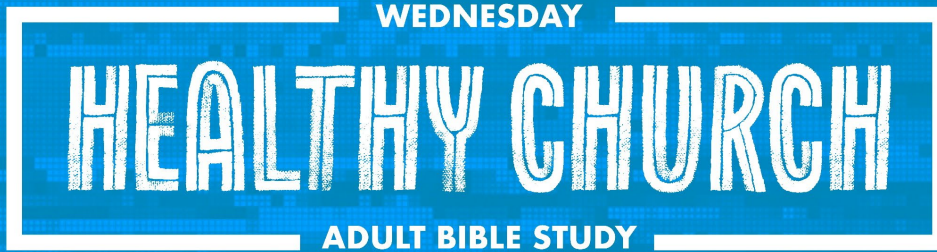
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### The Argument

1. Every believer should be (i) actively using their gifts for the betterment of a congregation; (ii) actively shepherded by a session of elders; (iii) regularly gathering with the saints.
2. Believers can (i)-(iii) only if they are committed to and consistently attending a local congregation.
3. Therefore, every believer should be committed to and consistently attending a local congregation.

**Using Their Gifts [Ephesians 4:15-16](#)**—Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, [16](#) from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

**Being Shepherded [Hebrews 13:17](#)**—Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.



**Gathering Regularly** [Hebrews 10:23-25](#)—Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. [24](#) And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, [25](#) not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

**From Committed Attender to Church Attender**