

OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to offer help to families with budgeting and planning. We assist families in obtaining knowledge and awareness of all human resources/ services available to them. We sponsor FREE seminars that coordinate various services to meet changing needs.

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help themselves*

WORD LIVING

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WELCOME TO WORD LIVING

**THE GREAT COMMISSION – THE EMPTY
BUILDING**

THE CHURCH

We have noted that there are many church buildings, yet many are not full. Some congregations share a building yet have separate services. Count on July 30, 2018

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The numbers changes as congregations change names, close, open, etc.

The purpose of this newsletter is to discuss the original purpose, status and future of churches. If you have any comments or questions on this topic, we would love to hear from you.

THE CHURCH

- A building for public and especially Christian worship
- In Greek, is **defined** as “an assembly” or “called-out ones.”
- An individual congregation of Christians meeting in one building; also, the building itself.
- A place where the lost, the unloved, the sick, the hurting, the tired, the lonely, the family, the broken, the abused and the thirsty, can find help and are welcomed as they are.
- A light in the darkness where God’s family meet and greet, love, smile, shed tears, give hugs, stand with and beside those who need of savior.
- A place where you feel the presence of God, the power of God and the hope for a better future.
- A place of education that goes beyond the man-made degree to instruct those on kingdom living on earth.
- A place where the soul is lifted by the creator to function as designed. BUT
- A place - perfect frame and designed sits empty.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15 and Luke 24:47 note the need to go year into all the world. The key word is **GO**. The question for thought is: “The world sees the building, but do they know who you are?”

An example: Years ago, as a new member, I was knocking on doors of homes that surrounded our church to invite them to our Christmas presentation. At the first home, an older lady came to the door. I smiled, gave her the flyer and invited her and her family to attend. She said, “Do you mean that church over there? As she pointed to our church across the street. I said, “Yes.” She said we have never been invited to that church.” Their family attended that Sunday evening and several other occasions.

The point is, there is a building in the community. People come and go. But do you take time to reach out to the community and invite them to come and hear about Jesus who died for their sins?

With the number of church buildings in Muskegon County, everyone should be saved. However, many of the building are empty or only have a few in regular attendance.

In looking at the issue, I noted that many churches vary on **church doctrine** - the written body of teachings of a religious group that are generally accepted by that group. And within the group, there may be divisions so that new converts could ask the members of the church a question and receive several different answers. For a new comer, that could be a real issue. What is the real truth and where, in scripture, is it found?

THE FIVE REASONS PEOPLE HAVE STOP ATTENDING CHURCH?

When I came across this article I thought it was a good place to start. What reasons could people have for not attending church? In a study, Barna cites 5 reasons Millennials have stopped attending church. What reason could there be for not wanting to come to gather to fellowship, sing, hear from God's word and be charged up for the week?

The reasons listed were in this order.

1. The church is irrelevant; the leaders are hypocritical and have experienced too much moral failure.
2. God is missing in the church.
3. Legitimate doubt is prohibited.
4. They're Not Learning about God. And
5. They're Not Finding Community

Looking forward to next time.

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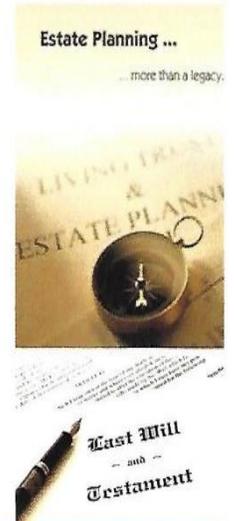
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the proper plan for you and your
loved ones.

- ◆ Get advice from an EXPERT!
- ◆ Learn the difference between a Will and a Trust
- ◆ Define your assets and learn ways to protect them
- ◆ Choose YOUR plan and determine who gets what



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