

BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT THE CHURCH

Ephesians 2:8-10

Our theme this month is “I will not be a church dropout.” As church attendance continues to decline we must make a conscious choice not to become a church dropout. We must talk about the cause of church dropouts, discover the cure for people leaving the church and align ourselves to the mission of the church. We must stop focusing on the “I” syndrome in the church and begin to focus on the “we can” syndrome. We must be intentional in building the church with Christ.

Our text says we are His workmanship. The church mission is to execute the work of Jesus Christ. He set us a pattern of meeting the needs of people, transforming the lives of lost souls and having compassion on the brokenhearted as we help heal them. Some people have overexerted themselves in the church which has led to church burnout and can lead to church dropouts. Two spirits are a threat to dropouts in the church. They are people who want none of the church because they are non-believers and the dropouts who are done with the church.

When we become intentional about the mission of the church we can reverse the church dropout rate. Let me show you how we can be intentional about the church.

1. Intentionally Celebrate the Gift of God. (vs. 8a)
 - A. Our salvation is a gift
 - B. Our sanctification is a gift

2. Intentionally Celebrate the Grace of God. (vs. 8b-9)
 - A. Works will not save us
 - B. Worship will sustain us

3. Intentionally Celebrate the Good Works from God. (vs. 10)
 - A. We are His workmanship
 - B. We should walk with Him