

Thursday - March 6

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV)

Mary and I were fortunate to have been raised in Christian homes where going to church on Sunday and supporting church activities were never a question ... It was a way of life, and since that time we have always considered ourselves to be “church people.” Our relationship with God and our local church kept us focused during our early years of marriage, it provided the guidance, support, and relationships needed while we raised our children, and it has continued to bring a sense of meaning and purpose in our retirement years.

We have found that our local church is not just a building or a weekly gathering; it represents a community of people united in faith as they put their faith into practice in the world. Whether we serve through prayer, giving, volunteering, or simply encouraging one another, we contribute to the strength and mission of the church.

Faithfulness is a mark of our relationship with Christ. Just as God is faithful to us, He calls us to be faithful in our relationships, commitments, and our support of our local church. Church, to us, is a place of mutual encouragement, spiritual nourishment, and accountability. Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us that gathering with other believers is not optional—it is essential for our growth and perseverance in faith.

Our local church strengthens our faith, encourages others, demonstrates our commitment to Christ, allows us to use our gifts, and it honors God.

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Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of our local church. Help us to be faithful in attending, serving, supporting, and encouraging others within our church family. May our faithfulness be a witness and testimony of our love for You. In Jesus' name, Amen.