

29 reasons to make Church your #1 priority every Sunday

Ps. Darren Chapman

Because every week you miss...you miss out!

29 Reasons to Make Church Your Number 1 Priority Every Sunday

- 1. Draw Near To God**
James 4:8 says, 'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you'
This is the greatest invitation in the whole Bible. God wants to be near you. Now, you can be near to Him any time of the day but Sunday services provide you with the ideal place to step even closer every week.
- 2. Experience God's Presence**
Psalms 139:7 says, 'Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?'
God desires to be with you. Not just on Sundays but every day. But there's something significant about meeting together in God's presence. There God increases His manifest (felt) presence and you can feel Him moving on you. It's definitely worth getting to the House of God every Sunday for. To be with God is incredible.
- 3. Be Empowered for the New Week**
Luke 24:49 says, 'stay in the city until you have been clothed with power'
It doesn't matter what kind of week you've had! Come and get strength for the week coming up! God wants to fill you with His Spirit and give you the strength and the power you need to be an overcomer and a conqueror.
- 4. Hear the Word of God Preached**
Mark 4:33 says, 'With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them.'
Every week someone preaches a message from God for our church. It forms an integral part of Sunday's service and allows us all to be challenged, motivated and taught on the things of God. The aim is for it to be prophetic which means it's from God, to us, for that time in our lives.
- 5. Grow in Understanding and Knowledge**
1 John 5:20 says, 'We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true.'
The message every Sunday is designed to equip you with tools for life. The Bible is full of principles that teach us how to live out this life successfully. Each week you'll discover more and more about the kind of life God designed for you to live.

6. Get Revelations from God

Psalm 33:4 says, 'For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.'

God loves to reveal Himself to us and reveal insights into the Bible and the life He's called you to live. A revelation is an unveiling, like a cover being removed from your eyes so you can see more clearly. The Presence of God is where you'll find this revelation!

7. Get Principles for a Successful Life

Joshua 1:8 says, 'Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.'

The message every week brings you truths to live by and principles that will enable you to succeed in every area of your life. God doesn't just want you succeeding spiritually, but in everything! Come and get some real wisdom for your whole life.

8. Worship God Together

Psalm 122:1 says, 'I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the House of the Lord''

Just being together in worship to our incredible God is an enormous blessing! It's amazing to worship God for all that He is and all that He's done for us *together*. The worship component to church is essential because it's where we focus on God, we find God, we are blessed by His presence, we recommit ourselves to Him and it's where our hearts are prepared to hear from Him through the message. What an opportunity it is!

9. Receive Ministry and Prayer

James 5:16 says, 'Therefore pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.'

Every week you have the opportunity to receive prayer and ministry for anything. Whether you need healing or breakthrough or help or money or friends or the voice of God, we're here every week to pray for whatever you need.

10. Give Your Tithe

Malachi 3:10 says, 'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse'

Giving money to God isn't some religious act. It's a principle of the Bible that when we bring God our tithe (10% of our income) He promises to look after us financially and release His blessing in our lives. The House of God (our church) is where we give that tithe. If we're not going to church every week, we can't tithe!

11. Give an Offering to God

2 Corinthians 9:6 says, 'whoever sows generously will also reap generously' God loves it when His people bring more than the tithe! It's called an offering and He promises to bless us with the same level of generosity that we use. It's an incredible principle that **works**.

12. Connect with People

Acts 2:42 says, 'they devoted themselves to the fellowship'

Our church is full of great people. One of the best parts of church is that you get to do life with the people here. Church is meant to be a partnership in life with the people there who love you, care for you and want the best for you. Every week you should be coming to church to connect with us!

13. Make New Friends

There are always plenty of new and old people to meet and get to know at church on Sunday. Come and meet someone and make some new friends for life.

14. Grow Existing Relationships

Acts 2:44 says, 'All the believers were together and had everything in common.'

Church is a great way to deepen relationships. We set aside time after the service to hang around and talk, mingle and have coffee. It's a fantastic way to meet people and get to know them. Our Cell groups during the week are perfect for that too.

15. Partner Together for God's Kingdom

Acts 4:32 says, 'All the believers were one in heart and mind.'

The meaning of the word 'fellowship' is actually 'partnership'. When we partner together as a church, we can do exponentially more than what we can do if we're apart. The Church is called to fulfil a mission, one that we can only do together. Each local church plays a vital role in that mission. Our mission happens when we work together.

16. Vision

Habakkuk 2:3 says, 'for the revelation awaits an appointed time'

We have a specific vision for our church given to us by God. Each of us plays a part in making that vision a reality. As we give of our time and our effort we make the vision happen. God also gives His people a vision which helps and encourages us and gives us something to work towards.

17. Renew Hope

Psalm 62:5 says, 'Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.'

Sometimes life is tough and we get knocked about. Sometimes hope is lost and it needs to be restored. It's so good to know that we can come into the presence of God every week and have our faith and hope restored. God gives us the hope that we need when all else seems hopeless.

18. Gain Faith

Romans 10:17 says, 'So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.'

God's perfect plan for us means we are people of faith in Him. Faith is the perfect opposite to fear, doubt and anxiety, 3 things no one wants to live in. God wants you to be full of faith so put yourself in the right place to get the revelations you need and the experience you need to be a person of faith! Get to church!

19. Stay Planted in the House

Psalm 92:13 says 'planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish'

When we plant ourselves in God's House, we flourish because we're always growing, learning, increasing in our understanding and being ministered to by God and His people. Planting yourself means being committed to being in church every week. Don't miss it!

20. Bring Friends to Hear about Jesus

Romans 10:14 says, 'how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?'

Every week we ensure the gospel message is preached and people have an opportunity to respond to this life changing message of Jesus. It's the perfect chance for you to bring someone who doesn't know God personally to church that they might hear the gospel, feel God, feel blessed by everything that happens and come into a life changing relationship with God!

21. Renew Your Commitment to God

Romans 10:9 says, 'That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.'

If you haven't been walking closely with God, now's the time to recommit and get back to it! Why walk outside of the purposes of God?! Every week there is the opportunity for anyone to renew their commitment to walking with God. But keep coming back! Coming to church every week helps you walk with God every week! Don't miss it.

22. Discover Your Life's Purpose

Ephesians 1:11 says, 'It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for.'

Everyone is looking for answers to the biggest questions. One of those is "Why am I here?" You can find the answer to that question and many more by getting to church every week. Through the worship, the presence of God, the message and the ministry, you'll find out that God has a very great plan for your life and you wouldn't want to miss it for the world!

23. Your Life Can Change!

Luke 18:43 says, 'Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.'

We serve a powerful and loving God who wants to bring you into a place of total freedom and life! Sometimes God moves powerfully and quickly and people's lives are changed in an instant! What we all need to do is to position ourselves so that God can move in us! We do that by getting to church every Sunday.

24. Be Encouraged

Hebrews 10:25 says, 'Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.'

One great aspect of normal church life is that people love and encourage one another. It's so great to be able to enter a group of people and know that you'll be built up and encouraged. It's our goal every week to make you feel a whole lot better after you've been to church!

25. Discover God's Plan

Jeremiah 29:11 says, 'for I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.'

God has such an incredible plan for you life. Every week God wants you in His House, hungry and ready to receive from Him. It's the perfect place for God to reveal to you His great plan for you. You'll discover your purpose and your destiny in the House of God.

26. Hear From God

Isaiah 8:11 says, 'God spoke strongly to me'

Church is where people hear from God! Come ready to hear Him and asking to hear His voice and your life will be changed by the voice of God. God speaks when we listen and there's no better place than church to tune your ears to hear from Him.

27. Rest in the Presence of God

In Matthew 11:28 Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest'.

It is so good to come to church every week and find rest in the presence of God. After a big week, there's nothing better than coming to God and relaxing, resting and allowing Him to restore your soul. Psalm 55:22 says, 'Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you'.

28. The Music is Great!

Psalm 33:3 says, 'Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy'.

With great live music every week to get you moving and worshipping, why would you be anywhere else? Our band is committed to excellence and to creating the right atmosphere for worship to take place and for God to move. And He does... weekly!

29. You Will Be Blessed

Psalm 84:4 says, 'Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you'.

Those people who dwell in the House of God find a blessing that other don't. David in Psalms said it was better to be in the House of God for one day than 1000 days anywhere else. Come to church every Sunday and dwell in the House of God. You'll find a blessing that you won't find anywhere else.

Hey there,

We hope you've been stirred in your spirit to make coming to church every Sunday a priority! It's our heart to see you there every week because we desire God's perfect will and His enormous blessing for you!



We believe God's desire for you is to be in His House meeting with Him and His people every week. In fact, we have Cell Groups that meet during the week so you can really get connected, learn more, grow more and make solid friendships for life.

If you'd like to talk about church or Cell groups or anything that might help you get connected please contact us.

Love Darren and Beck

8 Great Attitudes to Come to Church With

1. Expectancy

Expect that God wants to do something significant and powerful IN YOU THIS WEEK. William Carey said, 'Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God'. He is waiting for you to ask Him to touch you. Expect it!

2. Worship

God is good, whether you've had a great week or not. He is good and holy and amazing! Come with a heart that wants to worship Him for who He is!

3. Hunger

This is one of the most important qualities we can have. Get hungry for God, for what He can do in you and through you. Hunger after Him and after His word to you. You'll never be the same!

4. Humility

This is the opposite of pride. Knowing that you can't really live without God. It's the inner understanding that you need Him and that His will is better than yours (Romans 12:1,2 for example!).

5. Generosity

If you are generous, God will be generous to you. Be generous with your time, your money, your heart, your relationships etc.

6. A Heart to Build

Build people, build the kingdom, build the House of God, build the church.

7. A Heart to Bless

You have the ability to bless people! Come every week with a heart to bless someone. You might just find you get blessed even more in the process!

8. A Heart to Serve

The House of God functions best when people come to serve. Get in a team and discover the blessing of serving God.