

Missionary of the Week:



School is almost out, summer is about to begin. Families will begin going on vacation, and activities will divert members' attention away from the local church. Churches call this season the "summer slump." And if this is not frustrating enough for the local church, church attendance overall has declined significantly. I don't mean that less people are coming to church (which is true), but instead I mean that committed church members are attending church less. Regular church attendance is now defined by polling companies as once or twice per month!

Let me encourage the members of our WMBA churches to not get caught up in the diversion of summertime activities to the detriment of your church. The writer of Hebrews reminds us: "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" (Hebrews 10:24-25). While the world is encouraging us to be less committed to the church and more focused upon ourselves, let us be known as a people who are committed to Christ and His Church.

I am thankful for you, your church, and your partnership in the work of the gospel through our local association of churches. The WMBA exists in part to help strengthen our churches, so that as healthy local bodies we can work together for the sake of the Kingdom. So, my encouragement to each of us is that we be committed to our local churches so that we can be strengthened as individuals and churches for Kingdom work!

In Christ,
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