

tire community of faith and grow in your own trust and confidence that God will hear and answer your prayer.



One of the greatest things about going to a church like MCC is that you can truly be yourself. There are no second-class citizens in the Kingdom

of God. At MCC you can be involved at every level in the church. Who you are as God's child is not debated or wrestled with in a task force, commission or committee, but celebrated, affirmed and embraced.

Going to church every Sunday just enriches life and provides you with strength and support to overcome your own personal obstacles and grow as a person. It's been said that you "can't take it with you" and this is true. It is also true that the love, patience, understanding, acceptance, tolerance, joy, peace and other spiritual qualities are those that we do take with us. We are, in fact, spiritual beings having a human experience. Regular attendance at worship helps us to remember this central truth of our existence.

Going to church at MCC helps build a strong, stable and influential voice for the

concerns, needs and rights of gay folks in your community like none other. Your regular support, participation and involvement result in a benefit to each and every citizen of our entire community as the quality of life is enhanced by spiritually-minded people learning not only to live together but to love each other.

With so many good reasons to go to church, it's a wonder that anyone could find anything more important to do on a Sunday morning anywhere. Why not give it a try? Commit yourself to going to church for even just a month or two and see for yourself if it doesn't have a positive impact on your life and on your own self-esteem, well being and prosperity.



More and more of us are discovering how empowering regular and consistent church attendance can be. Imagine what we can accomplish together for creating a future filled with bright promise, joy, companionship, caring and a community where unity is not defined by uniform-

ity, where people are valued no matter what and where the dignity of each and everyone is honored and celebrated.

Imagine, just about an hour a week, together at church in the presence of a loving God and each other can and does work miracles. Here's hoping to see you each and every Sunday at church.

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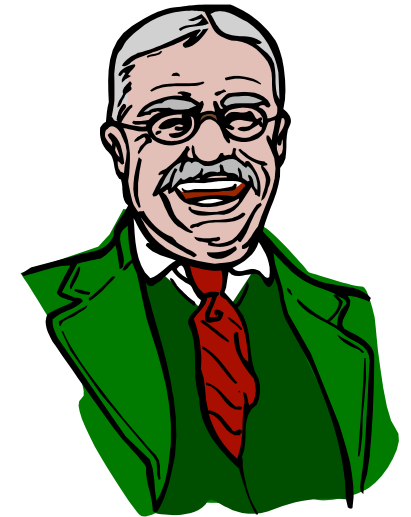
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Ten Reasons For Going To Church



Theodore Roosevelt

The Twenty-sixth President of the United States

Adapted from
Teddy Roosevelt's
article as it first appeared in
the Ladies' Home Journal in
1917...

DANIEL 12:15



THOSE WHO
TURN MANY
TO RIGHTEOUSNESS
WILL GLITTER
LIKE STARS
FOREVER

Reason Number One

In this actual world a churchless community, a community where folks have abandoned and scoffed at or ignored their spiritual needs, is a community on the rapid downgrade.

Reason Number Two

Church work and church attendance mean the cultivation of the habit of feeling some responsibility towards others and the sense of braced moral strength which prevents a relaxation of one's own moral fiber.

Reason Number Three

There are enough holidays for most of us which can quite properly be devoted to pure merry making...Sundays differ from other holidays—among other ways—in the fact that there are fifty-two of them every year...On Sunday, go to church.

Reason Number Four

Yes, I know all the excuses. I know that one can worship the Creator and dedicate oneself to good living in a grove of trees, or by a running brook, or in one's house, just as well as in church. But I also know as a matter of cold fact the average person does not thus worship or thus dedicate the time necessary for this purpose. If one stays away from church, the time

is not spent in good works or in lofty meditation. Usually, there's fashionable brunches and the colored supplement of the Sunday paper.

Reason Number Five

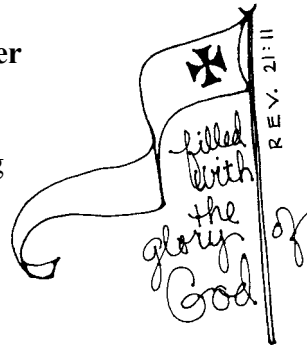
You may not hear a good sermon at church. But unless you are very unfortunate you will hear a sermon by someone who is genuinely a good person who with their partner, is engaged all the week long in a series of wearing and humdrum and important tasks for making hard lives a little easier.

Reason Number Six

You will listen to and take part in reading some beautiful passages from the Bible. And if you're not familiar with the Bible, you have suffered a great loss...

Reason Number Seven

You will probably take part in singing some good hymns and be inspired by a dedicated and hard working volunteer choir striving to minister to you through a well rehearsed anthem.



Reason Number Eight

You will meet and nod to, or speak to, good neighbors...You will come away feeling a little more charitably toward all the world, even toward those excessively

foolish folks who regard church-going as a soft performance.



Reason Number Nine

I advocate a person's joining in church works for the sake of showing their faith by their works.

Reason Number Ten

The individual who does not in some way, active or not, connect up with some active, working church faith community misses many opportunities for helping their neighbors, and therefore incidentally, for helping improve their own quality of life.



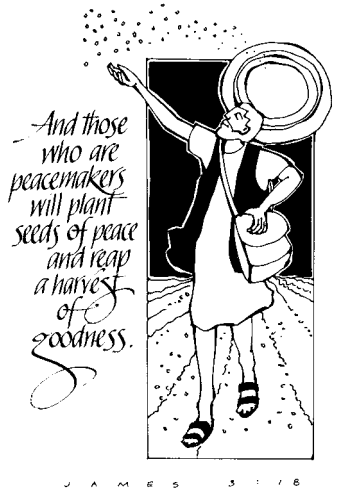
There certainly are many other reasons for going to church each and every Sunday...thank you Teddy for your sage advice and wisdom on the topic! Since this article appeared in 1917, science has discovered that church-going people generally live longer, are more prosperous, have more satisfying personal relationships, and are more able to meet life's challenges with a more positive attitude.

Regular worship transforms us and helps us to remember the truth of our being as God's children. Worship helps us to evolve, grow and progress along spiri-

tual lines—the things that truly matter in life.

For gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered people, going to church, especially a Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) is an empowering experience to say the least. Together, regular church attendance builds tolerance, acceptance, understanding and compassion throughout the entire community, both gay and straight!

You can always find reason for not participating in the life of the church, but never forget that we build our futures by how we live today. Spending some time in worship each week blesses us all to be a blessing.



One of the great things about going to church at MCC regularly is that you meet some very nice wonderful people who genuinely will grow to care about you and what happens to you in life.

At worship, you can bring your concerns and thanksgivings before the en-