

#1 Why Church?

Part 2

Why the church has existed in the past

I cannot speak for anyone but myself when I say the Church of Jesus Christ has failed terribly in explaining to humanity why it exists and why it should continue to exist. For nearly two millennia, the Church has just assumed that everyone should accept it and embrace it without question. After all, we supposedly are the Church, the mouthpiece of God. Everyone should just automatically listen to us. Period.

But the Church has forgotten that for every institution, respect must be earned. Trust is never automatic. We as the Church have collectively stretched our respect and trust to the breaking point and it should be no wonder that people are turning away from us in droves.

So why are we here? Why should Collingswood Presbyterian Church, or any church for that matter exist? Once upon a time, people went to church for fellowship. They saw and knew friends and family so they could meet and chat before and after the service. Once upon a time, people who wanted to serve the wider community, local or global, could meet and share common interests.

Well, nowadays, there are many ways to connect with friends and family. Whole supportive communities have arisen among people whose children are in sports leagues, people who are coworkers, or even people who are close-knit friends. The Church is hardly the only source of fellowship. Furthermore, there are literally hundreds of ways people who want to serve their communities can get involved in helping. Hundreds of non-profit organizations exist right now and are very willing to take people of every background to help in their unquestionably important missions.

At CPC, we have a small gym. We have numerous meeting rooms. We have a huge kitchen. Our building was created over 100 years ago to be a hub for the community and a place where people could gather, share, and recreate.

Needless to say, there are many other places in Collingswood and beyond that serve the same purpose and do it better than we can.

So, here is the pastor of CPC essentially putting everything about our church down. Why are we here? Why should you be part of us? What do we have to offer in the 21st century?

Grace and Peace to You!

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