#### July Sermon Series Let's Go to Church!

# Psalm 122:1, I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

### Sermon Series Big Idea: To avoid spiritual casualties, going to church is essential.

Scripture Lesson
Psalm 27:4 (KJV)

"One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple."

#### Lesson Three Living a God-Centered Life

#### Today's Lesson Big Idea:

Regular worship in God's house is still essential for maintaining a God-centered life.

Psalm 26:8, O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

Psalm 122:1-2,4, How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God, blessed are those who dwell in your house. Psalm 23:6, And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

#### David's Heart:

- 1. Priority ("one thing")
- 2. Petition ("I have asked")
- 3. Preoccupation ("that I shall seek")

Psalm 27:4 (MSG), I am asking GOD for one thing, only one thing: To live with Him in His house my whole life long. I will contemplate His beauty; I will study at His feet.

# A life with no center is an uncentered life; it is a life without focus and meaningful direction.

"A person's life will only rise to the level of the thing or things that a person desire most of all."

## 1. A God-Centered Life is Aligned toward the House of God.

Hebrews 10:23-25, Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day (the day of Judgment) approaching.

# 2. A God-Centered Life is Focused on the Beauty of God.

**Exodus 25:1-8, The LORD said to Moses: Tell** the Israelites to take for Me an offering; from all whose hearts prompt them to give, you shall receive the offering for Me. This is the offering that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, blue, purple, and crimson yarns and fine linen, goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, fine leather, acacia wood, oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, onyx stones and gems to be set in the ephod and for the breast piece. And have them make Me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them." (NRSV)

# We do not worship the house of God but the God who occupies the house.

### As we behold Him, we become like Him. Il Corinthians 3:18

#### 3. A God-Centered Life Always Seek the Will of God.

Luke 10:41-42, And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

#### 'Jesus at the Center of It ALL'