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We live in a day that offers the message of the Gospel and inspiration to Christian in a wide variety of ways, such as the internet, radio, television, CDs, MP3 files, and on and on it goes! I wanted to take a few moments to share some thoughts regarding the importance and value of attending a local church. You may know of more reasons, but for now, here are a few. 1. A place to call “home” – “Home” is usually where the “rubber meets the road.” We get to know our “family,” and they get to know our strengths and weaknesses. 2. Accountability and Encouragement – A home church becomes a place for accountability and is an excellent place for receiving encouragement from brothers and sisters in our family. 3. Pastoral Care – We all encounter times of crisis such as sickness, deaths, divorce, family events, as well as times of joy such as marriages, baptisms, job promotions, etc. It is wonderful to share these events with our families, and of course, it's always so comforting to have the local family of God surrounding you with prayers and support. Many of us have found the convenience of staying home and watching the action on our many devices. As we begin this phase of the “new normal,” it is time to return to our church of choice. And, of course...there's always this powerful scripture from the Word in Hebrews 10:25 “not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”