

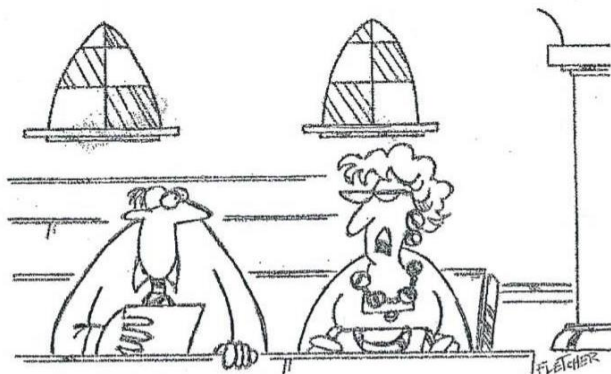
In a Church with a Purpose

Last week we suggested a bunch of reasons some might attend our church (or any church), but we were hardly exhaustive. Today we'll consider a few more not so good reasons and then begin to clarify what kind of things Grace is / should be aiming at.

More reasons for jumping into a church:

Consider what we saw in Kings when it comes to choosing whose temple to attend and whom to listen to--I Kgs. 22:8, Jer. 6:13,14. Paul foresaw church / preacher choices as suspect, II Tim. 4:1-4.

Different philosophies of ministry tend to dictate how a particular church makes priorities and uses its resources. Three approaches to compare and consider are the Soul-winner, Soul-builder, and the Member-gatherer . . .



"Choosing a church is like buying the latest computer. At first, you're sure you made the perfect choice...but before long, you're thinking about an upgrade."