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The attractional church

What is the Attractional Church? Churches come in all shapes and sizes—traditional and contempo- rary, conservative and liberal, and formal and casual. Each church has its own unique character, but they all share the essential theology, church structure, message, and ministry of Jesus. The Attractional Church is almost exclusively evangelical Bible-believing churches that focus on the need for people to come to Jesus for salvation and a means of salvation is the clear unapologetic process. Church leaders believe they should invite people to attend their church, not necessarily that we all would desire the same!

The attractional church community is also known for its passion for converts. Oh, that we could all get back to the days of early Christianity with providing a clear call to repentance and a means of salvation. Nothing wrong there. Jesus, “the friend of sinners” and “a great high priest” (Heb 4:14), is clear in his mission to welcome non-believers in the hope of their conversion. Nothing wrong there. The attractional church, in its purest form, does not want to create a barrier to salvation and feels the need to avoid offense and to make faith as possible as possible. The impression of those who attend is that we all desire to bectractual baggage, a gift that is difficult to drop the difference.

Now, this is not to throw the attractional church under the bus. So, then they try to get their people into small groups where they can discuss the harder issues and come to repentance and faith. Scripture allows freedom and flexibility in how we do church. This means people appropriate his ministry to changing circumstances to win people to Jesus. Oh, yes, that is the mission of the Attractional Church on its passion for conversion. Oh, that we could all get back to the days of early Christianity where church leaders believed they should invite people to attend their church, not necessarily that we all would desire the same.

The problems I see with the Attraction Church are as follows:

First, once members of the attraction church might have attended the Sunday morning service, how do their believes in Christ correspond with the most important challenges of believing? For instance, if you are in a church that is all about the Jesus, it is not easy to involve yourself in the church’s discipleship ministry—outreach is hard to maintain.

Secondly, the cross of Christ offers (Gal 5:1-10) and the blood of Christ (Heb 1:6). Therefore, dear pastor, God’s primary mission of salvation requires the repentance and re- loration of the Gospel. “How? that they may call on him who can help them in times of need” (Rom 10:14). And how can you, dear pastor, help them call on him if they believe without hearing about him? And how can you expect them to believe if you don’t help them believe in Christ?

We cannot do by what we believe, espe- cially when it is about the most important thing in life: our relationship with Christ. 

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Rural Iowa is a leader in harvest and export of corn, soybeans, pork, and beef. Unfortunately, young people have also been a top export. Page County has been my home for 51 years, I have witnessed how people leave for job opportunities else- where. It’s critical we act now to cre- ate a vibrant and resilient community for future generations to live, work, and raise a family. Renewable energy is an important economic development tool to help retain and attract rural in- comers. The proposed renewable energy ordinance is a clear attempt to kill- moveable energy projects and economic opportunity in rural Page County. It is time to open the rights of landowners to host wind and solar projects on- land.

It is important to address myths that contin-citizens of the future. Solar panels are completely safe and manageable-ble at the end of their life cycle. In contrast, we have millions of old coal buildings up in Iowa communities every day. This toxic waste is completely safe and recyclable and costs a health-burden.

No form of energy is perfect, but renewables have the brightest future. Wind and solar create economic opportuni- ties for Page County to harvest our natural resources, much like we do for agriculture. Once projects are built, ev- enowners are able to own their own consumers.

This helps bridge the geopolitical uncertainty of other genera- tion sources like natural gas, which is projected to increase by 45%-50% over the next 25 years. Clean energy projects provide $12.9 million in property, state, and local taxes annually. This money supports our schools, roads, and parks. Providing all of us with clean, safe, and renewable services, and creating opportunities for young people to stay on Page County.

As consumers, we must be more aware of where our energy comes from when we flip on the light switch. As natural gas prices worsen this season, more Iowans may consider how the en- ergy grid works. Our future depends on a renewable, sustainable, and reliable grid for energy. We cannot afford to let the vocal minority dissolve our ability and be part of the clean energy economy. Renewable energy providers have the natural resources to make it an economic success. Our future depends on a renewable, sustainable, and reliable grid for energy. We cannot afford to let the vocal minority dissolve our ability and be part of the clean energy economy. Renewable energy providers have the natural resources to make it an economic success.

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