



Church Means “No Thing” and Everything

By Grant Proctor (11/21/25)

Last Sunday, Grant Proctor addressed the congregation during the announcements on behalf of our Stewardship Appeal. Grant is a High School student and an excellent acolyte here at the church. I was so moved by his words that I am giving my regular essay space over to him! May his words be a ministry of grace to you. I know they were to me. - Jarrett Kerbel

Church is where ‘things’ are not.

No schoolwork, no football practice, no phones, no girlfriends, and no being popular...

These things are part of our daily lives: outside pressures, expectations (regardless of our ability to meet them), unreachable goals, and useless distractions.

We are overwhelmed constantly with things. Things that only matter on the surface, or only mean something for the blink of an eye.

Church, for me, means nothing or, better put, ‘no thing.’

Here, in church we are:

1. Free from distraction and judgment
2. Without pressure to meet a false or pointless goal
3. Loved
4. Safe
5. At Peace

God welcomes all - no strings attached - here where there are no things. Here, where there are no things to distract, we can be still, faithful, and be at home in God’s grace. By having ‘no things,’ church means everything!