

New Barna Survey Finds 1 in 3 Christians Stopped Attending Online or In-Person Church Services During Pandemic

The Barna Group released a new survey looking at the changes among church attendance after the COVID-19 pandemic grew in the U.S.

The result: Research has revealed that 1 in 3 practicing Christians has stopped attending church services.

Amid the pandemic, churches were forced to shut their doors and begin streaming Sunday services online. The switchover was well-received by some but unpopular with others.

The poll conducted last week by the research firm found:

- 35% are still attending their pre-COVID church.

- 32% are no longer attending church.

- 14% have switched to a new church.

- And 18% are watching worship services from different churches each month.

Barna's research showed a pattern between the different generations of practicing Christians who attend church online.

- 50% of Millennials have stopped attending church.

- 17% of Generation X attend a new church.

- 40% of Baby Boomers stayed at the same church.

And practicing Christians who have decreased their access to

online church services or have stopped attending church are more emotionally stressed.

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