

Pastor Brian's
Mid Week Message
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OUT THERE...NOT IN HERE!

Let me introduce you to an intruder into our home.



That would be a "Plaster Bagworm" in the

larval stage, about a half inch long  (actual size), which will in a short time transform itself into a moth. On Monday evening my beloved bride found one inside our house, which sparked a rather interesting and informative discussion. When all was said and done it was concluded that the plaster bagworm does not belong in our house, and I will be taking the necessary steps to eradicate them. But, let's not "bag" too much on the bagworm. These guys have their place in the animal kingdom and an important job to do. They eat spiderwebs and I'm just fine with that...as long as they do their dining outside and not inside the confines of our humble abode. Outside is where they do their best work. The Church, and those of us who make it up, might learn a valuable lesson from all of this. All too often we want to spend our time on the inside of our churches, making sure that we're comfortable and well cared for, while we are really called to be outside; out in the world doing the things that we have been formed to do. And what is the Church, the presence of Jesus Christ in today's world supposed to be doing? Well that would be PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL; spreading the good news of Jesus Christ especially out there among those who don't know Him as their Lord and Savior. That's "Job #1"! And while we're out there we should also be showing the love of Jesus; love that He has first shown to us, to everyone that crosses our path (unless of course it's a plaster bagworm that is crossing our path. In that instance it's probably best to avoid making contact) That loving attitude and action may just be the icebreaker that brings someone to ask us why we are being so loving and caring, which will allow us to tell them about all that Jesus has done for us and what He has already done for them. Oh, and by the way, plaster bagworms love the heat and humidity, so cranking up the A/C and dehumidifying your home can keep them at bay, and making sure that there are no spider webs can also keep them from dropping in for dinner.