

Are You Excited About the Church?

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In the Psalms, we see a certain eagerness and excitement connected with the “house of the Lord.” Now, the Lord’s house in those times was the tabernacle (and later the temple), and also used symbolically as faithfulness in God’s kingdom. But for today, we know that the church (the people of God) is the house of the Lord (1 Cor. 3:16; Eph. 2:19-21) and we need to be a faithful part of it. Knowing that, let’s look at a few verses from the Psalms about the house of God, what the Psalmist felt about it, and apply it to Christians and the church today.

“I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever” (Psa. 23:6; see also Psa. 27:4). The Psalmist wanted to make sure that he was always connected to the Lord’s house. Christian, can you honestly say that you always be a part of the church or is the church low on your totem pole of priorities?

“I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise” (Psa. 42:4; see also Psa. 122:1). The Psalmist was excited about going to the house of the Lord—so much so that he verbally expressed it. Christian, do you show joy every time the church meets, or does it seem a burden to you to have to come?

“But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God” (Psa. 52:8; see also Psa. 92:13). The Psalmist knew that he was most productive when serving the Lord as a faithful member of His house. Christian, do you look at your fullest potential as being productive in the church, or are you content with being a passive member?

Some things to seriously consider. The church is important. Jesus built it (Matt. 16:18) and purchased it with His blood (Acts 20:28). It is important to God and needs to be important to us. Are you excited to be a part of the church? If so, let us show in your life and keep it first and foremost always (Matt. 6:33)

- Broadway church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY (via Bulletin Digest) -

**What
Is
Jesus
Doing
NOW?**

The Present Ministry of Christ

As our Shepherd, He is guiding (Hebrews 13:20).
As our High Priest, He is aiding (Hebrews 2:17; 4:14).
As our Advocate, He is interceding (1 John 2:1).
As our Lord, He is ruling (Acts 2:36).

- Mark Posey -

“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.” - Heb. 7:25

(House to House Heart to Heart)

“All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

News & Notes

BAPTISM: Noah Toomey.

LABOR DAY COOKOUT & PICNIC: Monday, Sept. 4th, 1:00 p.m. at Thompson Park, Pavilion 1. Sponsored by the Chester and St. Clair Avenue Congregations.

OUR FALL GOSPEL MEETING: Sept. 24-28 with Charles Pugh. Six weeks from today. Plan to be here for every service and invite others.

PANTRY: Canned lima beans.

SICK & SHUT-IN: *St. Elizabeth Hospital, Boardman:* Nancy Hadley. *Weirton Medical:* Melissa Rosohac (Covid, 3rd time). *At Home:* Linda Parkes, Mike West, Peggy Linger, Nancy Cox, Blondenia Orr, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Lori Rowand (John Sprout’s niece). *Fox - Chester:* Mary Johnson (Lois Hissom’s sister). *In Ohio:* Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432.

God Is

Ernest S. Underwood

The atheist and evolutionist hate all of the Bible, but especially the very first verse of this Grand Book. You know what that verse says, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Oh, how these God-haters, the humanist and immoral people included, hate the Person who appears as the fourth word in this verse, namely, God! These individuals want Him out of man’s thinking, out of anything to do with our nation and totally out of any public life whatsoever. Why? Because the very idea of His presence intimidates them. I am sure that you have already heard this, but it is worth repeating. True scientists know that there are certain elements that must be present for the existence of things. They are: time, force, energy, space and matter. It is interesting that each of these elements are found in that very first verse of God’s Word. Notice: “In the beginning [time] God [force] created [energy] the heavens [space] and the earth [matter].” Let the fool be foolish, and let the hater of God deny His existence. He exists, and He rules! The prophet Habakkuk put it this way: “...the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.”

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