
❖SERMON NOTES ❖

Sunday, January 11, 2015

“GOD’S FAMILY – THE CHURCH”

(2 Peter 1:1-7)

There are certain things we value and certain things we do when we are part of a family functioning together. What does it mean to be a part of a church family?

1. **The Bible is our _____ for faith and practice**
(Psalm 119:105-106; 2 Timothy 3:16).
2. **Jesus is the _____ of relationship to God and eternal life** (John 14:6).
3. **We believe in the power of _____** (Zechariah 4:6; Philippians 4:6).
4. **Worship is central to glorifying God and _____ Christ** (Psalm 95:6; John 4:24).
5. **The _____ are the central organization of our church for growth** (Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 10:24-25).
6. **Full devotion to Christ is _____ for every believer**
(Mark 12:30)
7. **We have _____ for membership** (Matthew 16:24-25).
8. **Without faith it is _____ to please God** (Matthew 19:26).
9. **The church should be _____ without biblical compromise** (1 Corinthians 9:22)
10. **We are to strengthen and encourage _____** (Ephesians 5:21-6:4).
11. **We are committed to _____** (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 4:11-12)
12. **We are a _____ church** (Mark 16:15).

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A MEMBER?

1. To be a _____ in Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-5).
2. To be a participant in _____ and meetings for mutual building up and encouraging others' spiritual life (Hebrews 10:25, ESV).
3. To be involved in Bible study, care, and fellowship in a Sunday _____ class (Philippians 2:4, ESV).
4. To _____ support the ministry of the church (2 Corinthians 9:7, Malachi 3:10; Matthew 23:23)
5. To use your _____ in a ministry of the church (1 Peter 4:10, ESV).
 - S – spiritual gifts
 - H – heart
 - A – abilities
 - P – personality
 - E – experiences
6. To _____ others to God and the church and help in churchwide efforts to do the same (Matthew 28:19-20, ESV).

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“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16, ESV).

“You will be told what to do” (Acts 9:6, ESV).

“all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28, ESV).

1. The Bible is our authority for faith and practice (Psalm 119:105-106; 2 Timothy 3:16).

2. Jesus is the only way of relationship to God and eternal life (John 14:6).

3. We believe in the power of prayer (Zechariah 4:6; Philippians 4:6).

4. Worship is central to glorifying God and becoming like Christ (Psalm 95:6; John 4:24).

5. The Bible Fellowship Groups are the central organization of our church for growth (Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 10:24-25).

6. Full devotion to Christ is normal for every believer (Mark 12:30)

7. We have high expectations for membership (Matthew 16:24-25).

8. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Matthew 19:26).

9. The church should be culturally relevant without biblical compromise (1 Corinthians 9:22)

10. We are to strengthen and encourage families (Ephesians 5:21-6:4).

11. We are committed to growth (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 4:11-12)

12. We are a great commission church (Mark 16:15).

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A MEMBER?

1. To be a **baptized believer** in Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-5)
2. To be a participant in **worship** and meetings for mutual building up and encouraging others' spiritual life (Hebrews 10:25, ESV).
3. To be involved in Bible study, care, and fellowship in a Sunday **Bible study** class (Philippians 2:4, ESV).
4. To **financially** support the ministry of the church (2 Corinthians 9:7, Malachi 3:10; Matthew 23:23)
5. To use your **gifts and abilities** in a ministry of the church (1 Peter 4:10, ESV).
 - S – spiritual gifts
 - H – heart
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6. To **invite** others to God and the church and help in churchwide efforts to do the same (Matthew 28:19-20, ESV).