

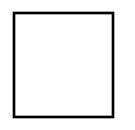
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For

February 2022



There's a song that says, "I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together." You won't find those exact words in the Bible, but that's certainly what the Bible teaches about being a church. The early church was a group of people who had experienced God. They came from different backgrounds and had different skills, but they all worked together to become the body of Christ in the world.

What was important to that early church?

They came together to worship God wherever they could find a spot to gather.

They studied together, learning from the Hebrew Scriptures and from the new letters written by people like Paul, Timothy and James. They wanted to grow in their faith. Discipleship was important to them.

They were on a mission to share the gospel with anyone who would listen. They even sent out missionaries.

They were a community of believers, bound together by their love of God and their love for each other. They ate together. They cared for each other. They shared their possessions so no one would be lacking. They depended on each other.

That early church thrived. It grew by leaps and bounds from almost nothing to a worldwide family of faith that still exists today because it focused on those basic values.



Dear Friends in Christ,

We meet every Sunday at Willisburg Baptist-

Church for Sunday School, even though numbers are few. We are only running 10 - 20 in attendance these days, and worship service is running in the 20s to-40s on most Sundays.

I looked back at our attendance over the last five years and found that we are down 75% in Sunday School. Worship is down 43.3%. At the same time, our numbers financially have not been all that bad. Our undesignated receipts are down 5.7%. Cooperative Program giving is down 13.2%. Association giving is up 58.2%.

Annie Armstrong giving is up 25.9%.

Lottie Moon giving is up 37.4%.

For the most part, finances are doing well, but we need involvement in worship and discipleship.

I am hearing things are starting to break again in the COVID numbers. I pray this is true. We must get people involved in fellowship, worship, and discipleship again. February 13th, I will be preparing a Lasagna meal at the church for all who would like to come and feast. I am asking those coming to let me know in advance. I want to have enough food prepared. So, far we have 18 people planning to attend.

Over the past few weeks, I have been preaching from the Old Testament Book of Nehemiah. This passage focuses on rebuilding. That is what we must do as the church. We need to start rebuilding now and rekindling our faith. We need a revived and renewed spirit within us. That all starts with us as individuals. I am praying for you. I trust you will pray for me. Together, let us begin a rebuilding process in our lives to become the church that God needs and wants us to be.

I would like to see more youth and children in our church. That means we must have activities for them and ministries that will involve them. I encourage your prayers for them. I will be praying for God to open these doors once again too.

At this time, I feel that God wants me to visit every single home in our Willisburg community and to pray with each family. People must know that we are a praying and caring church. I encourage you to do the same with your neighbors and friends.



As I close, my prayers are for your health and well-being. I also pray for your return and involvement in the church. God is not through with us yet. There is much work to do. We have a generation of people who are lost and need a Savior. God needs us to share our faith with others.

Bro. Jay Hatfield



5th Joe Hale. Aline Cheser

6th Jeff Jenkins

7th Wilma Sims

8th Keasha Harmon

12th Janice Coulter, Morgan Thompson

13th Herman Akin

15th Bobby Hooper

16th Luke McIlvoy

17th Timothy Brent McIlvoy

19th Lori Smith, Sonya Alexis Delgado

21st Hallie Sims, Brian Fallis, Keith Stevens

9th Sharon Sutton, Sherry Tingle 22nd Robyn Adkinson, Lilly Turner

26th Stacia Barr

27th Emily Anne Goodwin

29th Jonathan Foster



Church Activities

14th Troy & Denise Dusch

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service

MONDAY

7:00 PM AA Meeting

TUESDAY

6:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM Children & Youth



6th - Women on Missions 3:00 PM

13th - Church Lasagna Supper 5:00 PM

14th - Valentine's Day

21st - Presidents Day

26th - Deacon Leadership Training 9:00 AM - Noon at Springfield Baptist Church