



# Welcome!

# September 9, 2018

“If the Son sets you free... you are free indeed!”

-John 8:36

Nursery (up to 2 years) is available during the entire service.  
Kids (3 years old through Kindergarten) are dismissed after music.

## Our Worship Gathering

Call to Worship

Worship

Blessed Be Your Name

Death was Arrested

Jesus Messiah

Dismiss for KidsKorner

Preparatory Worship

I Surrender All

Prayer

Message: “Basics of the Christian Life: Church”

Pastor Scott

Communion

Closing Song

Good, Good, Father

Prayer

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# Prayer Matters

*If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.*  
Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT)

## Families

Mike & Verda  
Dan & Winnie

## Berean Church

Cornerstone Berean; Kearney, NE (Kelly & Tammy Larson)

## LEAD Team

Scott & Lyndsey, Trent & Caryn, Ray & Rosi, Rebecca, Jerry,  
Ted & Judy

## Other

Upcoming elections.  
Upcoming holidays.

## **Announcements:**

\*If you are interested in the Monday afternoon small group, please let Pastor Scott know. It starts tomorrow, 9/10. 4 pm.

\*Are you receiving the weekly emails from Pastor Scott? If not, let him know and he will add you to the list.

\*Offering box is located on the information table. You can also give online ([www.ColoradoFreedomChurch.com](http://www.ColoradoFreedomChurch.com)) or through the FC mobile app (App Store & Google Play)

## Freedom Church | September 9, 2018

### “Basics of the Christian Life” | #5: The Church

Church is NOT: A building. A social organization, a club.

Church is:

- A unique organism vitally related to God through the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The Body through which God does business today, the Body through which He is making Himself known: “God’s purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord” (Ephesians 3:10-11)
- A Called-Out Assembly (*ekklesia*) of believers.
- A mystery—a wonderful secret locked up in the heart of God in ages past, but now revealed by God to His believers.
- Chiefly characterized by love (for God and others)

#### **Biblical Images:**

##### 1. Household/Family

1 Timothy 3:14-15: “I am writing these things to you now, even though I hope to be with you soon, so that if I am delayed, you will know how people must conduct themselves in the household of God. This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth.”

##### 2. Body of Christ

Romans 12:3-5; Ephesians 1:19-23

##### 3. Bride of Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:2: “For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure bride to one husband—Christ.”

Ephesians 5:21-33

“We’ve got to unite ourselves as one body. Because Jesus is coming back, and he’s coming back for a bride, not a harem.” -Anonymous

## **Functions of the Church (Acts 2:42-47):**

Devoted = “Continued Steadfastly” = set apart/dedicate, consecrate; direct attention wholly or chiefly, addict

### 1. Worship (2:46)

Psalm 149:1: “Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing his praises in the assembly of the faithful.”

Colossians 3:16: “Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.”

### 2. Fellowship (Acts 2:42; 46-47; 20:20; Hebrews 10:24)

### 3. Teaching (2:42; Matthew 28:20)

### 4. Prayer (2:42)

### 5. Service (2:44-45; One Another; Ephesians 4:11-12)

### 6. Make & Grow Disciples (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

## **So What?**

1. Don't Give Up - Hebrews 10:23-25: “Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”

### 2. Love One Another

### 3. Aim for Unity - John 17:20-26