

No Place Like Home

Heart for the House Family Offering

PART 1

- Celebrating “No Place Like Home.”
- Here are a few reasons we believe there no place like home in the local church...

Michael- Reason 1: THE CHURCH IS PRESENCE

Ephesians 1:23 (Message)

The church is Christ’s body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.”

- The Church is God’s way of interacting with people.
- What makes this place special is that it’s the dwelling place of God and His people.
- We were created to be with Him and the local church makes it possible.
- Is He at home here? Worshipped in spirit and truth.

Amy- Reason 2: THE CHURCH IS HEALING

James 5:14-15a, 16a

Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well...for tremendous power is released through the passionate, heartfelt prayer of a godly believer.

- -The power of the church is the power of community
- -When my faith is weak, He brings me together with someone who can stand
- with me
- -Healing, safety & wholeness are found within the local church
- -Well = restored- delivered out of danger & into safety

Michael- Reason 3: THE CHURCH IS PURPOSE

Acts 20:32 (MSG)

“Now I’m turning you over to God, our marvelous God whose gracious Word can make you into what he wants you to be and give you everything you could possibly need in this community of holy friends.”

- This is Jesus’ idea from day one. He set it up, so we didn’t have to go to the world for purpose.
- My daily and life purpose in being a part of the bigger God-dream called the local church. It’s not just a place, it’s my purpose.
- His church will fulfill its purpose and I want to be part of it.

Amy- Reason 3- THE CHURCH IS HOPE

Colossians 1:27

Living within you is Christ who floods you with the expectation of glory! This mystery of Christ, embedded within us, becomes a heavenly treasure chest of hope filled with the riches of glory for His people, and God wants everyone to know it!

- The hope (Christ in YOU- hope of glory) is living within the Church.
- It's through His Church that a lost and hurting world can find hope.
- He placed His treasure within His Church- and He's using us to make sure everyone knows it!
- What are you expecting today? Is it His glory?

PART 2

What church are we building for the lost, hurting, and the next generation?

Michael- GIVE YOURSELVES

1 Corinthians 15:58 (ERV)

So, my dear brothers and sisters, stand strong. Don't let anything change you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord. You know that your work in the Lord is never wasted.

- Don't let anything cause you to doubt the purpose of His church. A renewed commitment to God's work.
- Building a home for others to grow in will require us fully giving ourselves to the work of the Lord.
- Whatever it looks like, whatever the cost. We fully give ourselves to the work of the Lord in and through the church.

Amy- GIVE EVERYTHING

Mark- the widow's mite- everyone else "tossed" something in/ she "placed" what she had- Jesus was watching over her sacrifice.

Mark 12:44

All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford— she gave her all."

- Is my life what I can afford or am I giving my all?
- Sacrifice of obedience is what He is looking for
- Someone is waiting on my sacrifice of obedience- what can God do through me?
- Faith comes into play when it's something "I can't afford"- it's something beyond

Me/ outside of my own power/ beyond my own capabilities/ only by His power
-Commit to live our lives through His Church- giving our all

Michael- RESPONSE:

Salvation Prayer

Offering Instructions: Worship with Communion and Offering