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“WELCOME HOME - CELEBRATING THE CHURCH”

The Church is a place to serve our God and one another...

In 1 Peter 2:4-8 we learn we are “CHOSEN” by God to BELONG to HIM forever. In Christ, we are wanted and planned for! Through celebrating the church we are learning that *The Church is THE PLACE being built by God for loving, growing and for SERVING.*

* If *growing* is our greatest ambition, then *servicing* is our greatest JOY! *

We serve Him as priests or “bridge-builders”. This is a good metaphor for what it means to serve as a priest. We are the priests over this spiritual house. Peter writes, “*you are like living stones being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood*” (1 Peter 2:5). Through Christ, the separation from God has been torn apart! We have been given special access to God through Christ. Now as priests, we have access to God so we can bring others to God! That’s what a bridge-builder does.

We BELONG to A Place of Service – for ministers or **Priests**. Jesus is our example. He came to serve not to be served and He is building His Church as special place for serving. If we are not serving we are missing the point of the church. We are a community of living stones learning to love, grow and serve our God and one another. The Bible teaches in Revelation 1:6, “*to Him (Christ) who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and He has made us a kingdom of priests to Serve God, our Father!*”

I invite you to come join us this Sunday as we join in SERVING our God. Come celebrate “Church” with us. Consider who you might invite to come join us too!

PS: Reminder – We have a “Church Workday” on Saturday. I invite you to come serve with others in helping care for our property and grounds.

Expectantly,
Pastor Garry

*“We are a **faith fellowship** of believers on our journey **together** with our Lord... meeting needs, mending hearts.”*