

Church

On the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress. However, underneath the layers, you find



The word "church" comes from the Greek word "ekklesia." What does that word mean?

a body of imperfect people. People who may be struggling with sin. People seeking their Savior. But, here is the beauty of church—Church isn't a building, mentality, or an expectation. Church is a body. Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints. Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love—Jesus Christ. Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the throne of grace. Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty spiritual warriors. Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation—where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to repent and seek restoration. Church is a lesson in faith and trust. Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope. Church is a family—a family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories. Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where Jesus Christ resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to abide. So, even when "hard days" are experienced—the days when I am at odds with a friend, or when I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. Or when I've worn the pressures of the world, under the microscope. Or when I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics of "that

song" were sung. Or when I've walked back in, afraid and broken, even after walking away in the past... I will remember... He has never failed to meet me there.

Have you seen the "IDEA BOX" YES? It humbly requests your kind "input"

God bless the church today!

To all our visitors: *Please feel free to participate!*

You should expect to hear singing with voices only, a few "family" announcements, prayers spoken, and see the Lord's Supper offered, then free-willed giving, and Gospel preaching from the Bible.

Any response is up to you and will be kindly received.

We are glad you decided to worship God with us!

Bday/Anniv Lunch: 2nd Sunday...

Friday Bible Study: 7 to 8 PM; we are studying New Testament commands that apply today...

NMCCH: SOUPS! Cream of Mushroom or Cream of Chicken.

Please check the expiration date!

Ladies Day: at Howe, 9AM on Saturday (9/28). Speaker Yvonne Butler, "Life is a Masquerade—Time to Unmask."

Gospel Meeting: October 20-22 with John Cannon.