

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



“Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer, And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:” (Philemon 1:1-2)

I Am The Church

When Jesus said in Matthew 16 that he would build his church upon the rock, he was not speaking about a physical building. For, you see, the church is not a building. The church is the body of Christ. It is made up of people. Colossians 1:18 tells us that Jesus is the head of the body, the church. The church is us; the blood washed, the Spirit-filled and baptized in Jesus’ Name believers.

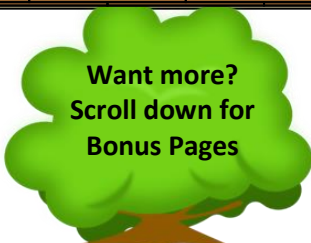
On Sunday morning we say we are going to church when in reality the church is going to a house of worship to sing, praise, preach and pray. No matter where we are, we are the church. We are the church at school, on our job, at the grocery store and anywhere else we may be. The Apostle Paul in our focus scripture was writing to Philemon and his wife Apphia who had a church in their house. This is remarkable in that a family who sees themselves first as the church in the home can become an effectual witness in every other place.

The very first nuclear family had a relationship with God, their creator, right in their home. Their home was the garden of Eden. Genesis 3:8 tells us that Adam and Eve heard the voice of God walking in the garden in the cool of the day. It is a wonderful thing when the family has a visitation of God in the home. Our relationship with God should be a priority to the family. A praying family becomes a strong family. Our life at home should not be different than our life at church. Let’s see ourselves first as the church in our house so that our family is strong in God.

Family Prayer: *Lord, thank you for reminding me that I am the church. Help me to represent you wherever I go. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

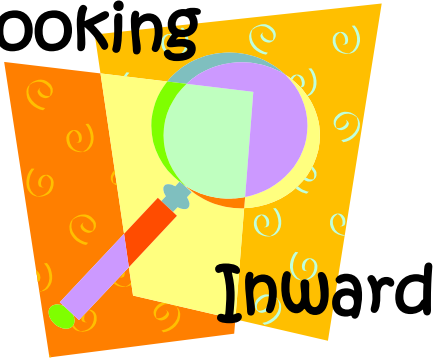


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Looking



Inward

Why not conduct a church service in your own home? Sing, worship and pray together. Bring out all the musical instruments you have or make your own. Share testimonies. Let someone give a lesson. You might want to make this a regular occurrence to remind your family that the church dwells in your house!

Let's talk

Have you ever seen people who live one way at the church building but another way when they leave? How is this a reflection on their own spiritual wellness? Can it also effect what people may believe about the church? If so, how?

Don't forget as you go through your day that you represent God's church on earth. Look for opportunities to pray, sing, witness and share God's Word with others who are looking for Jesus!

Looking



Outward

Additional Challenges

We definitely don't have to be in a physical building to praise and worship God. Here are some Biblical examples of this.

Acts 16:25 "And at _____ Paul and Silas prayed, and _____ unto God: and the _____ heard them."

- Where were Paul and Silas when they did this? _____
- Did they have to wait until their release to "have church?" _____

Acts 12:12 "And when he had considered the thing, he came to _____ of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together _____."

- Where was the church meeting? _____
- What were the people praying for? _____
- What happened as a result of their prayer?

Acts 8:35,38 "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and _____ unto him Jesus." "And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the _____, both Philip and the eunuch; and he _____ him.

- Where did this story take place " (verse 26) _____
- Did Philip need a whole congregation to be able to preach a sermon? _____
- What did he preach about? (verse 35) _____

***We don't have to be in a physical building to feel God's Spirit.
We can sing, pray, preach, baptize and speak in tongues anywhere.
We are the church!***

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