

April 14th, 2024

The Building: Christ's Presence

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. – Ephesians 2:19-22, (NIV)

Ekklesia vs. Kirche

1. Corporately

Corporate Holiness

Jesus is The Cornerstone

A Cornerstone:

Sets the direction

Sets the standard

Bears the weight

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house^[a] to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. – 1 Pet. 2:4-5 (NIV)

Notes: _____

2. Personally

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You

are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. 1 Cor 6:19-20 (NIV)

Personal Holiness

Notes: _____

3. Practically

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

Jesus came to build an **Ekklesia** with you as an integral part of it...

Questions for Reflection

Am I contributing to an Ekklesia or attending a Kirche?
Do you need to be asking different questions of others? (How is Jesus working in your life? – What is Jesus doing today in you?)

How do you know?

Examples of engagement in God-Breathed Ekklesia:

I am built upon The Cornerstone (Eph. 2:22)
I battle against the spiritual forces of evil (Eph. 6:12)
I look for Jesus' present work
I acknowledge Jesus in our midst
I respond to The Holy Spirit's leading

I seek to be a servant
I contribute to Kingdom construction
I am an Ambassador of Christ
We are Royal Priests

Examples of Presence at a Man-Made Kirche:

Jesus is the stumbling block in the way of my preferences
I battle against people
My obedience is dependent upon my experience (attendance, giving, serving)
I go to it
I complain (my opinion precedes my obedience)

Questions for Reflection (cont.)

What building are you building?
What foundation are you building on?
Am I conforming to Jesus? Or am I asking Jesus to conform to me?

My Response to Jesus:

Next Weekend, 4/21

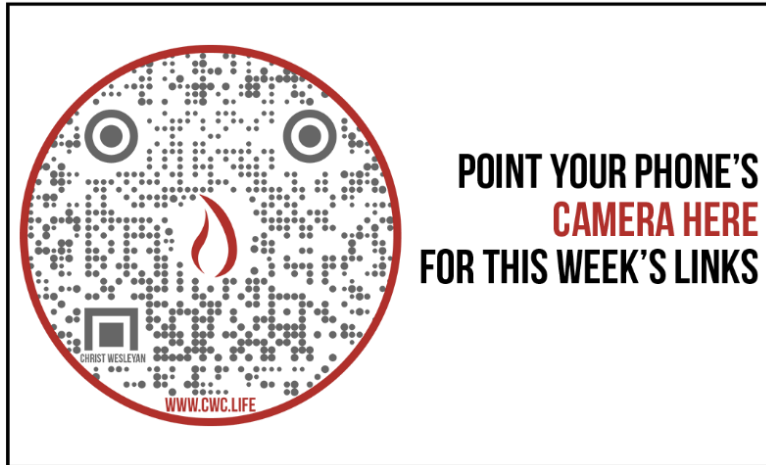
The Body: Christ's Working Mission

Milton: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury: Pastor Mike Sweigard

Have a question? Want to take the message further?
E-mail mike.sweigard@cwclife with a question to be
included on the Dive Deep Podcast

5/15 | Worship Onboarding Night | 6-8:30p |
natalie.logan@cwclife

Do you want to begin a relationship with Jesus?...
Text: IChooseJesus (*all one word*) to 570-273-0088



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 96.9%

Giving year to date: 88.4%

Weekend Attendance: 2,092

Salvations to date: 205 | Baptisms to date: 110

Upcoming Happenings

Today | Groups Tables – Foyer (in-house); Church
Center App (Online)

5/4 | Rend Collective Concert Volunteers |
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5/4 | Mother/Daughter Luncheon | 11a-1p | Silver
Moon Banquet Hall | Online (4/14) or Hub Sign-Ups
(4/21,28)

