

Moving Forward

The name change – not official till September.

Illustration: Mack 10 wheel dump truck; 12 tons of stone; low-low.

Believers Church at Glenville is a Word and Spirit Church, growing disciples to build the Kingdom.

What is a Word Church?

II Timothy 2:15 [AMP] – *Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.*

Proverbs 4:20-22 – *My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; ²²For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.*

Information – Application – Transformation.

What is a Spirit Church?

Ephesians 5:18-20 [AMP] – *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but ever be filled and stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit. ¹⁹Speak out to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, offering praise with voices [and instruments] and making melody with all your heart to the Lord, ²⁰At all times and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.*

Acts 4:29-31 – *“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰“by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.” ³¹And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.*

Acts 10:38 – *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

Acts 16:6-10 – *Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. ⁷After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. ⁸So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. ⁹And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.*

Romans 14:17 – *for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

I Thessalonians 1:5 – *For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.*

What is a disciple?

A disciple – a person who is following Christ, is being changed by Christ, and is committed to the mission of Christ.

Luke 6:40 – *A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.*

- **Perfectly trained** – [Passive] suitable, normal or proper.
 - Choosing to become a son of God required repentance.
 - Choosing to become a disciple requires repentance. [Dying to self]

What is the Kingdom?

Matthew 6:33 – *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

Luke 17:20, 21 – *Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹“nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”*

- “The Kingdom doesn’t exist in time. It has no beginning or end. It exists in a realm. In that realm, the power and resources of God are fully available. In that realm, all the promises are realized. In that realm, Jesus rules as Lord and King!” [bottom paragraph, pp. 42]
- **I Corinthians 4:20 [AMP]** – *For the kingdom of God consists of and is based on not talk but power (moral power and excellence of soul).*

II Chronicles 20:18-23 – *And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, worshiping the LORD. ¹⁹Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with voices loud and high.*

²⁰So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.”

²¹And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: “Praise the LORD, for His mercy endures forever.”

²²Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. ²³For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

Praise and Worship – step out of your comfort zone!