

Welcome to Community Church

“We Have Come to Worship”

July 1, 2018

Today

9:15 Prayer – Prayer Room

10am – Worship Service

“Please Don’t Give”

Nehemiah 1:1-4 – Pastor Cameron

Children’s Classes K-5

Wednesday

No Bible Study

Enjoy your Family

Thursday

No Women’s Bible Study

Saturday

5pm Prayer in the Gathering Place

Upcoming Events

Friday, July 13 - Kings Island Trip

Pay Today - See Abby

July 27-28 - Boys Hiking Trip – See Cameron

July 20-22 – Summer Bible School

Bible Plan Reading for July 1-July 8

July 2: Joshua 4; Psalm 129-131; Isaiah 64; Matthew 12

July 3: Joshua 5; Psalm 132-134; Isaiah 65; Matthew 13

July 4: Joshua 6; Psalm 135-136; Isaiah 66; Matthew 14

July 5: Joshua 7; Psalm 137-138; Jeremiah 1; Matthew 15

July 6: Joshua 8; Psalm 139; Jeremiah 2; Matthew 16

July 7: Joshua 9; Psalm 140-141; Jeremiah 3; Matthew 17

July 8: Joshua 10; Psalm 142-143; Jeremiah 4; Matthew 18

Slaves of Righteousness

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. Romans 6:18

Before you were a Christian you were a slave to sin. Even when you did not want to sin, you were unable to do otherwise (Rom. 7:15-24). When God saved you, He freed you from sin, but you remained a slave. Now, rather than being bound to sin, you are bound to righteousness. In every area of your life you are obligated to do what honors God. There are some who believe that when Christ sets them free, they are free to do whatever they want. That is not so. The apostle Paul realized that when he began following Christ he became a “bondservant” of Christ, and his life was no longer his own (Rom. 1:1). Now, rather than being enslaved to sin, he was enslaved to God and His righteousness. When people mistreated him, he had forfeited the right to respond from his natural feelings but was compelled to offer a righteous response. When he was tempted, he was no longer free to succumb to his feelings. Paul could not enter the workplace and act selfishly. He understood that, as a slave of righteousness, he was obligated to live a holy life, honoring his Master. Righteous living is not an option for a Christian. Nor is it something we must try to do over time. It is an obligation, mandatory for every child of God. Our freedom in Christ is not freedom to do what we want. It is freedom to live righteously, something we could not do when we were in to sin. Now that we are free to live righteously, we must allow the Holy Spirit to produce in us a holy, sanctified life (1 John 3:7).

“HE IS MOST GLORIFY IN US WHEN WE ARE MOST SATISFIED IN HIM” John Piper