

FAMILY -- The Church is Family.

God's family offered to the world.

• Ephesians 2:19 "You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family." • The church is a family of people with God as their father, and Jesus as brother. It's building is only a place where the family meets. It is not a dead institution but a living community where people are having a great time being the best kind of family to each other.

• THE LIFE'S WORK of Jesus, our brother, to bring us back to our Father.

"Go find my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, my God and your God." John 20:17

• **WELCOME** - The family of Father God offers the world a welcome to belong to a family -- learn how to be a family— and feel like they belong. • Romans 8:15-16 "So you should not be like cowering fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family— calling him 'Father, dear Father.' For His Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we will share his treasures – for everything God gives to his Son, Christ, is ours too. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering."

• **LEARNING** - God's family learning to act like God's family. Learning to play nice - to share – to welcome.

• I Timothy 3:14-15 "I am writing these things so that you will know how people should conduct themselves in the household of God. This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and support of the truth."

• John 13:34 "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples (my brothers and sisters)."