



AWCI SERMON NOTE & *Announcements*

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Sermon Title: Hosting the Presence of God

COUNTDOWN TO EASTER: LET'S PRAY!

As we journey toward Easter Sunday, join us in covering our church, guests, and services in daily prayer. Let's believe together for breakthrough, renewed hope, and lives transformed by the power of Jesus!

INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND, AND SCRIPTURE, SERMON POINTS

Key Text — 2 Samuel 6:11 (NKJV)

"The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the LORD blessed Obed-Edom and all his household."

INTRODUCTION

Whenever we know an important guest is coming to our home, we begin to prepare. We straighten up the house. We clean the rooms. We make sure everything is in order. We prepare food, adjust our schedule, and give them our attention.

Why? Because **honor** changes how we prepare and how we behave. We don't treat honored guests casually—we treat them with care, attention, and respect.

Many believers want the power of God, the blessing of God, and the miracles of God—but the real question is this: **Are we prepared to host the presence of God?**

In **2 Samuel 6**, David was bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. But because the Ark was handled improperly, tragedy struck when Uzzah touched it and died. David became afraid and stopped the procession. Instead of bringing the Ark into Jerusalem immediately, David placed it in the home of a man named Obed-Edom. For three months, the Ark remained in his house—and the Bible says something remarkable: **"The LORD blessed Obed-Edom and all his household."**

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (NKJV)

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

John 15:4–5 (NKJV)

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

SERMON POINTS

Point 1: Hosting God's Presence Requires Honor

God's presence does not rest where it is treated casually. It rests where it is honored.

Psalms 24:3–4 (NKJV)

"Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart..."

Isaiah 66:2 (NKJV)

"...But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word."

Example: Mary Hosting the Presence of Jesus (Luke 10:38–42)

Mary sat at the feet of Jesus, listening to His word. Martha was distracted with many tasks, but Mary chose what mattered most—she honored His presence.

Point 2: Hosting God's Presence Requires Protecting the Spiritual Atmosphere

Ephesians 4:30 (NKJV)

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

James 4:8 (NKJV)

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you..."

Example: The Upper Room (Acts 1–2)

Before the Holy Spirit was poured out, the disciples gathered in unity and prayer. They protected the atmosphere for God to move.

Point 3: Hosting God's Presence Brings Transformation and Blessing

The greatest blessing we can pursue is not prosperity—it is the presence of God.

Acts 3:19 (NKJV)

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NKJV)

"Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Acts 16, Paul and Silas were thrown into prison after being beaten and placed in chains. Their circumstances were dark, painful, and unjust, yet instead of allowing their environment to determine their response, they made a decision to host the presence of God right there in the prison. The Bible says that at midnight they began praying and singing praises to God. That moment changed the entire atmosphere.

BEYOND THE MESSAGE

Hosting the presence of God in everyday life begins with awareness. When believers understand that the Holy Spirit lives within them, it changes how they live. Everyday decisions—how we speak to others, how we respond to challenges, how we handle temptation—become opportunities to honor the presence of God within us. A believer who understands this does not simply ask, “What do I want to do?” but rather, “Does this honor the presence of God in my life?”

This awareness transforms ordinary moments into spiritual ones. When someone chooses patience instead of anger, forgiveness instead of bitterness, or integrity instead of compromise, they are protecting and honoring the presence of God within them. Just as Obed-Edom’s household experienced blessing because God’s presence remained there, believers today experience peace, wisdom, and spiritual strength when they live with daily reverence for God.

In everyday life, abiding in Christ means staying spiritually connected to God even in the middle of normal routines. It means beginning the day with prayer, allowing Scripture to guide decisions, and turning to God during moments of stress or uncertainty. Many believers think hosting God’s presence requires extraordinary spiritual moments, but Jesus teaches that it begins with consistent connection. When believers maintain that connection, they begin to see the fruit of God’s presence in their lives. Their attitude changes. Their relationships improve. Their perspective becomes more hopeful and faith-filled. Just as the branch produces fruit when it stays connected to the vine, believers produce spiritual fruit when they remain connected to Christ throughout the day.

In practical terms, being filled with the Spirit means inviting God into every area of life. It means seeking His guidance before making decisions, relying on His strength when facing challenges, and allowing His peace to shape our responses to difficult situations. Rather than reacting emotionally or impulsively, believers learn to pause and allow the Holy Spirit to direct their actions. When believers live this way, the presence of God begins to influence their entire lifestyle. Their homes become places of peace, their workplaces become places of integrity, and their relationships reflect the love of Christ. Just as the blessing of God spread throughout the household of Obed-Edom, the presence of God within believers begins to influence every area of their lives—and the lives of those around them.

High Five Evangelism Campaign: Digital Prayer Card

March 1 – April 5, 2026

2026 Theme: Intentionality With Impact – One More Time

Flagship Scripture: Colossians 3:23 (NKJV)

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.”

Join us as we embark on 45 days of purposeful outreach leading to Easter! Be intentional and impactful: pray for five, invite five, and reach out to five people who may not have a church home.

How to Use This Card:

- List the names of five people you want to lift in prayer.
- Pray for them daily, asking God to move in their lives and guide your invitation.
- Stand on these promises:

Numbers 6:24–26 (NIV):

“The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV):

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.”

Together, let’s make an impact—one prayer, one invitation, one life at a time. Let’s do it with intentionality, believing God will do more than we can imagine!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note: There are multiple ways to sign up for an event. You can scan the QR code, visit our website, or sign the sign-up sheet in the foyer under the event registration section.

Read the Bible in a Year.

Scan QR code or visit the following site:

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/64913-we-believe-a-journey-of-faith-in-action>



March 17th- In Search of Timothy- Leadership Development- **6:30 pm**

March 22nd- Water Baptism - **During 11 am Service**

March 28 - Covenant Couples Fellowship -**11 am-1 pm**

March 29th- Palm Sunday, Fine Arts Expressions, **at 9 AM & 11 AM**

April 3rd- Good Friday, Night of Praise & Worship - **7 pm**

April 5th- Easter Sunday, Worship **@ 9 AM & 11:00 AM**
Children & Youth Celebration During Both Services

Easter Mass Choir Rehearsals for all who are interested.

Rehearsal Date: March 12th, March 19th, and April 2nd at 7:00 pm.

April 17-18- SCCOG Women’s Conference

Regular Registration \$65.00

Walk In \$75.00 (**After 3/16/26**)

Scan QR code to sign up today or visit

<https://www.sccog.com/women2/>



May 2nd (9am-3pm) - May 3rd (9am & 11am) - Women’s Conference- All In- Early Registration \$30.00 (until March 30), Late Registration \$35.00. Vendors Registration: \$50.00 - For more information contact AWC Women’s Ministry.

Registration for the Jamaica Mission Trip is currently open. For more information, contact Missionary Director, Dr. Samuel King.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

Sunday School

- Every Sunday at 10:10 am-10:55 am.

Men’s Ministry Meeting

- Every 3rd Saturday at 8:30 AM.
- At Agape Worship Center International
- All men are invited.
- More information: Contact Deacons Teddy Spence or Eureka Washington.

Breakfast For Champions: Weekday Devotion & Prayer

- Monday-Friday at 7 am
- Call In: 717-908-1690
 - Access Code: 577625

Intercessory Prayer

- Every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Monday at 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Virtual Midday Bible Study

- Every Thursday at noon
 - Call In: (470)869-2200 (US East)
 - Meeting ID: 393-678-9202
 - Virtual: meetings.ringcentral.com/j/3936789202