

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

June 23, 2024

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

WELCOME

HYMN #90 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 53:7-9

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #4 Praise the Savior

HYMN #688 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

HYMN #713 Seek Ye First

BIBLE MESSAGE Keith Lamberson

HYMN #588 All for Jesus

CLOSING PRAYER

The following programs are available during the Morning Worship Service:

Nursery - Newborns to Age 2
Children's Church - Ages 3 to 8

This Week at Robertsville

Sunday..... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care.

Announcements

Baby Bottles for Solutions Health and Pregnancy Center - Your baby bottle with a gift for Solutions needs to be turned in today.

The Manor Nursing Home Ministry - Today, June 23, at 2:00 p.m.

Developing the Church (Part 1) - Ephesians 4:11-16 **Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.**

God gave gifted individuals to the church for the perfecting of the saints or believers (Ephesians 4:12). Perfecting means equipping. The Lord Jesus, our Great Shepherd, makes this possible (Hebrews 13:20-21).

Equipping and spiritually maturing believers requires:

1. Time in God's Word. God wants to build us up through spending time and becoming familiar with His Word (2 Timothy 2:15, 2 Timothy 3:16-17).
2. Time in prayer. Prayer and ministry go hand in hand (Acts 6:4).
3. Time with God through life's trials. We grow and mature as we go through trials knowing God will see us through. This enables us minister to others (James 1:1-2, 1 Peter 5:10, 2 Corinthians 1:4-5).

God gave gifted individuals to the church for the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:12). God chooses to use us; otherwise He would take us to heaven at the time of our salvation. He gives gifts to each believer that we are to use for serving Him in the local church and outside the church.

God gave gifted individuals to the church for the edifying of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12). Edifying means building up. This involves ministering to one another through words and deeds.

God set up the church. What is His purpose in developing the church?

- God's purpose in developing the church is for **the unification of believers**. (Ephesians 4:13a) This is working together for the Lord's glory and providing each person with encouragement, strength, and growth.
- God's purpose in developing the church is so the church will have a **knowledge of the Son of God**. (Ephesians 4:13b). One of a Christian's main duties and joys is to truly know the Son of God. This requires building a relationship with Him (Philippians 3:10, 1 John 5:11-15).
Knowing God involves several things:
Salvation - Coming to Christ alone for salvation.
Supplication - Calling out to God in prayer. He wants to give us wisdom, insight, and understanding needed for all situations (Jeremiah 33:3).
Sanctification - Spiritual growth, being set apart for His purpose, and living for God each day (John 17:17).
- God's purpose in developing the church is for the **Christ-likeness of believers**. (Ephesians 4:13c). One of our main goals is to become like Christ in our thoughts and actions. Study the life of Christ and His earthly ministry to learn how to become more like Him. Our relationship with Him will be revealed in how we live (2 Corinthians 3:18).