



Heart for the House

A House United

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Heart for the House offering will go to:

1. Interior Sound System for the building
2. Existing and new launching prison campuses
3. TV and Radio broadcasts

Two major divisions that the world is wrestling with today:

- Racial division
- Political division

“As a Christian concerned for reconciliation, I thought it was enough that I was not a hater – until I realized I was called to be a healer.” - Pastor Mike Hayes

Matthew 24:7a (NKJ) *“For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom...”*

Matthew 24:10 (NKJ) *“And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.”*

John 18:36 (NKJ) *Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.”*

Two Kingdoms:

1. The Kingdom of the world
2. The Kingdom of God

Luke 11:17 (NCV) *But knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom that is divided against itself will be destroyed. And a family that is divided against itself will not continue.”*

PREJUDICE: pre-conceived opinion or judgment that is formed against another person that is unfavorable, unreasonable and unjustified; genuine disregard for another person’s rights.

7 Primary Areas Of Prejudice:

1. Family Prejudice
2. Friends Prejudice
3. Economic Prejudice
4. Media Prejudice
5. Church Prejudice
6. Political Prejudice
7. Race Prejudice

“When you care about someone, you're never content to simply make your point.” – Pastor Andy Stanley
Philippians 2:1-5 (AMP 2015) *Therefore if there is any encouragement and comfort in Christ [as there certainly is in abundance], if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship [that we share] in the Spirit, if [there is] any [great depth of] affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, having the same [a]love [toward one another], knit together in spirit, intent on one purpose [and living a life that reflects your faith and spreads the gospel—the good news regarding salvation through faith in Christ]. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit [through factional motives, or strife], but with [an attitude of] humility [being neither arrogant nor self-righteous], regard others as more important than yourselves. Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this same attitude in yourselves which was in Christ Jesus [look to Him as your example in selfless humility],*

Genesis 11:6-7 (NKJ) *And the Lord said, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.”*

James 3:14, 16 (KJV) *“But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.”*

James 3:14/16 (Rick Renner Translation) *“For where there is a fierce desire to promote one’s own ideas and convictions to the exclusion of everyone else’s, it produces divisions so great that people end up taking sides and forming differing parties with conflicting agendas. This is a terrible event, because it creates great unrest among people who should be united. Ultimately, the whole situation becomes a stinking mess!”*

Psalms 89:14 (NKJ) *Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.*

The entire government of God is summed up in two words:

1. Righteousness
2. Justice

Psalms 97:2 (NKJ) *Clouds and darkness surround Him; RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE are the foundation of His throne.*

Isaiah 28:16-17a (NLT) *Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: “Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken. I will test you with the measuring line of JUSTICE and the plumb line of RIGHTEOUSNESS...”*

Righteousness: living right; conforming to a moral code of conduct prescribed by God’s Word

Justice: doing right; correcting the injustices of society; defending the poor and marginalized

How do we bring healing within the Church?

1. Go back to the cross.

Ephesians 2:14-16 (NIV) *For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.*

2. See people through the lens of grace instead of race.

Galatians 3:26-29 (NKJ) *For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Acts 17:26 (NKJV) *"And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,"*

Revelations 5:9 (NLT) *Jesus' blood has "ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."*

Galatians 5:14 (NLT) *For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*

3. Practice the heart of serving one another.

John 13:14-17 (NLT) *"And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them."*

The "One Another" Principle:

John 13:34-35 (ERV) *"I give you a new command: Love each other. You must love each other just as I loved you. 35 All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other."*

The Challenge:

1. Seek to understand rather than be understood.
2. Let the Word be your standard for living and loving.
3. Trade your world influenced identity for a Christ influenced identity.