

BRADY LANE LEDGER

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Brady Lane Church

Believing-Living-Connecting

THE BIG THREE!

Game Night

Friday August 28th, from 6:30 to 8pm we are hosting a game night. Bring your favorite games and favorite snacks and join us in some game night fun!

Upcoming Events/Schedule



September 27 - LAUNCH OF HOME POINTE! More to come!

September 8 & 9 - Good Shepherd Learning Center begins classes.

FAMILY SUNDAY - AUG 30



On August 30th we will be having a Family Sunday, where our families will worship together in the sanctuary all elementary age students on up (k-12) will be in the adult worship service. There will still be preschool and nursery classes provided at the 11am service. We also will be having a special worship service music wise as it is a fifth Sunday! Don't miss it!

What Makes a Sanctuary Holy?

By Jeff Keller

It has been several months now since we finished the remodel of the sanctuary at Brady Lane Church. We started back in 2019 with new lighting in the room, followed by fresh paint, new carpeting, and new seating. New technology was also installed to run the lighting system and soon thanks to a grant from the Center for Congregations, we will have new technology for our Audio Visual System as well, to include new TV Screens that will be placed at the front of the room on either side of the stage so that we can uncover the Cross/Baptistry area.

All of these things were items that came from our last Vision Casting, done in 2017. There were a few other items, like remodeling the communion kitchen in the front of the sanctuary to accommodate fellowship dinners. We have put that part of the plan on hold due to lack of commitment and support and will revisit the concept in our next vision casting to see if that is something God is still leading us toward or if there is something else he has for us to do.

Many folks have been worried about different things with this remodel - like would the organ be removed, what will happen with the communion table, are we causing the sanctuary by making it multipurpose to lose its holiness?

It's that last question that I want to address today in this article, and hopefully bring some clarity to the purpose of the sanctuary and some clarity as to what makes it a holy place. The first thing I want to address is that the sanctuary at Brady Lane Church - and any other church for that matter is only holy because God meets us there. The carpet doesn't make it holy. The decor doesn't make it holy. The organ and piano don't make it holy. Hang on for this next one. The communion table doesn't make it holy nor does the communion emblems. This one will be the hardest pill to swallow...folks...The cross on the wall doesn't make it holy.

What makes this meeting place holy is God presiding over his church gathered together to worship Him, serve Him, and love each other in fellowship together. That is what makes the ground we stand on holy ground.

With that being said...the parking lot is also holy ground. The floors within the four walls of your home is also holy ground. The places you go for work, recreation, play, and family gatherings should also be holy Ground. Because wherever the body of Christ goes we should be worshipping

Let God be the Judge

By **Larry Guido**

Young Anthony was ending his prayers before leaving for school. "And, finally, God, thank You for this beautiful day that You have given us. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

"But, Anthony," protested his mother, "this is not going to be a beautiful day. Large thunderstorms are approaching."

"I know, Mom," replied Anthony. "Never judge a day by its weather," he said as he ran out the door.

The Psalmist proclaimed, "This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!"

Sometimes when we get halfway through a day, we feel that there is nothing to rejoice about or to be thankful for. Our problems mount, and their solutions evade us. Our plans are interrupted by meaningless demands that make no sense at all. Our decisions seem to be wrong, no matter how hard we tried to get them right. Our sorrow overwhelms us, and our guilt appears beyond God's forgiveness. What then? Rejoice? Makes no sense to most people.

But, according to the Psalmist, that's the best thing we can do. When we read the Psalms carefully and allow God to speak to us clearly, we will discover that the authors were open and honest with God about their difficulties. And, when they talked to God sincerely, by the time they came to the close of their prayers, they ended them by giving Him praise. Give Him facts. He'll help!

Prayer: *Thank You, God, for always being with us in all of our difficulties. Help us to know and hear Your voice and then accept Your grace as a solution to our problems. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

Scripture For Today: This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24-28



God with our entire lives, serving Him with our entire hearts, and loving each other more than ourselves.

Holiness has never been contained in a space, in a building, in a room. Even in the Temple in Israel, while the people looked upon the Temple as a holy place Jesus taught that God is everywhere we go because we are His and we are meant to live in holiness. While the Temple was modeled after the worship we will experience in heaven, and our modern sanctuaries are built and adorned with traditions that we view as necessary - the truth is all of it is a poor copy, a shadow, of the glory that is to come.

The writer of Hebrews put it like this in chapter 8:

Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being. 3 Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer. 4 If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already priests who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. 5 They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." 6 But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.

Hebrews 8:1-6

And remember what Jesus told the woman at the well:

19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

John 4:19-24

My point in all of this is simple. What makes that space special and holy for worship will always be there regardless of what it looks like or what kind of furniture is present or what kind of instruments are used. It will still be holy when it is being used for ministry. It will still be holy when it is used for fellowship. Because what makes it holy is us honoring God with our lives!