

At a Glance



Welcome to
the Barn!

Please read through
this brief brochure
as we trust God
for our gathering
together.



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We want to welcome you to God's house, a place we call home. It is our earnest prayer that you will sense Christ in our midst and be refreshed by His Presence. We hope this quick "glance" will help you better understand our gatherings.

Christ, the head

We are a small part of the body of Christ endeavoring to allow Jesus to be the head over this body. We find when this happens He has opportunity to reveal His "mind" to us corporately. You may notice that there is not a planned format as such. Each committed family is encouraged to come with hearts prepared with what Christ has given them to offer as it seems "right" before the Lord.

Our Meetings

We trust for our meetings to be organic and spontaneously led of the Lord. Our desire is to meet until we feel the heart of God is satisfied. Because of this, we have no distinct ending time. On average our meetings may last anywhere from two to three hours.

Come and see

When Phillip wanted his good friend, Nathaniel, to meet Jesus he invited him to, "come and see." Rather than trying to explain our meetings, like Phillip, we invite you to, "come and see." *Testimonies are welcome, but we ask that what are traditionally called "sign gifts" be held in check, as you observe how the Spirit operates in the house. Thank you for your cooperation as we corporately seek His mind.*

Spiritual Signs & Symbols

For several years, we have experienced the Holy Spirit using different signs and symbols to express spiritual truths to this body, such as:

Children in the meetings

A sign is something that is read to convey a message. Isaiah said, *Here am I, and the children the LORD has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel.* The children at the Barn are a very vital part of our meetings and the life of the church. They are also a "sign" and a barometer of the Spirit in the House. Under the supervision of their parents the children are encouraged to participate as the Holy Spirit leads. In an effort to honor the Lord in our midst, we ask that you please keep your children still and avoid restless noise or activity. We also ask that you only visit the restroom, if absolutely necessary. Please have younger children accompanied by an adult. Thanks.

Ezekiel Sticks

You may see people holding "Ezekiel Sticks" during our meetings. The Lord has used these sticks at home and around the world to bring comfort and encouragement, especially to those who are suffering. Ezekiel 37 will give you more of an explanation or simply ask someone to tell you more about this ministry.

Water Basins

There are two green water basins on either side of the wooden altar in the front of the barn. Different ones may feel led to wash their hands as a point of expression. It symbolizes coming before the Lord with clean hands and a pure heart (Ps. 24:4).

Nursing Room

We have a nursing/crying room where mothers are encouraged to take care of the needs of their children. The nursing room is located on the other side of the stairway, just follow the signs.

Periods of Silence

There was silence in heaven for about half an hour. Rev 8:1(b) At times, the Holy Spirit has led us into extended periods of silence during our gatherings. These times have become both refreshing and healing as the Presence of Christ ministers through the silence. We also understand that to those who are not accustomed to silence in meetings, it may seem a little awkward and appear as if we don't know what to do next.

Tithes and offerings

There is an offering box on the back table in which to put tithes and offerings. Please make checks payable to: Hand to the Plow Ministries. All checks are tax-deductible.

History, Meetings and More

If you feel the Holy Spirit is drawing you to the Church at the Barn, we have a brochure for you to read entitled *History, Meetings and More*. This will give you a basic overview of the Barn and direct you on the next step to take if you feel

Ranch Equipment

****Caution****

The barn (building) is a multi-functional building used to help facilitate the *UP Ranch* on whose property it is located. Ranch equipment and storage space is used to facilitate the ongoing needs of the cattle and livestock. *Please do not allow your children to play on or near the ranch equipment. Thanks.*