

“We Are A Blessed Church” – Karl Jones

Intro: The Burleson church family is a special and good place and has been for a long time! What makes this such a unique and special church? After 38 years, here is what I believe are some of the primary reasons why Burleson is such a great place to be.

I. A History of Solid, Good Leadership.

1. The Old Testament is a manual on the _____ of _____.
2. For many decades this church has been blessed with wise, spiritually mature _____. Some examples:
 - A.) In May of 1941 the total offering for the month was \$39.35 and the total expenses for the month were \$38.34, leaving a positive balance of \$1.01. Of the \$38.34 spent, \$3.88 was sent to an orphans home. That amount was right at ____ % of _____ given.
 - B.) In the mid 1960's this church outgrew its building, and the decision was made to relocate and build a new facility. The new building was designed for _____.
 - C.) In 1988 it was discovered that the one fully supported foreign missionary was actually “running off” more people than he was “bringing in.” The response of the Eldership was not to suspend missions but to ask, “What are ____ doing _____?” How can ____ do mission work _____?”
 - D.) In 1998 the leadership did a church growth evaluation, and it was an uncomfortable experience but led to _____.
 - E.) In 2002 we began our *Day of Thanks and Giving* to help us achieve this new facility. Then in 2014, the decision was made to _____ that was given!

II. The People Who Are the Burleson Church.

1. This church is made up of people who _____ and _____.
 - A.) This is a _____!
 - B.) This is a church where the spirit of _____ and _____ prevail.
2. There have been a number of _____ of the _____ who have walked alongside us through the years.
 - A.) These leave us with a legacy of _____, _____, and _____.
3. And today, this church is full of people with _____, _____, _____, and _____.

III. The Goodness of God.

1. Let us always look to God and His goodness and give _____, _____, and _____ to God for His goodness to us.
2. God is good. What is sad is how many limit or forfeit God's goodness in their lives because they are not _____, _____, or _____. Whatever you do, don't shut out God and His goodness in _____!