

# The Call Of The Church

## 1 Peter 2:5

### What can we do together? What is OUR call?

Honey bees are social insects, which means that they live together in large, well-organized family groups. Social insects are highly evolved insects that engage in a variety of complex tasks not practiced by the multitude of solitary insects. Communication, complex nest construction, environmental control, defense, and division of the labor are just some of the behaviors that honey bees have developed to exist successfully in social colonies.

A honey bee colony typically consists of three kinds of adult bees: workers, drones, and a queen. Several thousand worker bees cooperate in nest building, food collection, and brood rearing. Each member has a definite task to perform, related to its adult age. But surviving and reproducing take the combined efforts of the entire colony. Individual bees (workers, drones, and queens) cannot survive without the support of the colony.

Workers are the smallest and constitute the majority of bees occupying the colony. They are sexually undeveloped females and under normal hive conditions do not lay eggs. Workers have specialized structures such as scent glands, wax glands, and pollen baskets, which allow them to perform all the labors of the hive. They clean and polish the cells, feed the brood, care for the queen, remove debris, handle incoming nectar, build beeswax combs, guard the entrance, and air-condition and ventilate the hive during their initial few weeks as adults. Later as field bees they forage for nectar, pollen, water, and propolis (plant sap).

**1 Peter 2:5** You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

God has always been a Creator... creating. And He is building something spectacular! A Church!

### **Living Stones. Living things GROW.**

- Sit under the preached Word
- Get involved in Community Groups
- Meet with someone in smaller environment
- We grow in maturity and depth; we grow in numbers!

**This church is individuals--and it is a people--a group of priests. We do this together!**

**Proverbs 18:1** Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment

- These priests are different, have value in themselves... but whoa, what they can do together!
- A stone can do a few things... but a bunch of stones can be made into a well... or a wall... or a fortress... or a house. God is building a spiritual house. No stone can do those things on their own. The stone can't be COMPLETE on it's own.
- Everyone giving
- Everyone serving in their lane
- Families-- Where is your giving? Where are you planted? Where are you growing? Where are you serving?

**This thing God is building...this spiritual house...has a MISSION.**

- Tim Dearborn -- "It is insufficient to proclaim that the Church of God has a mission in the world. Rather, the God of mission has a Church in the world."
- Offer spiritual sacrifices. We worship...and tell others that THEY might worship!

**Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

- Jerusalem -- Harlingen - LeMoyne Gardens
- Judea -- Valley
- Samaria -- TX, US
- End of the earth -- Everywhere that God created!
- Bus Ministry... expanded children/youth programs... continued outreach to LeMoyne and other key neighborhoods. Planting other campuses/churches.

Recap

- God is building something
- There is an individual piece and a together piece
- His church has a mission