

International House of Prayer of Greater Fort Wayne

...a day and night , city-wide, multi-church prayer and worship ministry

You Are God's Resting Place

“The soul is like an uninhabited world that comes to life only when God lays His head against us.”

Thomas Aquinas

It is an amazing thing to consider the fact that the God of the universe, the Spirit of Jesus Christ Himself, resides in those who love Him. He makes His dwelling place with those who have accepted Him as their Savior, as their Beloved. He dwelt for a short time in human history within a temple made by hands, but He had built His favorite home at the beginning of time. His home is the human frame. When we consider the truth of this, we must understand that the substance of the human frame matters. It has always been God's intention that He would live, love, and work through your human vessel. He is the life that is coursing through your body. He is what gives purpose and direction to your existence. He has asked the question, where is the resting place you will create for me? What does a resting place look like? It certainly is not rife with internal traffic and chaos although He does not abandon us in the midst of that turmoil. But because of your love for Him, you want to make a resting place that is actually restful. Have you considered what it means to be at peace in your inner man? To provide a place for the Godhead that is full of beauty and where worship is ringing through the hallways of your inner thoughts? Staying intimately connected to His heart is how that happens. Look at the story in 2 Kings 4 of how the couple made a room that was comfortable for the prophet of God, out of concern for him. Elisha the prophet then came to stay with them anytime he was nearby their home and he also brought great blessing to the home. Likewise, it is true that when we prepare our 'home' for the Lord God He will come and stay with us and great blessing will come to our 'home' because He resides with us. The blessing that comes from having the very person of peace and joy and every good thing living inside of your being. You, friend, are the residence of the Most High God. He dwells with you. He has made you His favorite address. Would it be that you would delight in creating a resting place for Him that is clean and pure, full of light and worship, prepared for the King of the universe to enjoy? Not out of obligation or duty but out of the joy of preparing a place your Father to rest.

“Yet that doesn't mean that Most High God lives in a building made by carpenters and masons. The prophet Isaiah put it well when he wrote, “Heaven is my throne room; I rest my feet on earth. So what kind of house will you build me?” says God. “Where I can get away and relax? It's already built, and I built it.” Acts 7:48-50 (MSG)

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Yes, Christ in you bringing with him the hope of all glorious things to come. Col 1:27b, JB Phillips



Ongoing partnership with the people of San Pablo Tacho Chico, El Salvador
 Our team recently returned from ten days in El Salvador. The money raised was close to \$10,000. In the past two years the country has been ravaged by the pandemic and most recently, the area that we partner with, was devastated by a flood. Again, some of the monies went to help with funeral costs of local loved ones and with building up of homes but, the majority went to provide food and planting needs for over 52 families creating a much needed and often critical safety net for these families for the upcoming year.



Once again, a partnership with some ladies from Denise's mother's sewing group provided dresses as well as shorts and shirts for a large number of the children. The report of their excitement upon receiving these items was heartwarming. Pastor Luis also took some adult clothing to be distributed. Dan and Angie rounded out the team that went, offering much needed support. We continue to have hearts of gratitude for this organic relationship. It is beautiful to witness how people respond to being loved and valued thus turning towards our good Father. Thank you to so many of you who reached out in love to the poor and needy of this community in El Salvador. Beauty and love in action!

**Announcing IHOP Fort Wayne
 Children's Equipping Camp
 Register Soon—Limited spots available**

When: June 20-23, 2022

Where: Stillwater Retreat, Yoder, IN

Who: Children ages 8-16+

Contact: Debi Shinn @ 260-485-3182 or debishinn@yahoo.com to reserve your spot.



Our summer camp has always been a time where we come together to enjoy sharing God's heart through worship, the word, teaching, prayer, fellowship, fun, and being out in nature. This will be our 17th and final year for IHOP FW Children's camp. We have had the privilege of not only working with great staff and loving on some amazing kids, but we have also grown through our partnership with one another and with Holy Spirit. We want to finish well and with intentionality. If you have been thinking about sending your children to this time together, don't miss this opportunity. We would love to have them. We are very thankful for all we've experienced at camp and with great anticipation we look forward, to what God has in store for us this year. Registration is open!

Note: For those of you who would like to sponsor a camper send check to IHOP FW with note in the memo line: camp.

With gratitude and integrity we steward your gifts. Thank you for partnering with the mission the Lord has given us in this hour as we partner with Him in His kingdom purposes.

Please make your **tax deductible** contribution to:

**IHOP Fort Wayne
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Ben and Denise, Please agree with us over these prayer needs for the next month...

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