



Sanctuary

YOU ARE AWESOME, O
GOD, IN YOUR
SANCTUARY; THE GOD
OF ISRAEL GIVES
POWER AND STRENGTH
TO HIS PEOPLE. PRAISE
BE TO GOD!

- PSALMS 68:35

Welcome to
Sierra Community Church

My Part in the Church



Everything I need to know,



I learned from Noah's Ark...

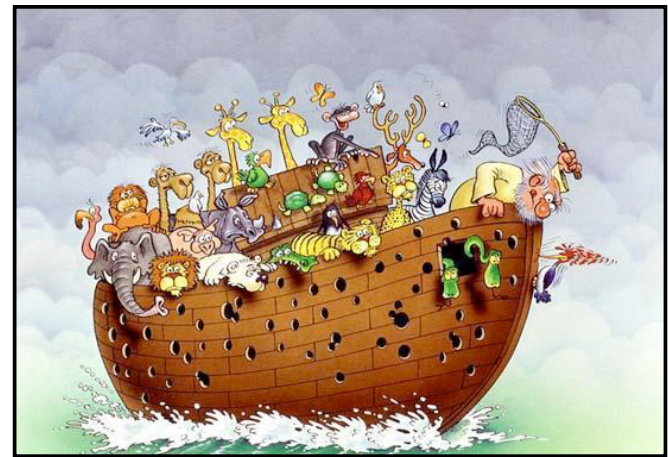
***Everything I need to know,
I learned from Noah's Ark...***

One: Don't miss the boat.



***Everything I need to know,
I learned from Noah's Ark...***

**Two: Remember that we
are all in the same boat.**



***Everything I need to know,
I learned from Noah's Ark...***

**Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining
when Noah built the Ark.**



***Everything I need to know,
I learned from Noah's Ark...***

**Four: Stay fit. When you're 70 years old,
someone may ask you to do something
REALLY BIG...**



***Everything I need to know,
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**Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on
with the job that needs to be done.**



***Everything I need to know,
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**Six: Build your future on high
ground.**



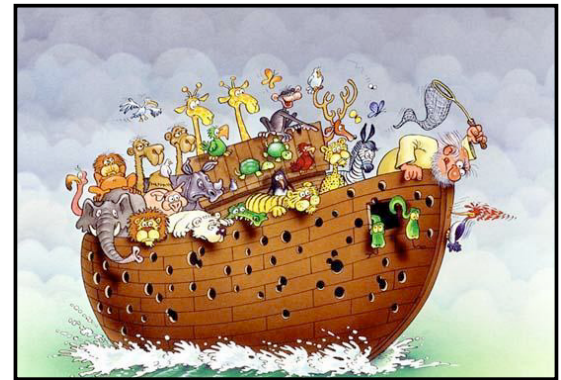
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**Seven: For safety's sake, travel
in pairs.**



***Everything I need to know,
I learned from Noah's Ark...***

**Eight: Remember, the Ark was built
by amateurs; the Titanic
by professionals.**



***Everything I need to know,
I learned from Noah's Ark...***

**Nine: When you're stressed,
float a while.**



***Everything I need to know,
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**Ten: The Church is like Noah's
Ark - It may stink inside but if
you jump off you'll drown!**



Meet His Family

My Part

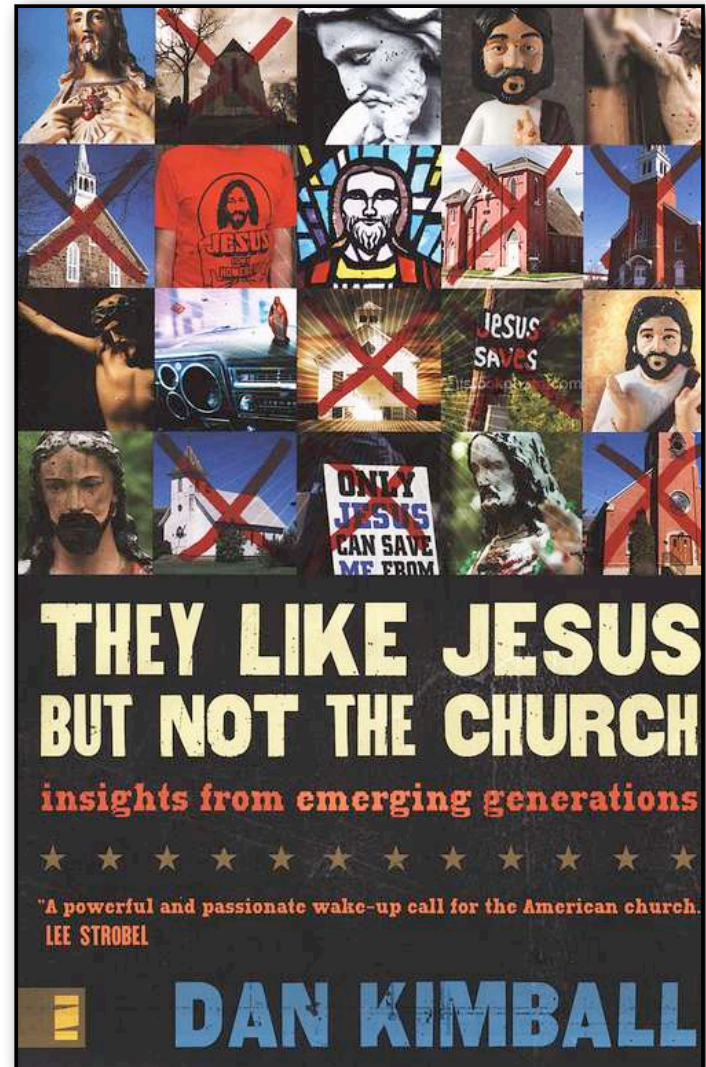


Meet Her Family

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**THEY LIKE JESUS
BUT NOT THE
CHURCH**



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Opinion

A gated community in the evangelical world

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By D. Michael Lindsay

President Bush is Public Evangelical No. 1. His presidency is the capstone of evangelicals' 30-year rise from the margins of society to the halls of power. But while the president has gone to great lengths to testify publicly to his faith, he often doesn't do the one thing that defines most evangelicals — [go to church](#). He [attends chapel](#) at Camp David and other special services, but the president rarely can be found in a congregation on Sunday morning. (In contrast, Presidents Carter and Clinton both attended services in Washington during their tenures.)

Surprised? When most of us think of devout evangelicals, we think of people who attend church regularly and are active in their local congregations. Yet many of the most prominent evangelicals do neither. They regularly attend Bible studies and religious gatherings, including last week's [National Prayer Breakfast](#) in Washington, but many can't be found in the pews on Sunday.

I spent the past five years interviewing some of the country's top leaders — two U.S. presidents (George H.W. Bush and Carter), 100 CEOs and senior business executives, Hollywood icons, celebrated artists and world-class athletes. All were chosen because of their widely known faith. Yet I was shocked to find that [more than half — 60% —](#) had low level commitment to their denominations and congregations. Some were members in name or others had actively disengaged from church life.

[David Kuo](#), an outspoken Christian in politics who served as a senior White House official from 2001 to 2003, has called [St. Louis Family Church](#) his "home church" for years. "Despite the fact that he does not currently live in Missouri, nor has he even stepped foot in any church where the presence of God is simply palpable," says Kuo. He has watched country music star Randy Travis, NFL quarterback Kurt Warner and several other leading evangelicals fly to St. Louis four to six times a year to set aside time for prayer and to hear Pastor Je



Greek: *Church* = ἐκκλησία

ἐκ = out of, from

καλέω = to call

NT 118X = church / assembly

My Part



Acts 2:36-41 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

My Part



Acts 2:42-47 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

My Part



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Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

42And they continued steadfastly... King James Version

42They devoted... New International Version

42They joined with the other believers and devoted... New Living

42They committed themselves... The Message

42They spent their time... New Century Version

My Part



Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves

Apostles Teaching

Fellowship

Breaking of Bread

Prayer

My Part



Community

They studied together

Prayed together

Ate together

They provided for each other

They worshiped together

My Part



Living in Community

COMMUNITY REMINDS ME THAT I
NEED YOU AND YOU NEED ME.

My Part



My Part in Community

Who can you share a **MEAL** with this week?

Who will you **PRAY** with this week?

Who will we **SERVE** this week?

My Part



My Part in the Church

