

Q90 In a few sentences, tell about an experience you had in the church where you walked away feeling, “Now THAT’S what it means to be the church!”

Answered: 53 Skipped: 36

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The beauty of the holiday services with their beautiful music and singing.	3/6/2023 5:42 PM
2	the contemporary service	3/5/2023 1:18 PM
3	Gathering of a variety of ages and backgrounds sincerely wanting to connect with others. Genuine fellowship. It hadn't been felt in a few years, but I've experienced it a few times in the last year.	3/3/2023 7:20 PM
4	When I look at the wide variety of ways the church supports the community, I get this feeling.	2/27/2023 3:45 PM
5	The service that was led by the lay members when minister was away. Wonderful words, songs, poems, down to earth feelings.	2/26/2023 10:01 PM
6	ASP and Lenten book study.	2/26/2023 12:32 PM
7	When established members engage in friendly conversation and listening to lively sermons concerning current worldly events and thoughtful lessons on life.	2/26/2023 7:49 AM
8	Sermon that spoke directly to a situation in my life and supported by biblical text references	2/23/2023 3:10 PM
9	Prior to the pandemic, when the church had a contemporary worship service in the carriage house each week, I often left feeling very fulfilled... like the service provided everything I needed. Since the pandemic, and the end of the contemporary service as it used to be, I haven't felt the same in terms of the music and also in terms of the larger service in the sanctuary.	2/19/2023 8:39 PM
10	When a substantial percentage of the church turned out for the first four-day weekend, repairing the carriage house, and again when we painted the trim on Wesley hall	2/16/2023 9:40 PM
11	When I attended an orientation session for our Appalachian Service Project recently, I was particularly struck by the enthusiasm of one of the youth leaders. When I spoke to him afterwards, he said, "I love doing this. I love serving God and other people. ASP has made that work a part of me."	2/15/2023 7:14 PM
12	Connection to God and members	2/13/2023 1:53 PM
13	contemporary worship services. praising God together.	2/13/2023 10:09 AM
14	Engagement with youth services sessions. I can see impact on my own children.	2/11/2023 2:10 PM
15	Regularly after worship I feel blessed to be a part of such a lively and faithful church. The worship, preaching, and music are outstanding. The outreach to the community via Spirit Builders, ASP, and other ministries are also important witnesses in the area. Praise God!	2/7/2023 8:07 PM
16	Response to people in need due to illness Carl's funeral	2/7/2023 12:58 PM
17	Not recently - not at all	2/6/2023 12:45 PM
18	No	2/6/2023 11:53 AM
19	A strong sermon that I remember days later. Doesn't happen very often.	2/5/2023 12:26 PM
20	participation in choir prior to COVID was my preferred mode of worship. I won't go to in person gatherings till Covid is over, so i may never go back	2/3/2023 3:48 PM
21	The hymn sing.	2/3/2023 3:27 PM
22	The Christmas story told by children and young adults	1/31/2023 10:47 PM

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23	Seeing individuals come together, volunteering their time and strengths to make improvements in the church; serving those in need through meals; helping the elderly with rides and meeting their needs; and recognizing being there for each other - this happens all the time at Jess Lee, all done through the Holy Spirit. We are blessed !	1/31/2023 8:58 PM
24	In the last year none. This church needs to start at the top, that includes the Bishop.	1/31/2023 11:45 AM
25	*When I see other congregates helping those now with physical/mental issues during communion, or praying for others in the pews when they recognize they need care. *When others share their stories of how God has touched their lives.	1/31/2023 6:06 AM
26	Every time I go; love the message, love the music, love the people....	1/30/2023 11:28 PM
27	Being encouraged for inspiring others and developing relationships with other church members outside church as a family of God.	1/30/2023 8:04 PM
28	I have had dozens of experiences that have brought me close to God and deepened my love and respect for the members of this Jesse Lee congregation.	1/30/2023 5:12 PM
29	I went to a church that was filled with love and hospitality. Each person I encountered went out of their way to help me and make me feel welcome. They made sure I was comfortable and after all that, they sent me a follow up thank you during the following week!	1/29/2023 4:14 PM
30	I randomly visited a church and I was acknowledged and conversed with in a meaningful way by individuals making me feel comfortable and as if I belong there.	1/29/2023 4:13 PM
31	I many instances of sharing & caring for one another and outreach projects.	1/29/2023 3:22 PM
32	Providing support to each other in times of need in loving manner that demonstrates our faith	1/29/2023 10:16 AM
33	When my children went through confirmation the confirmees in the class ran the church service. Seeing a bunch of young adults lead worship and express their love for God in their own words and works was wonderful.	1/29/2023 6:59 AM
34	My most meaningful experiences in the church is directly helping people in need such as participating with spirit builders building wheelchair ramps	1/28/2023 9:56 AM
35	Many,many...almost all involving a diverse group working well together to meet a goal that benefits none of them.	1/27/2023 9:42 PM
36	Jessee Lee will always be my church of choice	1/27/2023 7:58 PM
37	Prayer ministry; deep conversation with members; beautiful music led by Sarah; small groups; covenant group; Bible study with Deb Ahle; Stephen Ministry (except for the paper work); outreach opportunities; occasionally the sermons; visits and prayers from Pastor Bill	1/27/2023 8:55 AM
38	I feel that constantly.	1/26/2023 5:07 PM
39	friendly,genuine concern for self and family members.	1/24/2023 5:57 PM
40	People who ask where you've been when they haven't seen you in a few weeks	1/24/2023 12:48 PM
41	Small Group meetings and retreats which led to actions. Lenten Study...	1/24/2023 8:05 AM
42	Being involved with Spirit Builders	1/23/2023 5:25 PM
43	ASP	1/23/2023 10:31 AM
44	I recently noticed that a new visitor was a little weepy during end of worship, so afterwards I quickly made my way to her to introduce myself. She shared with me a very deep sorrow, and began to cry. I asked her if I could pray for her and she said yes, and right then, I had a moment of, "God, give me your words, this is overwhelming, I don't know where to start..." And suddenly there was a beloved friend and prayer minister standing beside me, she had been across the Sanctuary earlier. And a joy infused me, God is so cool! We prayed together and cried and hugged. And I thought, thank you, God, for putting the three of us together right when this grieving woman needed You most.	1/23/2023 9:54 AM
45	Big C, Little c meeting in 2022. Being part of a ministry that helps people of all genders, income, beliefs, walks of life. Many times, feeling like the pastor is speaking directly to me during his well prepared, real life sermons.	1/23/2023 9:36 AM

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46	Don't know how to answer that question.	1/22/2023 3:02 PM
47	Small group experiences, when participants are able to be vulnerable, honest, and true. Everyone senses the shift and invites us all to be this way.	1/22/2023 2:46 PM
48	The live music, theatre and people with experience that were chosen to sing and perform	1/22/2023 12:06 PM
49	Last week service was really the best one in a long time 1/14/23	1/22/2023 8:58 AM
50	I feel that way often after we attend Sunday morning services. I love that our pastors' sermons are thought-provoking and challenge us to grow spiritually, that the music in our services is so wonderful and varied, and that we do community/mission projects like Spirit Builders, ASP, and the pumpkin patch. I would love to see more community service/mission work for our youth to get involved in.	1/21/2023 3:58 PM
51	MLK day volunteering when we sewed and made scarves and other useful items across generations. Pastor Maria Pia taught my daughter to sew.	1/21/2023 2:12 PM
52	There been a few times!!	1/21/2023 9:26 AM
53	Several examples of congregants helping one another in times of need. Also many examples of community outreach to help people in need.	1/21/2023 8:15 AM