

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**January 26, 2014**  
**2014 Being a Real Church**  
**Charging the Atmosphere**

**TEXT:** Matt 9:35-38 / Luk 11:33

**A fountain of healing power: Repair, prepare, celebrate!!!!**

**“The Word and the Spirit ...Keepin’ it real!**

2014: **We are now a real church with a sustainable base and a long reach. It is time to impact Tucson.**

**A Real Church:** Without pretense or artifice. It is the people of God striving together to follow God, individually and corporately, through His Word and His Spirit

**We have a plan and process. A real church prays, and bears fruit.**

**We are known by our fruit. Our fruit is not programs, it is people!**

**3 aspects:** We have a unique atmosphere, a houseful of transformed lives, and ministries and places of service that spring from the hearts of the people God put here.

Today: Charging the Atmosphere with Welcome, Word, and Worship.

- ❖ **Welcome!** Come as you are to become what you can be.
  - Come as you are: Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. (Rom 15:7 NLT)
    - You are accepted because of Jesus and nothing else. Eph 1:6
    - If the Pharisees ain’t griping we are doing something wrong. Luke 15:2. (We like to eat!)
  - Making the atmosphere one of genuine welcome is a constant effort:
    - Our Welcome Committee/ Hospitality / Our leadership / our members of the family.
  - God loves us too much to let us stay the way He found us. He will clean us up and use us.
- ❖ **Word:** Church without the Word is a social club
  - FCFT is a Word church: we hold the Scripture in High esteem
    - The Word changes us: Eph 5:25-26 .
    - The Word grows us. 1 Peter 2:2
    - The Word give us faith: Romans 10:17
    - The Word equips us for our work: 2Ti 3:16-17

- How do we practically demonstrate that the Word is esteemed? 2 Tim 4:1-2
  - Bring a Bible. You need to find it in your bible.
  - We provide study notes, not just fill in the blanks. Take it home and look up the scriptures.
  - Our services are full of the Word. If you are not Word-hungry, you are gonna hate it here.
  - We strive to have quality material available in a real Book Store. (Not a gift shop)

❖ **Worship:** Celebrate the goodness of God. John 4:23-24

- Worship Him in Spirit:
  - We welcome the Person and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of our service:
  - The gifts are expected: 1 Cor 14:1, 39-40.
    - We pray and make room for the manifestation the Spirit
    - We have an order for the manifestation of the Spirit
    - We love to sing with the Spirit! 1 Cor 14:14-18
- Worship Him in Truth: *aletheia*: Truth, reality; the unveiled reality lying at the basis of and agreeing with an appearance; the manifested, the veritable essence of matter. (Zodhiates). Note Jn 1:17 / Jn 8:31
  - Worship proceeds from the heart of the worshipper.
  - Ps 150 do it with all you got!
    - ◆ Sing!!! It ain’t a concert.
    - ◆ Shout! Psa 100:1/ Ps 66:1 / 95:1-2
    - ◆ With the hands: Ps 63:4 /28:2 / 119:48 / 1 Timothy 2:8 / Ps 47:1
    - ◆ Kneeling: Psalm 95:6 / Ephesians 3:14
    - ◆ Prostration: Revelation 1:17 and many others
    - ◆ Standing Ps 135:2 / Psalm 134:1
    - ◆ Dancing, leaping 2 Samuel 6:14 / Heb 12:22 / Ps 30:11 / 149:3 / Acts 3:8
    - ◆ Quiet reverence: Ps 92:3 / Hab 2:20 / Zech 2:13

**Expectancy is the atmosphere for miracles.**

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