

What is the United House of Prayer?

The United House of Prayer for All People is a church seemingly more concerned with adoration of men rather than adoration for the Lord Jesus. The church was founded by Marcelino Manuel da Graca, also known as Charles Manuel Grace.

The United House of Prayer presently has 145 churches in 29 states. It is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

One Christian blogger who attended a grand opening of one of these churches said:

Tonight, I went to the grand opening of a brand spanking new mortgage free United House of Pray for All People Church on the Rock of the Apostolic Faith...

...I did not go into the new church as a worshipper but as a reporter...I have always heard since a little boy that The United House of Prayer was known for [their] big shout bands [and] parades...

... As I stood outside waiting for the doors to open, the congregation (along with the shout band) was playing regular songs that you would normally here in your traditional Pentecostal services. Oh, but when Daddy Madison (the successor of Daddy Grace) pulled up in his black limo, boy did the crowd go wild (as if Jesus had just arrived).¹

The blogger goes on to tell a story of worshippers focused on their leader not God. At the service one stated:

“Jesus prayed for another comforter and that comforter was there leader Daddy Grace...”

No true shepherd would allow worship of himself (Mt 24:4-5, 24). It is the Holy Spirit who was sent (Joh 2:28–32) for the Christian as his comforter (Ac 9:31) and helper (Jn 14:16, 26).

Worshippers danced to lively music--and while dancing is appropriate if for the Lord--David danced and praised God unashamedly after all (2 Sa 6:14); their dance appeared man-centered rather than Christ-centered (Mt 15:8-9).

God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (Jn 4:24). Charismatic leaders should point to Christ rather than to themselves. John the Baptist said, “He must increase, but I must decrease (Jn 3:30).”

¹ Apostolic Oneness Pentecostals | Cult of the Year Award, 6 Aug 17:
<https://apostoliconenesspentecostals.wordpress.com/2007/10/03/cult-of-the-year-award-the-united-house-of-prayer-for-all-people/>