

The Goodness of Unity

King David sang praise to the blessedness of brethren dwelling together in unity (Psa. 133). Although turmoil and strife ebbed and flowed during David's long reign, the kingdom remained united, prosperous, and more than able to defend itself against outside enemies. The major challenges during David's reign were not brought by outside enemies, but by unrest and agitation within the kingdom, even from within David's own family. David knew from firsthand experience that there is nothing better than a family at peace, and there is hardly anything more prone to grief than a family that is in conflict. When Israel divided, it was because of turmoil within (1 Kng. 12).

The church, also known as the kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13) and the household of God (Eph. 2:19), is not immune to influences which strain relationships. Much of the epistles were written to provide solutions for problems which were current in the church and for prevention of those yet future. Unity of thought and purpose are stressed for the sake of the survival of congregations (1 Cor. 1:10-13; Phil. 1:27; 3:16), and peace is enjoined as the most noble pursuit (Mat. 5:9; Rom. 12:18; 1 Pet. 3:11). The reason is simple: like Israel of old, the church is in more threatened by trouble within than it is from dangers without. The admonition reflected in the title above is couched between two interesting statements (1 Thess. 5:12-14). The first calls for recognition of and respect for faithful leaders in the Lord's work. The second calls for perception of and warning for those who are unruly. The ability to tell the difference between those who are faithful and those who are not, and the spiritual maturity to respect the one and rebuke the other, are necessities for being at peace. Today's twisted thinking too often gets it backward: the faithful are ridiculed for their "narrowness" and the unruly are lauded for their "tolerance." Problems in the church never arise from upholding the truth. They arise when truth is rejected (Phil 3:16-19). Let's put the blame where it lies. Faithful Christianity will never be fully at peace with a world that serves another god (2 Cor. 4:4), but we can, and must, be at peace among ourselves.

– Randy



Church of Christ

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Sunday	10:00 AM	Bible Study (for all ages)
	10:45 AM	Worship Assembly
	6:00 PM	Song Worship
	6:30 PM	Worship Assembly
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Study

Elders: Tom Seigworth, Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth
Preacher: Randy Matheny

Sunday, April 8th, 2018

Serving Today

Announcer:	Doug
Song Leader:	Allan
1 st Prayer:	Dick
Table:	Scott
Serving:	Chris, Gary, Chuck, Rod, sub: Don
2 nd Prayer:	Dave H.
Scripture:	Don - 1 Peter 2:4-10
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	David N.

Serving Tonight

Announcer:	Doug
Song Leader:	Dave H.
1 st Prayer:	Rod
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Don

Wednesday Night Song Leaders

4/4 - Dave H.
4/11 - Allan
4/18 - Rod
4/25 - Dick

♥ Those to remember:

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| Al Emery | Jack Wyatt |
| Ken Thomas | Jim Metts |
| Irene Schmidt | Milly Park |
| Shawn Simpson – hip cancer | Paul and Linda Smith |
| Tom and May Seigworth | Rod Thomas |
| Kevin Hughes | Betty Hughes |
| Norma Thomas | June Rhines |
| Linda Reichart | Adam Neill |
| Florence Homolek | Waylan Whitten |
| Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer | |
| Landon Fawcett – Paul Smith’s grandson | |



“Pray without ceasing” - I Thess. 5:17

Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- The next Ladies’ Bible class will be tomorrow, April 9th from 6:30 – 8:00 at Allison Park’s home. Her address is 218 Madison Ave. There is parking behind her apartment. All ladies are invited to attend. There will be encouraging fellowship and yummy treats.
- The next care package project will be providing items for participants of Cross Roads. A list of items needed will be posted on the bulletin board, or you can check with Pam. The items will be assembled April 15 @ 2:00. All are invited to help!
- There will be a fellowship meal following morning services on Sunday, the 29th. This will be the start of our gospel meeting and a perfect opportunity to invite friends and family to hear Mr. Franklin.

- Warren is having a Gospel meeting beginning today. There will be a group going up if you’d like to ride with someone.
- There are many invitations to area congregational activities. They are posted on the back bulletin board if you would like more information.
- The Gospel meeting here at Brookville begins April 29th and continues through May 3rd with Mr. Willie Franklin. There are flyers containing his lesson topics in the foyer to give out. There is a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board for having Mr. Franklin for meals.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 4/8 – Judson Burley
- 4/9 – Becky and Craig Griffin
- 4/11 – Bev Mumford

Memory Verses of the Week:

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Bible Question of the Week:

How many brothers of Jesus are given in scripture and what were their names?

Last Week’s Question and Answer:

Which man gave a parable about trees looking for a king?

Jotham, Judges 9:7-15
