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*...keep the
unity of the
Spirit in the
bond of peace*

EPHESIANS 4:3

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Harmony Is Hard Work

Christ prayed for unity among His followers (John 17:20-21); however, as with many other requests made to the Father, there is a part each Christian must play in order to make this unity a reality. Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:3 that all Christians are to be “endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Disunity has always been a problem to mankind since the very beginning. Discord exists among individuals, couples, families, organizations, nations, and even churches. This is because each man has his own opinions. In the church we must be willing to sacrifice opinions and stick with matters of faith taught in God’s word to have unity.

The unity Paul told the Ephesians to endeavor to maintain is the unity of the Spirit. Christians are led by teachings of the Holy Spirit, captured for us in the writings that comprise the New Testament, which serve as a basis for unity. Consider how the seven ones of Ephesians 4:4-6 illustrate this singularity. Christians would be just as willing to accept more than one God as to accept more than one faith or more than one baptism. The charge to give effort to have and maintain unity among the called in Christ in the letter of Ephesians comes after Paul had mentioned the wall of partition that had existed between Jews and Gentiles, a barrier that had been broken down by the blood of Christ (Eph. 2:11-19). This uniting of Jews and Gentiles into one body was part of God’s plan from the foundation of the world (Eph. 2:16; 3:6, 11). It is hard for us today to comprehend how different Jews and Gentiles were in the first century and the enmity that had festered among them for centuries. Isaiah prophesied that bringing these two groups together to have peace in the church would be like getting wolves and sheep, leopards and goats, or lions and cows to dwell peacefully together (Isa. 11:6). While this seemed impossible, God did this in the first-century church. Jews and Gentiles were reconciled together to Him in the body of Christ (Eph. 2:16).

But this partnership did not just happen easily. The endeavor for unity in Ephesians 4:3 follows the instruction of Ephesians 4:2; that Christians are to be characterized, “with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love.” Pride is an enemy of unity. Contrariwise, patience is so essential to peace. When I recognize that others have to put up with me, then I can more easily put up with others. The bottom line is that Christians must love each other. This is not always easy, but the results are worth it.

Partiality based on how much money a person possesses is a temptation that must be avoided in the church (James 2:1-8). The church, instead of being divided into different cliques, ought to be one harmonious community (Acts 2:46). Even good men like Peter and Barnabas had trouble with showing partiality because of social pressures (Gal. 2:11-13). Paul loved them enough to speak up before everyone, and they loved their brethren enough to repent and not hold a grudge against Paul (Gal. 2:14). Individuals in the church cannot remain at odds if unity is to exist. Even in private cases, unlike that of Peter’s partiality, confrontation is necessary to deal with a sin between two brothers or it will affect the entire church (Mt. 18:15-20; cf. Phil. 4:2).

Based on God’s word, the more unity exists in the Flatwoods church, the more blessings will follow. Are you willing to work and pray to make it a reality? -Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- "Love, Pure and Simple"
 PM- guest speaker: David Roach from
 the Ceredo church of Christ

2017 Dates to Remember

- Feb 19**- elders/deacons/preachers-annex-4:30p
Feb 21- Prime-timers- annex- 10a
Feb 24- ladies luncheon-12:30p-Shooters (US60)
Feb 28- Prime-timers- annex- 10a
Mar 7- Prime-timers- annex- 10a
Mar 14- Prime-timers- annex- 10a
Mar 19- elders/deacons/preachers-annex-4:30p
Mar 21- Prime-timers- annex- 10a
Mar 26-Potluck- noon- annex
Mar 26-29- Revival with David Lipe-
 'Assurance In The Age of Skepticism'
Mar 27-29- Bible Study with David Lipe- 10a
Apr 4- Prime-timers- annex- 10a
Apr 10- Potluck
May 13- workday Saturday 8a & barbeque
 between 11a-12:00p
Jun 14- Coffee, tea, & cakes -annex- 8p
Jul 2-8- Ft. Hill Youth Camp week
Jul 15- Church Picnic- on grounds-5p
Jul 24-28- Vacation Bible School here
Aug 6- Ice Cream/dessert night- annex- 7p
Sep 15-16- Marriage Seminar with Alan Cole
Sep 23-Cookout & singing @ the Scotts- time
 TBD later
Oct 28- Trunk O Treats & Chili supper- 7p
Nov 4- Ladies Day with Sheila Butt- 8:30a
Nov 5- Bring A Friend Day & Potluck

Gauging Our Faith

	02/12/17	Goal	02/14/16
Bible Study	100	110	99
AM Worship	147	160	133
PM Worship	90	110	45
Mid Week	93	110	85
Contribution:	\$6260.21	\$5600.00	\$5501.60

March Revival

Please, begin to invite your friends and neighbors to our upcoming Revival with David Lipe. It will be March 26-29 at 9:45am, 10:45am, and 6pm on Sunday, 7pm Mon.-Wed., & 10am Bible studies Mon.-Wed. We have flyers, small handouts and business cards to use with your invitation. These are available in the church office right now.

Directory Photos

Katie Smith will be taking pictures for our photo directories over the next several Sundays after morning worship. Please, update your photo.

Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meet

This group will meet today at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

Ladies Luncheon 2/26

All ladies of the church are invited to the monthly luncheon at Shooters on US 60 in Ashland. The group will meet at 12:30pm on Friday, the 24th.

Youth Devotional Hosts Needed

Each month we want to have an all youth and parents devotional in the annex or a place of your choosing. These are usually done Sunday following evening worship service on the date of your choosing, but you might choose to have it in the afternoon, and coordinate all with Mark Day. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside Mark Day's office for February through May. See Mark for questions & details.

Prime-timers

Prime-timers meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the annex large classroom. Everyone is encouraged to attend each Tuesday discussion group.

Have you contacted
 a shut-in lately?
 Why not today?



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: David Trimble

PM: Nathan Parks

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Greg Conley

Assisting: J.C. Hughes,
Jordan Conley, Mark Parks,
Nathan Adkins, Michael Perry,
Will Scott, Dan Maynard

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Will Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Parks

PM: Denny Deskins

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: Mark Parks

DEVOTIONAL: Jordan Conley

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Steve Wallace

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: David Castle

Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are a first-time visitor with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with **free tracts and literature**. We also have **Bible correspondence courses** you can sign up to receive by mail at **no cost to you**. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an **in-home Bible study**. Thank you for attending.

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★ **Every Sunday** ★★

Pew Packers

at 5:45pm

in front of the auditorium

**-geared to age 12 & under,
but everyone is welcomed.**

Boys: have a song ready to lead

★★ **Needed** ★★

Youth/Parent Devo Hosts

Feb. - May

**Please, ask your parents
to sign up today!!**

