

Those To Serve

Sunday, June 22, 2025

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Randy Harris

Closing: Bobby Smithee

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Ray England

Closing: Johnny Knabe

Singing: Randy Harris

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Singing: Bill Cline

Devotional: Johnny Knabe

Plan of Salvation

Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

Believe

Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, June 15, 2025

AM 43 PM 33

[Average for the Year]

AM [49] PM [31]

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

36 *[Average for the Year]* [33]

Contribution:

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Actual \$ 2,125.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 56,501.00

[Average] \$ 2,354.21

[+/- Budget] \$ (375.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (3,499.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

The Unity and Fellowship of the Church

Ephesians 4:1-6

The church is of God's design, and its purpose is to glorify Him here on earth. However, if division destroys unity and disrupts fellowship, the purpose of God's church is hindered. This can be seen in the church at Corinth that was divided by so many different things. In this study we want to explore what the New Testament says about the unity and fellowship of the church.

The unity of the church is necessary, and the oneness of the church is required. M.H. Manser in the **Dictionary of Bible Themes** writes: "The church is one in essence, because it is founded on one gospel, united to one Lord and indwelt by one Spirit. Its unity is under constant threat because of the tendency to division that is inherent in fallen humanity, and needs to be continually maintained and actively expressed in

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fellowship." The New Testament teaches that the church is made of many individual members (Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 12:12, 20; Eph. 4:25). In order to achieve this unity, the church must transcend all barriers whether between sexes, races, nationalities, political affiliations, and any other difference that is not a sin (Col. 3:11; Acts 15:8-9; Gal. 3:28). The Godhead is one, and They expect the believers to be one as well (Jn. 17:11; Eph. 4:4-6). Obedient believers are saved to be united in the work of the Godhead (Eph. 2:16-18; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 2:22; 4:3).

I would like to turn our focus to the purpose of the church's unity. Being united will help fulfil the purpose of the church in leading others to Christ (Jn. 17:21, 23). A divided church will be unattractive to a lost world. A divided church will be unable to put forth a united effort in leading the lost to God. A united church will purposely lead believers to maturity that all Christians must have to be saved (Eph. 4:13; 1 Cor. 14:20; Heb. 5:44). A united church will create a church united in purpose (Phil. 2:1-4; 2 Cor. 13:11).

We now turn our attention to how fellowship expresses a church's unity. A united church will express that unity in their mutual fellowship with God (1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Pet. 1:4). A church filled with people who seek to be like God will be united. A united church will express fellowship in being together in the assembly. The early church can serve as a pattern to the importance of assembling (Acts 2:42, 46). Being together will help one another, especially in times of persecution and conflict (Heb. 10:23-25). United fellowship comes when a church shares its resources for the work of the church (Acts 2:44-45; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:2-5). United fellowship helps in times of suffering (Rom. 8:17; 12:15; 2 Cor. 1:7). Finally, a united fellowship aids in shared spiritual blessings. Christianity is an individual religion, but when faithful Christians are united, there will be spiritual blessings as they look forward to the glory that is to come (2 Thess. 2:14; 1 Pet. 5:1).

May God help each member of the body of Christ seek to live for God in such way that there will always be unity in the church.

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Jerry Bowen** will have a cardioversion done on July 1. **Eunice Mize** will have more tests run. **Nancy Duncan** is struggling with her health.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Leota Allen, Robert Barber, Michelle Cupp, Darrell Fulbright, Joy Hutson, Pat and Manda McGough, Dwayne Millikin, Glenda Mitchell, David White, and Anita Yates

Ladies Day Meeting: There will be a ladies day meeting today after the evening service.

Area VBS: The Harrison Street congregation will host a VBS for ages 2-12 on Monday through Friday of this week. See the bulletin board for more details.

Romanian Children: If you are helping with the support of the children of Romania, please give your donation to Tammy Harris.

Children's Home Shopping List: Cooking Spray

Fifth Sunday Potluck: Next Sunday we will have our fifth Sunday potluck after the morning service.

New Directories: The new directories are in a box on the table in the back. Please pick one up to take home.

Encourage Others

Encourage our elders as they lead us by example. Encourage our deacons to labor as faithful servants. Encourage our preachers to only preach the truth. Encourage our ill members as they fight health issues. Encourage our weak members to hold on to our hope. Encourage our strong members that there is work yet to do. Encourage our fallen members to return to the God of their salvation. Encourage each other to strive for unity, work in harmony, worship wholeheartedly, and give God continuous thanks and all the glory!