

July 21, 2022

UNITY

Throughout the Bible there are accounts of singular people who made a tremendous impact on those living in their day and even for the future. Some of these people did monumental things such as building an ark to preserve the land creatures and mankind, or went before Pharaoh and brought forth plagues from God to convince him to release an entire nation of slaves. However, most of the accounts that we find about individuals lived completely normal lives and simply did what anyone would do.

For example, Jonah went and preached to Nineveh saying, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" (Jonah 3:4) Because of his preaching, the people of Nineveh repented and survived 150 years longer. King Josiah was only 8 when he began to reign as king of Judah and by age 26, he was having the temple repaired when Hilkiah the high priest found the Book of the Law. (2 Kings 22:1-8) Upon reading the Book of the Law, Josiah began to implement what he learned. Even though Judah still fell soon after Josiah's death, there was a group who remained faithful to what Josiah had taught even in Babylonian captivity. Because of that teaching, Daniel and his friends remained steadfast. As a matter of fact, Daniel made an impact on many just by praying. Just like Esther saved the Jewish people by talking to the king about Haman's decree. There are people like Andrew, who made an impact by simply bringing his brother, Peter, to Jesus. As you study through the Bible, you can find countless other examples of individuals who were just average people who impacted lives around them by simply obeying God and following what they knew was right. The question that we must ask ourselves is what difference are we making?

Think about this, how much does the unity of the church depend on you? Some may think that it doesn't depend on them very much, but they would be mistaken. The unity of the whole body depends upon every part of that body. Paul says in Ephesians 4:16, "from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." United, the body of Christ can do great things for Him.

Think about your human body and how, when every part is united, you can do great things, but when even one part is not "working" as it should, the "whole" body is affected. The same is true for Christ's body, the church. It is essential that each part work and do its proper share. But, before we can even engage in work, there is something that we must all possess. We actually can find this in the countless examples of individuals who did great things in the Bible. It begins with the proper attitude, and if any part of the body does not possess each of these attitudes, then

the body and its unity is in danger. In Ephesians 4:1, Paul says, "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called." He then goes on to tell us of the essential attitudes that we must have.

Ephesians 4:2 begins by saying that we need to walk with all humility. Humility is essential for unity and this requires us to think less of ourselves as we place others as better than ourselves. As Philippians 2:3 says, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves." What a challenge this is. The next attitude mentioned in verse two is gentleness. This attitude of meekness shows itself through kindness and gentleness to all. Titus 3:2 says, "to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people." It is easy to show courtesy and kindness to people who are kind in return, but this passage tells us that we are to display it to all people. This attitude of gentleness challenges us to be kind and courteous even to those who provoke us to want to "get even" or take revenge on them.

The next attitude we must have in order for the body to have unity is that of patience, or longsuffering. Rather than being short-fused and desiring our own will, we must be slow to anger and to be patient "with joy." (Colossians 1:11) Our patience is supposed to reflect the patience that the Lord gives us! Our worthy walk before the Lord also requires us to bear with one another in love. This attitude of self-restraint is necessary in order for unity to take place. It is the idea of holding back ourselves, even when we are provoked to act out, and to extend patience until the obstacle is overcome. This is what true love in action does.

(1 Corinthians 15:5-7)

If we can practice these four attitudes, they will then lead to us being "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3) Unity will not happen by accident. We must make every effort and it depends on each of us to make every effort to pursue peace and maintain unity among ourselves. Unity of the church depends on you.

Andrew Spivey

Let every one of us commit ourselves to the church of Christ so that we might bring glory to God through His Son, Jesus Christ. For God to be pleased, the church must be committed.
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COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – I Peter 3

Wednesday Read – I Peter 4

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of

1 Peter 1 & 2

1. What should our conduct be like and why?
2. To what does Peter compare Jesus?
3. What names does Peter call Christians?
4. Who are we to submit to, honor, love, and fear?
5. How are we to act when we suffer and have done no wrong?

TUESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER

Youth, Grades 6 and up are encouraged to attend TNT on **Tuesday, August 2nd** beginning at **7:00 PM**. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the auditorium for anyone who would like to help TNT by providing snacks or a light meal. Please sign your name by the date you are willing to provide food.

CLEARVIEW MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, August 13th 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
"Making a Difference" at the Clearview Church of Christ, Cottontown, TN.

NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF PREACHING AND BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Fall 2022 session of Nashville School of Preaching will begin August 22, 2022 and conclude November 17, 2022.

For more information please go to: crievehall.org/grow/nashville-school-of-preaching

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

July 24, 2022

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Lee Boone
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Adam Williamson
Closing Prayer.....Eric Stephenson

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Lee Boone
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Senn
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Brent Smith
Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale

WEDNESDAY

July 27, 2022

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Lee Boone
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Jim Huffman

Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Julie Cummins

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Allyn Hosman is recovering from hip replacement surgery at home and doing well. **Bill Johnson** continues with health issues. **Rachel Goode**, friend of Carl & Pam Newby has been diagnosed with breast cancer. **Ronald Milliken**, husband of Helen Milliken, received good news, his cancer has shrunk and now will only have a shot every 3 months for 2 years. **Steven Simmons**, son of Charles and Fay Simmons, continues to recover from back surgery. **Vycki Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato has recovered from hip surgery but continues with health issues. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious health issues. **Craig Sweeney**, son of Doris Sweeney, hopes to qualify for a new treatment. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



PRAYER LIST

Eva Petty; **Shelby Ross**; **Sandi Jones**; **Maxine Cothron**; **Gerald Miles**, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 305; **Frances Catron**; **Jean Deaton**; **Charlie Cliburn**; **Ricky Cantrell**; **Wade & Wanda Kennedy** parents of Diana Stephenson; **Paul Bouchard**, uncle of Amy Williamson, **Ricky Cross**, friend of Betty Buttrey; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Lawrence Redding**, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Janice Haskins**, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **John Gregory**, brother of Bob Gregory; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Betty Billingsley**, sister of Wanda Proctor; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill.

SHUT-INS

Marilee Frederick, Gallatin Rehab, Room 309A; **Joyce Savage**, NHC Place Sumner, room 322; **Jane Hughes**, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **Melba Hill**; **Dorothy Sullivan**, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148.

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK	
Bible Study.....	78
Morning Worship.....	123
Sunday Evening.....	78
Wednesday Evening.....	77
Contribution.....	\$6,653.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$2,891.00

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