



We love sharing the truth of God's Word!

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BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER

NEVILLE BUCHANAN

This morning I rushed to the office for a new client – no time for coffee with Douwene or even breakfast. Instead, I grabbed a banana and rushed off to prepare for the appointment. However, two minutes after the session should have started, I received a text with an excuse. For times like these, Paul the Apostle encourages us to “bear with one another”.

The Philippi church of Christ had two leading ladies who were constantly at odds with each other (Euodia and Syntyche – Phil.4:1-3). To help them get along Paul advised “in HUMILITY count others MORE SIGNIFICANT than yourselves” (Phil.2:3b).

The point Paul is pressing is, if I think of myself more highly than I ought, I will easily feel offended and may become bitter. But, just to be safe, Paul instructs us to consider others as more significant. That means, their time needs to be more valuable than mine. In fact, I should feel extremely honored that they have chosen to potentially grace my presence.

Paul further fleshes out this “bearing with one another” in his letter to the Ephesians: “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, **2** with all HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS, WITH PATIENCE, **BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER** in love, **3** eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (**Ephesians 4:1–3 ESV**).

Paul is urging us to bear with one another as we walk in a worthy way. That is, to maintain the unity of Spirit in the bond of peace via three beacons.

First, humility. I am sure, as a prisoner, Paul was existing at the beck and call of others. All his freedom, rights, and privileges were gone. He was always the least important person in the room. It is hard to be arrogant or proud in a dehumanizing dungeon.

Secondly, gentleness. A gentle individual is soft spoken. Like a velvet glove they will tell you the truth – but do it kindly.

And, finally, patience. I keep reminding myself – only weeds grow fast. Our instant gratification world makes for an impatient mindset.

Friend, are you humbly, gently, and patiently bearing with one another?

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2021 VISION

“SEEK THE LORD”



*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,
Resurrected, & will Return*

Sunday 10am Bible Study

Sunday 11am Worship

Sun. 6pm Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday 7pm Bible Study

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GOD'S FAMILY

Robert Murphy

I spent last weekend with my family in Mt. Sterling. My wife and I both love spending time with our family for several reasons. First, they are an encouragement to us socially and spiritually. We can talk to my parents about anything without fear of judgment. We can eat, pray, and play with them. We feel valued and loved by just being together. When my parents are busy, we can go over to my cousin's farm (who feels more like a sister) to visit with her and her children, talk about God, family and life all while feeling heard and valued.

As I reflect on the joy that my wife and I feel every time we visit my parents, I also think how this is just a microcosm of God's ideal for his heavenly family. He wants us to love one another (1 John 4:7), make sure we are taking care of each other's needs even to the point of our own self-detriment (3:16). We are to greet one another affectionately (2 Cor 13:12) and to look out for each other's interests

(Phil 2:4). We should regard other Christians as our blood relatives. Whenever he was told that his mother and brothers were looking for him Jesus said, "whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35; NASB).

This means we should constantly be in one another's lives. It means we should eat together, pray together, and play together. When someone becomes a new Christian, or a brother or sister places membership at Summit, we ought to make them feel like they are a part of a divine family. They ought to be valued and loved just as though they were our own son, daughter, brother, sister, mother, or father. While every family has its fights, Jesus is more important than any dispute and unites us back together only to be closer than ever. It is my prayer that our multi-ethnic family will grow to be what God intended it to be.



PANDEMIC DRIFT?

by Brad Herald

Have you stopped coming to worship services due to "pandemic drift"? It's like what happens when you are swimming in the ocean and the waves and current are pushing you around. You may not realize it, but you are slowly moving down the beach and drifting away from where you first started. Fortunately, the COVID pandemic has made it easier for us to watch worship services online, but unfortunately, at times, the Christian life can often be like swimming in the ocean.

As Christians, we typically start on the right path and have a strong desire to serve and worship God, but some realize that their Christian lifestyle may be going against the current of the culture around them. They begin to question their faith, are rarely reading the Bible, and next thing you know it has been a couple weeks since they have attended church.

Hebrews 10:24-25 "And let us consider how we may spur one another toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit

of doing, but encouraging one another- and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

As members of the Church of Christ we believe strongly in the practice of coming together to worship the first day of each week. We gather together to not only sing songs of praise, to hear the Word preached and to take communion together, but to fellowship with other believers and to strengthen one another in the Lord.

Attending church weekly is a vital part of our Christian walk, but our worship to God should not just be at 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings. Worship should also come through in our thoughts, our actions and through the words we speak.

As you go throughout this week, realize that you are either going to align with the culture around you or with Christ. If you are not intentional about staying aligned with Christ, you will drift further away from the life He wants for you. Come to church to be encouraged and to be an encouragement to others especially "all the more as you see the Day approaching".

News, Notes & Announcements...



BIBLES TO SIGN

Please stop by the counter in the foyer to sign the Bibles of those recently baptized.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME GLEANER CANS

Available for pick-up. Please contact the office if you would like a can to fill. They will be collected in the fall.

SUNDAY AM SERMON:

THE VIRTUOUS LIFE

2 PETER 1:1-15

1. THE C_____ (vv. 3-4)
2. THE C_____ (vv. 5-7)
3. THE C_____ (vv. 8-11)
4. THE C_____ (vv. 12-15)

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00
Over/Under: +\$6,183.80
May 16, 2021-\$5,087.00
May 30, 2021-\$6,679.00

YTD AVG - \$5,083.84
May 23, 2021-\$3,656.00
June 06, 2021-\$3,700.00

Upcoming Events

September 10-11
September 24-25

Ladies' Retreat at Potter's Ranch
Men's Retreat at Potter's Ranch



Summit's Prayer List

Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs - Encourage someone today!

Clint Henson Recovering from rotator cuff surgery
Dalys Hill Biopsy on June 18th
Don Vickers Experiencing several health concerns that require additional tests in the upcoming weeks
Enrique Escobar (Preacher at the congregation in Nicaragua that Summit supports) Getting treatment for back pain; has improved enough to be able to use a walker and preach from a chair
Ken Bailey (Morgan & Paul's dad) Has shingles; radiation for trigeminal neuralgia postponed until he is cleared by dr.
Ken Smith (Sheryl's brother) Having tests to determine a cause for his health problems

Cancer

- **Bev** (Janie Hoskins' sister) Lung cancer; needs surgery
 - **Dan Read** (Dan McNeese's friend) Cancer is stable
 - **Dave Hammer, Jr** (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable
 - **Dorothy Whorley** (friend of Sharon Hammer's son) Radiation for 4-6 months
 - **Jamie** (Steve Proctor's co-worker) Cancer recurrence
 - **Linda Krebs** (Brad & Faith's grandma) Stomach cancer; cannot tolerate chemo
 - **Sean Timmerding** (Sheryl Herald's friend) Radiation for brain tumor
 - **Shellee Jenkins** (Melissa Denham's cousin) Completed chemo; struggling emotionally
 - **Tylene Clark** (Sheryl Herald's cousin's wife) Cancer recurrence
- ### Long-term Needs
- **Dan McNeese**— Pray for a full recovery from the effects of COVID

- **Daniel Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's brother) Recovering from an addiction
- **Dennis Ratliff** (Sheryl Herald's friend) Awaiting surgery for liver disease
- **Harold Painter**— Pray for a full recovery from his heart attack
- **Joey Adams**— Needs a suitable group home
- **Julie Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's mom) Struggling with caring for her parents who have dementia
- **Kerri Herald**— Pray for her ability to be independent as an adult
- **Mandy** (Candice's friend) Going through a divorce
- **Raye Arroyos** (Melissa Denham's mom) Recovery from her stroke is going well
- **Spencer Harlow**— Pray for the medication to be effective at shrinking his tumor so the removal surgery can be completed safely
- **Stephanie Gilliam** (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure
- **Thelma Rachford**— Pray for her strength to increase

Shut-In Members

- **Clara Downard**
- **Dana Fuller**
- **Peggy Holt**
- **Shirley Holt**

World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 8 active students & 5 active teachers

Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission
Neville Buchanan-counseling work
For our country and our leaders

