"Jesus & the Vaccinated Debate"

Brad Harrub

I do not pray for these alone, but for those who are vaccinated, don't take up hospital beds, and love others enough to get the booster; that they may point out how the unvaccinated are unloving and stand strong, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be divided over fleshly things in Us, that the world may know what side they are on. And the glory which You gave will be spotlighted on me when I belittle those who disagree with me and win this argument! (1 Opinions 17:20-22)

The night Jesus went into Garden of Gethsemane to pray and was arrested, He first prayed for unity. Hopefully the "passage" above seems ludicrous and ridiculous—but consider many of the posts shared on social media compared to Jesus' prayer:

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one" (John 17:20-22).

He prayed that we would be united—ultimately united in Christ. He wanted His followers to be one. In John 13:35 Jesus observed, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Church, it's past time we stop living in the flesh and focus our hearts and minds on spiritual things. Two hundred years from now this virus, the vaccine, masks, and opinionated posts won't matter. They really won't.

I encourage Christians to abandon earthly arguments, become united, and demonstrate a love that sets us apart from the world. Spend some time meditating on Romans 8:5-9:

"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."

The toughest night of His life Jesus prayed we would be united. It's time we seek that unity together!



TO KOUNTZE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sep.

"Repent and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins."

Acts 2:38

26th

Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Class – 9:30

AM Worship – 10:30

PM Worship – 1:30

Wednesday Night Bible Class - 7:00

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Today's Lessons

AM......7 Things that God Hates PM.....Limiting the Power of Jesus

Men to Serve

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- The Vidor church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting with Glen Colley Sept. 26th 29th.
- If you have other announcements to be added to next week's bulletin, please give them to Corey.

Oct 30th – Fall Festival / Trunker Treat Oct 31st – Church Homecoming

Records

Birthdays:

04	Erin Neely
08	Shane Jenkins
10	Sterling McDonald
15	Zach McDonald
20	Denise Whatley
23	Callie Collins

Anniversaries:

09	Stuart & Donna
12	Steve & Cindy

Visitors

You are welcome and wanted. We are glad you made the decision to be with us.

If you have any questions or needs, please reach out to any of our members and we'll be more than happy to help you.

If you're looking for a Church home, we'd love the opportunity to study with you and have you join our congregation's family.

Prayer Requests and Updates

Members:

- Dwayne Baker
- Ed & Linda Bumstead
- Gaylon & Gladys Williams
- Chris & Sarah Andrews

Family and Friends:

- Tony Wright
- Kyle Shavers
- Jeanie Beck
- Danny Roberts
- The Walter's family

- Shawn Gunter
- Susan Golden
- Kyle Tantillo
- Donna Melton