

Order of Worship

Song: #626 Christ For the World
We Sing

Call to Worship

Song: # Blessed Be the Name of
the Lord

Song: #344 Low in the Grave He
Lay

The Lord's Supper

Song: #694 Servant Song

Offering

Offering Song: #794 Unto Thee, O
Lord

Song: #678 More About Jesus

Scripture Reading
Ephesians 4:1-6

Sermon

"A Lesson From a Fish"

Song: #452 Standing on the
Promises

Family Time

Song: #699 I'll Be a Friend to Jesus

Closing Prayer

Please join us for a lite brunch in the
fellowship hall immediately after our
worship service this morning.

Join Us Again on Sunday & Wednesday Evenings

Grow in the love of God and His truth with us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

Sunday Evening Sermon: "A Study of Proverbs" with Archie R. Green

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: "A Journey Through Acts" with Rickey Rodgers

You may access Sunday Bible Class, Sunday Evening Worship Service, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Zoom through our website.

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For The Record

Sunday Morning (Live)	108	Sunday Morning Bible Study	76
Sunday Evening Worship	32	Wed. Morning Bible Study	15
Wed. Evening Bible Study	50	Contribution Average 2023	N/A

Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship—6:30 p.m.	Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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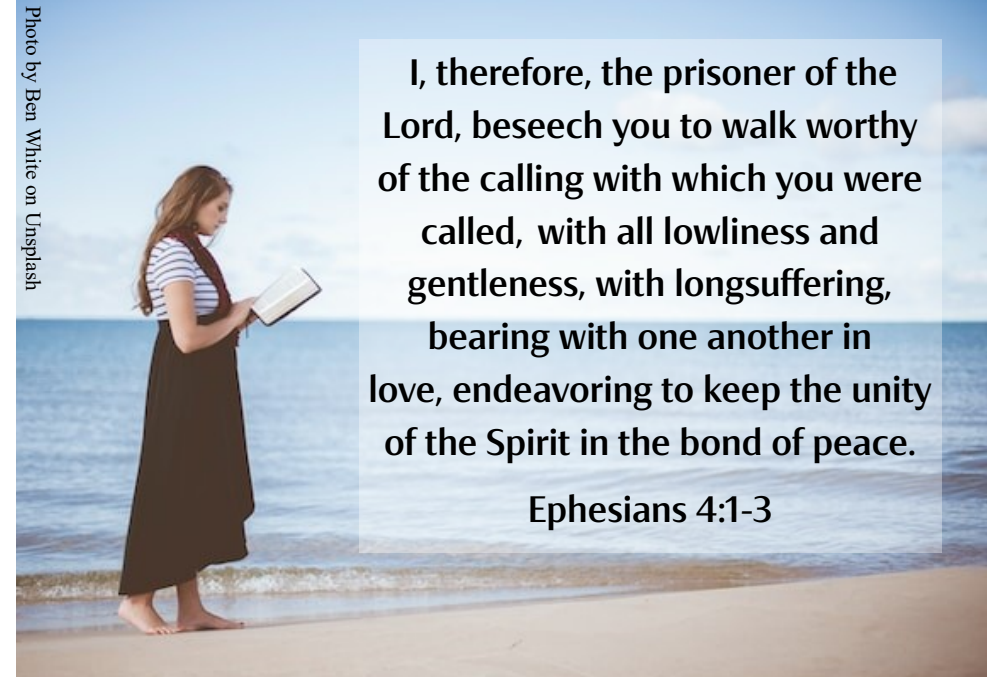
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I, therefore, the prisoner of the
Lord, beseech you to walk worthy
of the calling with which you were
called, with all lowliness and
gentleness, with longsuffering,
bearing with one another in
love, endeavoring to keep the unity
of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

We Welcome You!

We are honored that you chose to visit with us today. We hope that you will stay around a few minutes after our service to become better acquainted. We are eager to know you! We hope you will come to see us as we see ourselves, a group of people who desire to live and love like Jesus.

If you seek meaning and purpose in your life, we invite you to come and join us as we study God's word, the Bible, and find the true joy and fulfillment that can only be found in Him. Our doors and hearts are open. So, if you've been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—welcome!

“Prescription for Unity”

“Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph 4:1-2)”

One of the hallmarks of churches of Christ in America has been the call for biblical unity. Jesus prayed for it in John 17, and Paul re-emphasizes it here in a letter that emphasizes the unity of the church that Christ founded. In these first two verse of chapter four, Paul says that we must be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Doing this takes several ingredients.

The first ingredient is *diligence*. That word means that it takes work to do this. This is what is involved for us to “walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.”

The second ingredient is *humility*. This virtue is one that Christ exemplified. He didn’t come as an overlord, but as a servant. If there is no humility, it will stand in the way of biblical unity.

The third ingredient is *patience*. Why do we have the proverb, “patience is a virtue?” Why not say, “love is a virtue?” It is probably because patience is one so many of us struggle with. We need to be patient. Paul obviously knew this, so he expands on the idea of patience by adding, “*showing tolerance for one another in love.*”

And that brings us to the fourth ingredient which is *love*. It encompasses the other ingredients because Paul says among other things that love is “patient” and “is not arrogant” (1 Cor 13:4).

The last ingredients are God’s work, the *unity of the “Spirit in the bond of peace”*. Paul expounds on what the Spirit means for unity in Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12. God has given us the Spirit to help build up the body toward unity and maturity. He has given us a free will, so he allows us to mess it up. What we mess up, God can put back together if we follow his instruction here. The Spirit can bind us together in peace.

Let us pray that we will grow in this diligence, and therefore grow together.

- John Telgren

Church Family New

Congregational Meeting—A congregational meeting will be held today immediately following worship service.

Craft Day—All crafters are invited to bring a craft project and bag lunch to the fellowship room every Monday at noon for an afternoon of crafting and fellowship together.

Young at Heart Luncheon—Thursday, September 21, at Indian Fields Tavern, 9220 John Tyler Memorial Hwy, Charles City, VA 23030. Plan to meet there at 12:30 pm or leave from the church building at 11:30 am. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall; for questions or to arrange a ride, contact Miley Walker at 757-647-9569.

Men’s Meeting—There will be a Men’s Meeting on Thursday, September 21st. Dinner will be provided at 6 pm, with the meeting following at 7. All men are encouraged to attend.

Neighborhood Evangelizing—Help spread the gospel in the surrounding neighborhoods on Saturday, September 23rd at 11:30 am. All are invited to join in this effort. See Chris Gary or Bob Martin for more information.

Game Night—All are welcome to attend Game Night in the fellowship room on Friday, September 29th, at 6 pm. Bring your favorite game and a snack or drink to share.

Annual Church Picnic—Sunday, October 1, 2023, at Waller Mill Park (Shelter 2), immediately following Bible class. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join the fellowship, food, & fun.

Happy Birthday

Adriana Johnson 9/1, Kathy Shy 9/3, Michael Johnson 9/4, Tom Little 9/5, Mary Balthaser 9/8, Sherrie Fetterman 9/8, India Johnson 9/9, Miley Walker 9/11, Eula Beasley 9/16, Jerry Munn 9/17, Madison Gary 9/19, Betty Benson 9/19, Jim Bishop 9/19, Michael Boisseau 9/27, Penny Bucknam 9/28, Cathy Bishop 9/30

Wedding Anniversaries

John & Amy Girimont 9/5, Jerry & Mary Ann Fields 9/6, Bob & Tess Martin 9/10, Matthew & Becky Lech 9/30, Frank & Sabrina Logan 9/30

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Keith Bucknam - surgery Oct 17 & 19
M.C. & Juanita Bailey - health
Betty Owsley - health
Levi Abbott - health
Ken Moran - health
Lena Stone - health
Anthony Ricks - health
Margaret Rose - cancer
K.P. Pressey - chemo & radiation

Long Term Concerns:

Taylor Myers - health issues
Regina Clark - MS
India Johnson - health
Boisseau family - health
Amy Girimont - health
Cheryl Brown - health
Abbott Family

Shut-ins

Regina Clark
Adassa Duncan

Family & Friends:

Tes Martin’s aunt, **Linda** - recovering from surgery
Sabrina Logan’s friend, **Lacey**, cousin, **Tia**, and **Frank Logan’s** mother, **Sophia** - health
Kay Himes’ nephew, **Carl Vandivier** & friends, **Sigrid Polson-Randolph & Ruth** - health
Betty Owsley’s sister - health
Ann Greer’s sister-in-law, **Vickie** – recovering from surgery
Peggy Boarman’s son-in-law, **Jim Bristow** - current situation
The Knights’ friends, **Carl and Sherry McDonald** & their son, **Gary** - health