

Pk's Perspectives ...Breaking Bread Together

Yeah - so we're going to try something a bit different on Sunday evening and I hope you will think it worth your time to join with your church family for an evening of fellowship and worship - beginning at the normal start time of 5:30.

We have 4 Quarterly Conferences each year: the second Sunday in February, August, November, and the third Sunday in May (owing to the fact of Mother's Day always being the second Sunday in May). Quarterly Conferences are an important part of our congregational life: regular reports that include the Clerk's Report and Financial Report are presented for approval; recommendations are made by committees or individuals, and either affirmed or denied by congregational vote; inquiries can be put forth, answered if possible...or referred for research/consideration, and answered at a later date. Church conference is one of the ways the church body communicates with the aim of keeping everyone informed.

Yes, our duly elected committees bear the brunt of working through the nuts and bolts of the recommendations that come before the church for discussion and approval. We trust our committees to do their due diligence and that trust is always rewarded! But the final affirmation of the church body is required to allow a recommended course of action to proceed...or the recommendation goes back to committee for further discussion.

In order to allow for a healthy representation at the Quarterly Conference this Sunday night, we're going to try a couple of things. First, there will be no other ministry activities on Sunday evening - no adult Bible study, no small groups, no student or children's activities.

Second, we are going to have a fellowship meal in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Quarterly Conference while we're seated around the tables, and — if the Conference does not go too long — a time of friendly competition between tables. All age groups are welcome...our children need to see and hear how the church conducts Quarterly Conference with a spirit of worship and unity.

If you choose to attend (*I'm hoping you will!*) then you need to bring whatever you might prepare for you and your family if you were eating at home on Sunday evening. Pizza? Absolutely! Sandwiches and chips? Absolutely! Crockpot of soup or chili? Absolutely! Happy Meals from McDonald's... chicken salad...fruit plate...beanie weenie? Yes! We'll put all the food together on the serving tables and share from one another's food offerings! The church will provide tea, water, and coffee.

We'll be the church breaking bread together, sharing worship by way of the stewardship evidenced in Conference, and growing stronger in our fellowship. Grace & peace, PK.