



CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 16, 2018

It's About Unity

(Ephesians 5:21-33)

We treat the Bible in some interesting ways. We may read whole sections of scripture and have an idea of what we think it might be saying and then suddenly, as though the fog cleared, see the next passage and understand it completely. But this can't happen. If I am reading a book and don't understand the first three chapters, I will miss the point of whatever is in chapter four – even if I think I get it. This is what keeps me fascinated by the Bible and challenged by passages that have been used to demonstrate what we think we already know, or to challenge what we thought we already knew.

The passage from Ephesians today is a challenging passage. Not because of what it says, but because of the way it has been used. Is it not interesting that we could read Ephesians 1:1 – 5:20 and be challenged and encouraged, but not get too emotionally torn up and suddenly we hit 5:21-22 and all kinds of trouble ensues. Here we run into a passage that has been used out of its Biblical and social context to inflict all sorts of damage on the church and Christian families. More conservative groups have difficulty talking about it because some accept without question the cultural "submission" of wives to husbands without question and others rebel against the imaginary misogyny found here.

One of the things to keep in mind when reading the books of the Bible is that they are all about something. There will be a major theme (or maybe a couple) around which all the stories, examples, or sections revolve. Getting the theme wrong will lead to faulty interpretation.

Certainly, one of the themes we find in Ephesians is unity. This unity would have been challenging in Ephesus. There would have been Jews, Greeks, and Romans in abundance. Each of these groups had their own ways of exercising authority. They had their own understandings of what worship looked like. They had been taught different standards of morality. They had different understandings of equity, vengeance, and sexual morality. And all three groups had different legal and cultural understandings of marriage, how to run a household, and who was in charge.

A Roman woman might have been answerable to her father, her husband, or to no one. All three had liberal divorce laws, although they each carried different penalties and Jewish women were a little less free to initiate a divorce. Greek and Roman men had no moral limits on relationships with slave girls. Paul was addressing a potentially chaotic situation in which the issues that women and men had were different – hence the different instructions. His guiding principle comes from Genesis 2:24 – "For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." His standardizing marriage by use of the creation account promoted unity in the church and in the home. Something that culture was not providing. I think we should listen.

Matthew 25

Next week – Hosea; Faith in the Midst of Unfaithfulness

WELCOME

We are glad you've joined us for worship today!

Please fill out the information sheet found in the maroon binder at the end of your pew.

*An attended **nursery** is provided during worship assembly.

***Communion**—We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord every Sunday (“first day of the week”) through a time of communion known as the Lord’s Supper. The “unleavened bread” represents His body and the “fruit of the vine” (cup of grape juice) represents His blood shed on the cross. As our guest, you are welcome to participate, though you are not required to do so.

***Giving**— We are challenged to be good stewards of God’s blessings by supporting the various ministries of the church through a weekly collection that is taken during our worship time. You are welcome to give, but please do not feel as though you must.



TONIGHT: We will meet at 6pm.

Wednesday: Auditorium 6:30pm, 6:45pm class

Note from Landon: Upcoming events: Youth to the Pruitt’s— Sept 23. RUSH @ FHU— Sept 28-30, \$25. Fall Retreat@ Crossville TN-Oct 19-21 . Celebration @LBL-Nov 2-4, \$40.



**Ryan Hill-RI (Shoulders) Christopher Goodale-USMC
Cameron Hurst--USAF(Curry) Hans Niestrath-USNA
Sam Richey-USMC (Stoltz) Conner Wiseman, Fort Bragg (Moore)
Jason Rushing-Air Natl Guard (Hampton) Ty Naifeh (Afghanistan)**

Worship Order

Order of Worship

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Congregational Reading: Rev. 21:2-4

***There's A Stirring
In The Land Of Fadeless Day***

Prayer— Landon Moore

Pray All The Time

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Lord's Supper

Roger Matheny Tim Teel

Pete Shoulders Kivil Brown

K. Ashby Buster Almon

Presiding: Roger Matheny

Contribution

Dismiss for Children's Church

Pierce My Ear

Everybody Ought To Know

Scripture Reading: Eph. 5:25-28 **Brock**

Prayer— R. Stubblefield

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

There's A Great Day Coming

Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21

ALTERNATES:

Please meet in case you are needed to serve as a sub for the Lord's Supper

September:

Dan Rust

Ronny Stubblefield

Prepare communion:

Sept: Ashby

Oct: Almon

For the Record:

Last Sunday

Bible Class: 60

Worship: 108

Contribution:

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Wednesday: 65

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Monitor: Wayne Adams

Nursery: Betty Rust

Children's Church: Micki Clark

Sound Booth: Landon Duggin

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Prayer: D. Stubblefield

Prayer: Louis Stanley

Scripture: Dan Rust

Monitor: Terry Goodale

Nursery: Kenna Teel

Children's Church: Shoulders

Serving the Lord's Table:

Roger Matheny Tim Teel-

Pete Shoulders Kivil Brown

K. Ashby Buster Almon

Presiding: Tim Teel

Sound Booth—Darin/Barry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM Topic: John 1:19-51 (Dan)



**Grab a M.A.G.I. box (or 2) to fill
for children in Honduras.
Due back September 23rd.**

Diapers and wipes are being collected
for the Blanton Family in the foyer.
Baby Rodney will be here soon!



Grapevine Elementary Weekend Backpack Program: Any easy fix food like MacN Cheese, pop-top soups, spaghetti-ohs, single serving main meal items, etc. You may put items in the box by the office door. Thank you!

Sunday Morning Class Schedule

Sean's Class-Psalms/New Testament

Quincy's Class-1 Peter

Expecting Parents:

Melissa & Butch Blanton (boy)--October

Whitney & Bryce Kittinger (girl)—December

Angela & Brock Shoulders —March

Sept 18—Elizabeth Webb

Sept 18—Butch Blanton



CALENDAR:

Sept 23—Youth to Pruitt's

Sept 28-30—Rush @ Freed

Sept 30—5th Sunday Potluck

Oct 15—Lifeline Screening

Oct 19-21—Youth Fall Retreat

When we meet:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.

Sunday P.M.

At the building 6 P.M.

Small Groups Sept—May: various times;
contact Sean Niestrath

Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 P.M.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Bruce Unland's heart procedure went well this week.
Isaiah Scott has been very ill this week.
Kathy Terrell, Terry Hampton's cousin, COPD, not doing well.
Joan Atwell, Shirley's mother, in hospice care.
Janetta Brown was in a car accident this week.

Serious Illness/Injury:

Rita Frazier, lung cancer, Barbara's SIL
Scott Nutt, cancer, Gaye's son
Michael Skultety, cancer, Jane
Mike Bright, health issues
Ruffin Chandler
Lynn Stevens, cancer
Keith Roberts, cancer, EJ
Betty & Kim Stanley
Makenzie Carson, L. Russell
Melinda Brown, Pete's niece
Barbara Lynch, Shelia
Charles Smallwood, Micki's father
Jonathan Allen, MS
Tammy Langenright, Hodgkins
Aaron Reding, ALS
Mack Shearn
Wayne Edwards, stroke
Ronnie Lear, COPD
Steve Stirsman, tumors
Barry Newton, Keith's friend, cancer
Larry Crowder, lymphoma, Byron
Wayne Warszawa, Parkinson's
Jakayla Acker, lymphoma
Mike Oates, Natalie's father
J.B. Wagner's parents health
Connie Armstrong, cancer
Janetta Brown
Sally Malik, lungs
Jonathan Walker, Cumberland Hall
Kevin Cline, eye disease
Connor Peebles, severe back problems

Kim Feltner, Tim's sister
Bryce Alexander, leukemia
Marvin Gallagher
Phil Keith
George Teel, cancer
Jon Riley, lungs
Danny Belcher, heart
Bruce Coleson, MS
Ed Wallace, liver transplant
Brady Cobb, intestinal problems
Judy Harrison, heart attack
Mike Burns, cancer
Mark Toomes, health
Rodney Householder
Buddy Jenkins, Karen S. father
Jeff Travis, waiting on kidney
George Utley, cancer
Audrey Davis, 4yr.old, leukemia
Tracey Moore, illness
Hannah Gates, heart surgery
Sherry Mitchell, cancer
Dennis Matheny
Helen Wyatt, Barbara S.
Barbie Kern, Carol's sister, cancer
Joan Owens, Landon's grandmother
Larry Jerome, Wendy's father
Mark Martin, mesothelioma
Andrea Kane, cancer
Denise Hawkins, lung cancer

Shut-Ins & Elderly:

Lee Townsend, Junie Peterson, Ewing Stubblefield, Anna Etta Brown,
Ruth Shoulders, Joan Atwell, Ann Alderson, Don Niestrath

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Deacons:

Jeremy Duggin, James Rust, Joshua Scott
Brock Shoulders, Steve Stoltz, Darin Swaidner
Tim Teel, Randy Travis