“Placing An Emergency Call! ”

1 Corinthians 1:4-13
LifeSavers Among Us!

2016
ambulance calls
in Hall County =
30,056 for 2016
2,504 per month
82 calls per day
Our Station #4
is 3rd busiest
2,685 in 2016
9-9-9 Call In England Saves “Mummy!”

Mashed “Mum’s” thumb print to open phone
Asked Siri for emergency help
“4-year-old Roman” describes his Mum in need
Help arrived!

What you expect from emergency services
* arrive quickly
* discern the problem
* render practical aid
* transport to location to regain health
God’s Emergency Number: Jeremiah 33:3

“Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”
“Lord, Respond to Our Call!”

We’re asking for **discernment**

* “We know what we want; but...”

* Show us **Your will** over ours! (Mt. 6:10)

*Lord, **render aid** in our midst

*Lord, **lead us** to greater health so your work can prosper in and through us!"
Vs. 4-9 – God’s Call to The Corinthians: “Called into Fellowship”

Vs. 4 - Recipients of His grace
Vs. 7 – Lacking in no gift (Hebrews 13:20-21)
Vs. 9 - Because God is faithful

Insights:
** called for His purposes
** our desire is to please Him
** work efficiently as a team to reach His goals
In God’s Kingdom, **Material** Resources Always Serve **Kingdom/Spiritual** Purposes!

“We have this treasure in earthen vessels”  
(2 Corinthians 4:7)

“...all things have been created BY Him and FOR Him...” (Colossians 1:16b).

Instead, His call is **to unite** to **multiply His Work**!

Flat Creek’s history of **doing that very thing**!
Old Flat Creek Church
ca. 1880's - 1920's
In Each Case, Circumstances Included...

* The unknown;
* A challenge;
* Needs that gave rise to change;
* Financial sacrifice;

And on completion,

* In each case, the congregation was blessed!
* Moved to another level of church life
Paul’s Challenge to the Corinthians in 1:5-8:

1. To be enriched in Christ! Vs. 5
2. So you won’t lack in any gift Vs. 7
3. Eagerly await our Lord Jesus Vs. 7
4. Be found blameless Vs. 8
5. You answer His call to fellowship! Vs. 9
6. No divisions vs. 10 (because)
7. Christ is not divided vs. 13