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OCTOBER 2014: ‘How Is True Unity Seen?’ “But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.” (1 Corinthians 12:24b-25) “fulfill my joy by being like minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.” (Philippians 2:2b-3)

Why is it that so many in the church view this type of scripture as being too “pie in the sky” or too lofty a notion? Or, it may be seen as being too difficult to live out. Sometimes when we listen long enough to a lie we begin to believe it as fact, or at least allow this lie to intimidate or hinder our maturing as a Christian. Failure to act on the truth may lead to deepening divisions in the church and the people growing cold and deaf to the Lord’s bidding. We must remember that we are sons and daughters of the Lord of lords and King of kings.

The unifying factor in the body is not the arms, legs, fingers or any other member. It is the Head of the body, Jesus who brings a unity which cannot be found in any other means. As we begin to yield to the working and power of the Holy Spirit, we will begin to understand that this is the only way to really be effective as a body of Christ, and as individual Christians.

There are personality traits that are being created in each of us if we, through our pride do not hinder or stop this process. There should be a strong desire in every Christian to; “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus”. (Philippians 2:5) Our Christian walk, faithfulness, our ability to really forgive, attitudes, and so much more wholly depend upon our letting the Holy Spirit bring these about in us. This a radical thought, yet the Apostle is telling us to ‘Let’ or allow this to be the great driving force in our lives, our attitudes and our relationships. Perhaps this is so radical because this is not the way things are in our lives, our experiences more often than we wish to admit.

If we do desire to please our Lord Jesus, we will be forced to conform our minds and hearts to His will for us. We will have to decide to love those in the church who irritate us, and love those outside of Christ who may in fact hate us. Years ago I heard a speaker say; “It is impossible to say you love Jesus, and dislike His body. It is impossible to say you love Jesus and not have the desire to be with and fellowship with His body.”

Though I fail at this so often, it remains a strong desire in my heart, mind and prayers to so love and care for my brothers and sisters in Christ, that I will be truly amazed what a difference it will make. I want to hear the words of the Apostle John echo in my mind; “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth.” (III John 4)

Sunday, October 5th we are celebrating ‘World Wide Communion’. Think about it. We will be celebrating Jesus’ life, death, bodily resurrection and ascension. These truths are the things which bind us together regardless of nationality, race, place or time. We can pick our friends, but we are family no matter what.

It is my prayer that this body of Christ will begin to realize our full potential as His church, His body, and when others look at us they will be truly amazed at what they see taking place. Let us push forward in faith and joy in the Lord for what He has in store for us. With the greatest of love and care, Meredith.

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

October 5	Philippians 2:1-2 “Having the Mind of Christ’s”
October 12	I Corinthians 12:14-27 “True Care for One Another”
October 19	Gideon Sunday – Mr. Stephen Tynes
October 26	Laity Sunday – Elder Randy Goulder

Prayer List:

Shut ins:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Moore, Martha Lou
Goulder, Gordon	Smith, Mary Frances
Goulder, Helen	Rhodes, Geraldine

Ill / Recovering

Jill Gross (Pat’s Daughter) -	Cancer/Radiation
Wanda (Pat McCains Sister)	Chemo
June Trotter	Heart issues
Ann Locke	Cancer

Sick

Culver, Anthony	Lineberger, Rachael
Culver, Michael	Locke, Mike
Curtis, Cooper	McCain, Pat
Goulder, Bobbie	Moncla, Luke
Griffin, Melanie	Moss, Charlie
Hill, Dana	Otis, Mike
Hill, Joy	Patrick, Carolyn
Hubbard, Kristi	Pugh, Kaleb
Huffman, Linda	Stitt, Sam
Legler, Don	Tyler, Jean
Lewis, Adam	Wells, Whit

Military

Bornaman, Zachary	Heathman, Matthew
Donahoo, Tim	Hill, Debra
Dooley, Rod	Hunt, Boyce
Hair, Colton	Smith, Brad

Missionaries

Coad, Jim & Gala	Carson, Rebekah
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If you know of anyone who needs to be added or removed please let us know!

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Margaret Sherrill Circle

Oct. 26 Ga Ga & Ray Ray
In Honor of
Molly Anne Heath

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

October 6 *Mr. and Mrs. Verlie Wells, III*

CHILDRENS SERMON

Oct 5	<i>Amanda Heath</i>
Oct 12	<i>John Moore</i>
Oct 19	<i>Meredith Cavin</i>
Oct 26	<i>Amanda Heath</i>

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

October 5	Joanna Simonton
October 12	Vickie Hugues
October 19	Ashley Goulder
October 26	Helen Woods

October Menu

Oct 1	Chicken Strips / Mac N Cheese
Oct 8	Sloppy Joes
Oct 15	NO SUPPER
Oct 22	Family Night - Chicken
Oct 29	Ham & Trimmings



Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	John Scott	23	John R. Moore
2	Emily Kirk		Jimmy Richardson
3	Bobby Guthrie	24	Kris Pugh
4	Ryan Griffin	25	Modesty Trotter
6	Daniel Brubaker	26	Michael Trotter
7	Scottie Gladney	27	Anita Bridges
	Zona Gray	28	Anna Catherine Carter
10	Rhonda Goulder		Ricki Smith
12	Blain Curtis		Vicki Smith
21	Pam Cannon	30	Molly Anne Heath
		31	Blake Bridges



PLEASE NOTE: If you have any ideas or suggestions for the church website, please contact Chris Gravley, webmaster, at 901-674-3851 or e-mail at chris_gravley@bellsouth.net.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Scotty Gladney. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Scotty at 901-828-5342.

OCTOBER 6 The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed.

OCTOBER 5 The Children's Christmas Play Practice will start at 4 p.m. For children up to 5th grade! Volunteers are needed to provide snacks for the children. Please see Leslie Alsbrook for info!

OCTOBER 18 The Dunlap Retirement Center will be having their annual Fish Fry from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Covington First Baptist Church's outside pavilion off Hwy 59S (Mueller Brass Road).

OCTOBER 19 Is Gideon Sunday with Mr. Stephen Tynes

OCTOBER 26 Is Laity Sunday. Elder Randy Goulder will be leading the Services.

OCTOBER 31st The annual "Trunk or Treat" will be Friday, October 31st at 6 P.M. in the Parking lot! So come on out and enjoy the fun!

IT'S ARP MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION TIME. The cost for your subscription is \$16.50. Please make your check out to the Brighton ARP Church designated for "ARP Subscription". Deadline for subscriptions is Nov. 10.

Story time Oct. 18th. Come on out for a storytime with Wendy the puppet!

PLEASE NOTE: We need articles for the Brighton Light! Tell me what's going on in your Circle, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, etc.