



Dear Followers of Jesus,
One of the main qualities of the Early Church was UNITY. The early Christians shared their possessions and their very lives generously with

one another and with the community. They were bound together by a passion for living out the Good News of their Master. And they experienced a new connection and appreciation for the *whole* world. That new connection they called “agape” love.

Keeping you informed:

- About 30 people had a wonderful time of food and fellowship Sat., Sept. 16th, for the **Community Breakfast**. We will be looking to do another one probably early next year. Watch for it! Men’s Breakfast resumes on the 21st @ 9 am.
- The **CHURCH DIRECTORY is being revised and will be ready by the beginning of October**. If you aren’t sure that you are on the current one and you’d like to be listed, please let us know!
- **SOUP SUPPER: “Camp David”, David & Ruth’s house, Friday night, Oct. 20th, 6 pm**. Bring a soup to share and some extra friends for more fun! (*Driveway is on Channel Rd., just west of Fairbanks Rd.*)

Sunday, Oct. 1st, is “World Communion Sunday”. We will be celebrating our unity with Christians all around the world. Jesus prayed in John 17 that all believers might be one as He and the Father are one. So we put aside all petty differences and personal preferences to lift up “Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:2).

Learning to be Good News,

- Scott



MISSIONS

World Communion Sunday starts in our own “back yard”. We’ll be using that opportunity to reach out to our local church bodies by praying for their needs. If you know of people who

attend a local church, please ask if there are specific things we can pray for that would support them as a body of believers. I will be contacting each church also to ask for any prayer needs. God calls us to be a blessing to others. Let’s do this!

At our Leadership Gathering in Sept., we decided to bless the kids of D.I. Elementary School with a donation of \$250 to the Parent Volunteer Group (PVG). This support goes to enabling field trips, special programs, and even classroom supplies. Jesus loves children and so do we!

We begin a new quarter of focused missions giving during Oct. – Dec. At this point, a mission focus hasn’t been decided. So please be praying for a group or organization that God would like to bless. Thank you to all who collected for our 3rd quarter “local outreach”. We will have totals in the Sunday bulletin and on our website soon. Jesus reminds us “Freely have you received, freely give.” Life is a gift to share!

Power in Unity

Read [Acts 2](#)

One day. One place. One message. Three thousand new



Christ-followers! For Peter, an uneducated fisherman turned pastor, this must have been quite a day. A few weeks prior he had denied Christ; this day he boldly proclaimed Him as Lord and

Savior of the world. Prior to this day, the disciples sat huddled and waiting; that day they spoke and served with confidence. We look with astonishment and disbelief at that day and that number, not because we think God incapable, but too often we have no similar examples in recent memory. We are left to wonder, “Will God move this way again?”

The truth is God never changes. God is at work in the Church today. The movement in [Acts 2](#) was not a one-time exaggeration; it was the starting line for the

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Church that is in line with God’s purpose. The early church experienced such a wave of salvation because of God’s power and their unusual unity. To fully realize the potential of the church, we must lower our collective shoulder into one vision, one message, and one church. What keeps churches from experiencing the salvation of 3,000 in one day? Could it be a lack of unity? From the mouths of the Apostles to the ears of all the people, one message was declared, one message was received. The Spirit of God made unity possible as each person heard in their own language. What could happen if by God’s Spirit we unified behind one message, one vision, one place, one church and one movement of God? Could God rescue 3000 souls on one day again? Could this church reach 100,000 people with the gospel? As we unify behind the purpose and power of God, nothing is impossible!

Reflect:

- *What can we learn from the unity of the Acts church?*
- *Is there anything that keeps you from being personally invested in the vision of our church?*
- *Who is the one person in your life that you want to meet Jesus? Pray for that person now.*

(Taken from: <https://newspring.cc/devotionals/power-in-unity>)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Lori Ogden
- 13 Len Webber

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 23 Carlyle & Doris Ellis

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)

UPCOMING OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

- 1 Potluck** following worship.
- 8 Leadership Meeting**, following worship. All are encouraged to participate.
- 20 Soup Supper @ 6, "Camp David"**
- 21 MEN'S BREAKFAST @ 9:00 am**
- 31 Elders meet: 7 pm, Church Library**

JOIN US for
FRIENDLY SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP:



- **Tuesdays:**
 - **9:30 Discussion Group** in the Library on God, life, and the Bible. Current study: **Ray Vander Laan** video, touring the land of the ancient Hebrews. Come experience the Bible with us!
 - **11:15 Prayer Group** in the Pastor’s Office. Come grow in your prayer life, in a warm, supportive atmosphere.
 - **11:30 Worship Team** in Sanctuary. You’re invited to listen in as the Team prepares for Sunday.
- **Men’s Breakfast**, every third Sat. @ **9 am**, in the Church basement. Come for a great breakfast in the company of friends!

(If you’ve got an idea that might gather a group together, let me know! - Scott)

ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY, Oct. 24th (IF YOU CAN SUBMIT BY EMAIL, IT IS APPRECIATED)



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