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When all parts of the church use their gifts, the body is built up into a unified whole. Our unity brings glory to God. Rom 15:5-6 "5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

As congregations grow in unity, to work together and make their way through the practical issues of daily church business, they must encourage one another to:

- Always be humble and gentle.
- Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults
- Make every effort to remain united in the Spirit and bound together with peace.

That is from Eph. 4:2-4 which reads "2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call -"

God puts us together in a local church setting for our growth and maturity, where we can receive encouragement and correction, where we can actively serve God, using the talents he gave us and do our part in building up the body of Christ.

The building and all the material things are an expedient; they provide the physical necessities to accomplish the work of the Lord and because a congregation works in unity, God is honored, which brings joy to all members and sends a powerful message to a lost world, a message of unity. *Author not identified*

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "Marks of a Faithful Church" 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Sunday Evening: *Singing Emphasis*

Leadership

Elders Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey

Deacons Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,
Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch

Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

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Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Irvin Williams
 Scripture Greg Blanton
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper
 Message Eric Welch
 Attendant David Blackwell
 Attendant Kevin Blalock
 Closing Prayer Robby Stocksdale

PM Service

Song Leader Matt Johnson
 Bible Reading John Keaton
 Selection 47
 Prayer Grover Blanton
 Sermon Singing Emphasis
 Closing Prayer Clint Smith Jr
*If you are unable to serve,
 Call Art Patrick 502-819-9481
 Or Harold Tinchler 288-5956*

AM & PM Services

Announcements Jerry Casey
 Lord's Supper Hayward Blanton
 Offering Nathaniel Welch
 Usher Clint Smith Sr
 Count Offering Harold Tinchler
 Assist Count Marc Owens

Last Sunday

Contribution \$2403
 Attendance 77

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM



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Unity

"⁵ Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. ⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase." 1 Corinthians 3:5-7

We know God and His word has the power to save, but how do we plant and water the opportunities God provides?

What do you think is the greatest influence a congregation has that encourages the unsaved to make a decision to follow Jesus Christ? What can we do to help the world believe in Christ, to help the world believe God sent His Son to die for us?

- Prayer is very important. We must be prayerful in all the things we do.
- Our good deeds, our good deeds can be an indication of a fruitful relationship with God and can be an influence on those we contact.
- Our good behavior, Christ commands us to be obedient.

John 17:21 reads "²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

Perhaps the greatest power God's children have over darkness is unity. Jesus talked a great deal about His oneness with the Father and the importance of unity in the Body of Christ. Jesus prayed that we all might be one, as the Father and He are one. He wanted the same love God has for Jesus to be in each of us. When this love is in us, we are drawn to each other with a common mission.

Through our unity Satan is hindered; we put an obstruction in the way of his efforts. In unity we are bound together with cords that cannot be broken.

Eccl 4:11-12 encourages us saying "¹¹...if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? ¹² And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Our love for each other is manifest to the world. Lost souls begin to see or unity and they want to be a part of it. Lost souls are looking to be part of something, to be included, to feel that are welcomed and wanted.

In John 17:23 Jesus teaches us a critical part of bringing salvation to many. He said that when His Body is unified, the non-Christian will be able to see who Jesus really is – he is the Son of God.

Unity shows the world Christ is from God. Unity builds up the body. Unity glorifies God. In 1 Cor. 1:10-13 Paul admonished the believers in Corinth to avoid divisions, because we represent Christ, and He is not divided.

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Eis on Ice

[Eric Welch](#)

A little over five years ago, I was listening to a denominational preacher on American Family Radio. In the middle of his sermon, he began talking about a certain “heresy.” This heresy, he said, is that some groups teach that you must be baptized in order to be saved and that Acts 2:38 was their favorite verse to use. Act 2:38 reads And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.... He argued that “for the forgiveness of sins” does not mean that you have to be baptized to be saved.

The preacher went on to “explain that the word “for” translates the Greek word eis (he pronounced it “ice”). He is correct. He then used the same long-refuted argument that the word “for” does not connote purpose, but it means “because of.” He is incorrect.

He went on to explain his argument point with this weak illustration. A convicted prisoner is punished “for murder.” That phrase, “for murder” cannot mean “for the purpose of murder.” That would make no sense. Instead, the word means “because of.” The punishment was because of murder that he committed. The preacher then applies the illustration that one is baptized “because of” the remission of sins. In other words, one is already saved and because he is saved, he is then baptized to show outwardly what took place inwardly. The preacher even called out the church of Christ by name as one of those groups that teaches that baptism is essential in receiving salvation.

I am not surprised that this teacher would go outside the Greek Scriptures for such an illustration. He couldn’t find anything like that in the Bible. In fact, in Luke 23:19 and 25, Luke says that Barrabas was thrown in prison “for murder.” The word “eis” is not used here. He expressed “because of murder” with another preposition.

I’m going to stay with the Scriptures and ask this teacher how he would deal with the parallel expression found in Matthew 26:28. As Jesus was passing the cup to His disciples, He said, “for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” “For the forgiveness of sins” is used in Matthew 26:28 and Acts 2:38, except the later adds the plural possessive pronoun “your” to “sins.” If you believe that Jesus died “because of” their sins being already forgiven, you believe that the cross has no power and that Jesus died in vain.

Which teaching is the true heresy here? No standard Greek lexicon or English translation renders eis as “because of.” Rather, this preposition denotes purpose, such as “so that” or “in order that.”

If this false teacher thinks that Acts 2:38 is the favorite verse to use, let him be reminded that we at least appeal to the Scriptures for what we believe and that the same teaching is found elsewhere: Mark 16:16; John 3:3, 5; Acts 3:19; 22:16; Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 5:26; Colossians 2:12; Titus 3:5; and 1 Peter 3:21

It is time to put the “eis” argument on ice.

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Hamburg Pike Happenings

A Teen Devotional is scheduled for Saturday September 20th at 5:00 pm. More details to follow.

A Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 11th at 6:30 pm at the church building.

The Fall Quarter Bible classes begin Wednesday September 3rd and Sunday September 7th. Thanks to all our teachers for their dedication to teaching God’s Word.

A Singing Emphasis service is scheduled for Sunday evening August 31st. Men and young men of the congregation who would like to lead a song or read scripture, a sign-up sheet is available in the foyer

The Elders have designated Sunday August 31st as a special “5th Sunday” contribution. The contribution on this Sunday will be used for our Building Maintenance fund.

Note to our parents: Children have been observed playing in the classrooms. While play in the multi-purpose room is acceptable, the classrooms should be excluded as play space. Thanks to the parents for your supervision of our precious little ones.