Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

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Think Unity

A former President's wife once told a group of graduates to "think unity." I don't know the whole context of her speech, but I do agree with those two words. We should "think unity" regarding Christianity.

Jesus said, "Think unity." He prayed that "they may all be one." This is definitely not the status of the world of professed believers today. There are so many differing views it is hard for a person to decide which group to follow. The unity for which Jesus was praying was centered on Him and His message. He said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Some groups today have swallowed the idea of "unity in diversity" or "agree to disagree." Jesus wanted all to be one.

Paul wanted us to "think unity." Paul is the writer of the great chapter that presents the seven ones of Christianity. In Ephesians 4, Paul wrote about, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is above all, through all, and in you all." When Paul preached, his message was the same everywhere he went. He told the church at Corinth, "so I ordained in every church." (1 Cor. 4:17) Today, there are conflicting views regarding: salvation, the church, the kingdom, the second coming, etc. Paul just preached unity. He stated in 1 Cor. 1:10; "that there be no division among you." Today, many would say there needs to be a lot of division. The world tells us to attend the church of our choice.

Peter wants us to "think unity." Peter was there when Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to the apostles (John 16:13). Jesus promised the Comforter would guide them into "all truth." Later, Peter wrote that we have "all things that pertain to life and godliness." (2 Pet. 1:3) If we have all we need, nothing more is needed.

Unity is not agreeing to disagree. Neither is it just tolerating the mistakes of others. Unity has a centerpiece or a standard by which two or more are in agreement. That standard is Christ. We must be united around His message. It is His words that will judge us (Jn. 12:48). He is the only one that can save us (Acts 4:12). If we do what He says, we will get what He promised (Heb 5:8,9).

UNITY IS FOUND ONLY IN CHRIST JESUS!

Bill Brandstatter preaches for the Marion Church of Christ in Marion, IL

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark Song Leader: Doug Opening Hymn:

445—There Is A Habitation

Opening Prayer: Tom

Hymn:

68—Count Your Blessings

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Ephesians 4:1-6

Hymn:

293—Night, With Ebon Pinion

Lord's Supper: Dale

Hymn:

220—Onward, Christian Soldiers

Sermon: Mark
Invitation Hymn:
593—Free Waters
Closing Hymn:
113—To The Work

Closing Prayer: Robert

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of your life

CALENDAR

Jan. 29—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Mark

Jan. 31—(b) Logan

Feb. 5—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Tom. Business meeting

Feb. 8-(b) Mason

Feb.11—(b) Melinda

Feb. 12—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Mark

Feb. 17—(a) David & Dorene

Feb. 19—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Tom

Feb. 21—(b) Jaden

Feb. 22—(a) Ray & Barb

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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Only One

Ephesians 4:1-6

WORD LIST

ABOVE	BAPTISM	BEARING
BESEECH	BODY	BOND
CALLING	ENDEAVORING	FAITH
FATHER	FIRST	GENTLENESS
GIFTS	GOD	GRACE
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LORD	LOVE	LOWLINESS
MEASURE	PEACE	PRISONER
PROPHETS	SPIRIT	UNIT
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When storms come your way, just remember you know the Master of the wind, when sickness finds you, remind yourself you know the Great Physician, when your heart gets broken, just say I know the Potter. It doesn't matter what we face or go through, Jesus is the way,

PRAYER LIST

Mynda and all her family, as she travels. Her sister-in-laws Father's health

Debbie's recovery is good; as her and Mark travel

Ackerman family, Debra's health

Ruth is home now & attending services

Roberta, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke recovery and Bible study with **Kris**

Bonnie's grandson **Devin** as he reads and opens his heart to Christ.

Wanda's migraines; son Allen, sisters Lorraine & Joyce

Mary and her family. **Carl's** gout and hip surgery recovery,

Kathy, severe feet issues, medical procedure and

pain, her sister and friends. She is at Brier Hill.

Linda's health and procedures. Her friend Mark.
Tilffany's boyfriend Dan and his mother's health

Zarna and her family

Juanita, her sister **Betty** and the rest of her family. **Ray** and **Barbara** and their family.

Dale's health issues, headaches and his family. His Mother's medical treatments. His friend Riley (age 6) with cancer and up coming surgery. Brother in Christ Darrell's surgery. His Aunt Rosie's heart and lungs. Cousin with heart issues

Ray and his family. Rebecca's right knee injuries

Pat and her family

Jessie, Doug's friend, health

Linda's son **John 's** balance & blood pressure. He is in hospital/rehab

Roberts sister **Tanya's** heart testing

Nina's biopsy Feb. 1st and upcoming surgery

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all