

Sermon Notes

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To have announcements or prayer requested added, please email Jenny
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UNITY

JOHN 17:20-23

I PRAY ALSO FOR THOSE WHO WILL BELIEVE IN ME THROUGH THEIR MESSAGE THAT ALL OF THEM MAY BE ONE, FATHER, JUST AS YOU ARE IN ME AND I AM IN YOU. MAY THEY ALSO BE IN US SO THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE SENT ME, THAT THEY MAY BE ONE AS WE ARE ONE: I IN THEM AND YOU IN ME. MAY THEY BE BROUGHT TO COMPLETE UNITY TO LET THE WORLD KNOW THAT YOU SENT ME AND HAVE LOVED THEM EVEN AS YOU HAVE LOVED ME.

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Welcome to Skyway Hills Church of Christ

3800 HWY 80 East Pearl, MS 39208

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Website: www.skywayhills.com

Our Mission: *"To know Christ and to make Him known"*





Welcome to all of our Visitors!

Whether you are a new comer or a visitor, you are our honored guests. We ask that you fill out the visitor card that is on the back of the pew in front of you and place in the collection plate so we may have a record of your attendance. Please stay after services so that we may officially welcome and get to know you.

Thank you for visiting Skyway Hills Church of Christ

 **Love Our
Members**

This week, please send a card to:

Bobby & Nikole Bell
18 Dogwood Drive
Brandon, MS 39042



03/08 ~ Paul Manning
03/09 ~ Sue Livingston
03/13 ~ Bobby Bell
03/15 ~ Cherelle Rodgers



- Gail Strickland ~ Michelle's Hester's Mother
- Sid Cook ~ Cancer (Steven's Uncle)
- Steven Tutor ~ Prison, Oakdale, LA
- Danny & Judy Tutor ~ Strength and peace during this time (Steven's Parents)
- Betsy Canfield ~ Knee Problems
- First Responders ~ For their safety dealing with the public and COVID.
- Bobbie Lively ~ Trailer Burned
- Valerie Case ~ Breast Cancer (Lonnie's Cousin)
- Jerry Mitchell, Sr. ~ recovering from surgery
- Johnny Johnson ~ recovering from COVID (friend of Jerry Mitchell)
- Dan Miller— traveling
- Nikki Rancourt—Friend of Chris Cummings
- Tiffany McClain—motorcycle accident (Joy Wells' granddaughter's cousin)

We update the prayer list often, if someone gets removed that should stay on there, please let us know so they can be re-added.

“The Prayer Quilts”

Please stop by and say a prayer and tie a knot. Once all of the ribbons have been tied, the quilts are then given to the person for whom we prayed.

Quilts in Hallway:

Please tie all knots twice so they don't come undone.

The Importance of Unity

In our impossibly fractured culture, we live with the tension of disunity every waking moment. Hate, dissension, and contempt flood our news feeds daily. Whether we are discussing politics, racism, cultures, parenting, church practices, or sports, we set up divisions and demand everyone take a side.

We slice and dice our opponents with wit and verbal ingenuity but leave behind a trail of broken relationships.

While this may be normative of the culture, as believers, this should not be so! Our unity is crucial for the sake of the Gospel.

In Romans 15:5, Paul writes, *“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (NIV)

One heart? One mouth? How is this even possible?

Spend enough time in church culture and you will quickly realize the issues that drive brothers and sisters in Christ apart are numerous and often trivial. In addition, the family of God is derived from many different races and cultures all with their own interpretation of how the Gospel should be lived out.

Again I ask, how is unity possible under these conditions?

Jesus answered this question in his prayer for all believers shortly before his crucifixion. In John 17:20, He prayed, *“I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”* (NIV)

First and foremost, our unity with other believers depends on our *unity with Christ*. It is through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit that I am made one with the Father just as He was made one with Christ. This holy union is the basis for all other relationships.

Once my vertical relationship with Jesus is correctly aligned, I can begin to love those around me deeply and authentically.

Our unity is not based on shared cultures, personal interests, or personal tastes, but on something much deeper and more profound. It is not *what* we have in common that matters, but *WHO* we have in common. Sometimes Jesus will be all that connects us, but that connection will last an eternity.

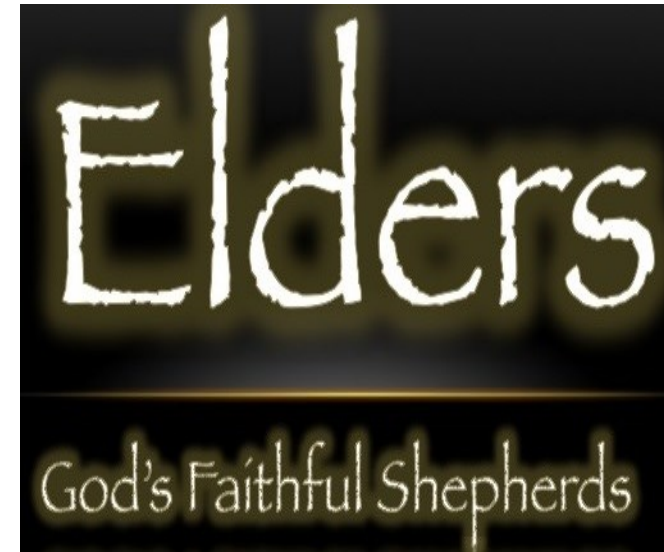
There are a thousand ways to splinter a church and only *One Way* to bring it together again. We don’t have to see eye to eye to walk hand in hand, but we must be walking the same path and headed in the same direction.

In Romans 14:1, Paul encourages us to *“Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters.”* (NIV) Love each other, stand firm in the essentials, and be charitable in the small things.

A unified church brings glory to Jesus, and when Jesus is glorified, the world will sit up and take notice.

Question to ponder: How may God be calling you to bring unity to the body of Christ?
- by Maria Dyck and copied from devotableapp.com

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 **YouTube**. This will take you directly to our  **YouTube** **LIVESTREAM**



We are having Bible Class every Wednesday Night starting at 7:00 p.m. We invite everyone to come and study more of God’s word.

Order of Worship



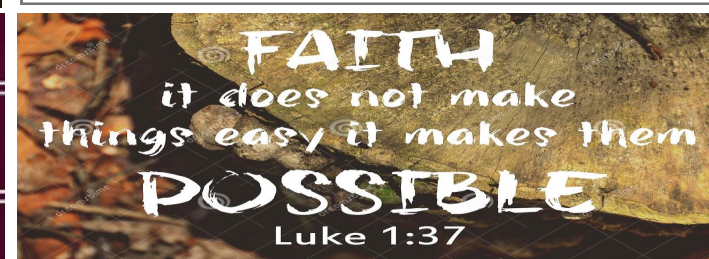
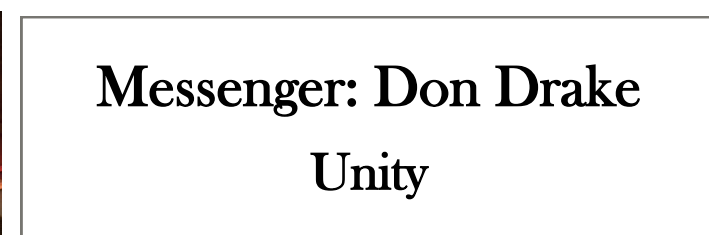
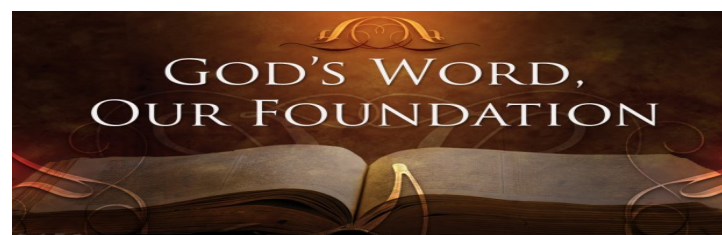
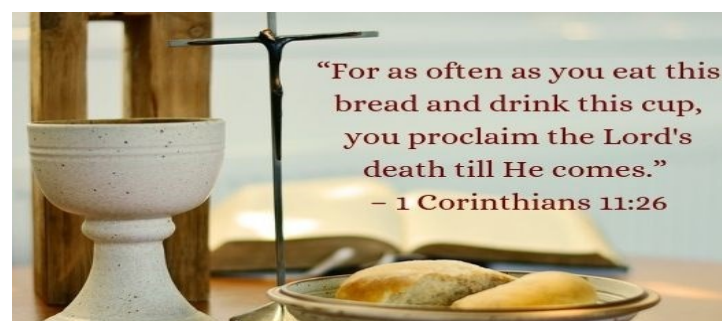
Worship is the act of ascribing ultimate value to something in a way that energizes and engages your whole person, and your whole being. When we are worshipping we are re-assigning the value of life from earthly thoughts to God. Biblical Worship is the act of ascribing value and living in accordance in such a way that it transforms our whole life.



“Blessing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.” Ephesians 5:19



²⁰“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.



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Announcements



The ladies will be hosting a baby shower for Cherelle and Darius Rodgers on **Sunday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m.** Cherelle and Daruis are expecting a little girl, Eden Lachelle Rodgers. Cherelle is registered at Walmart and on Amazon.



Shannen Miller placed membership with us last Sunday. Her address is 671 Spring Lake Drive, Pearl, MS 39208. Her phone number is 505-977-7433. Her birthday is October 22. Please add her to your church directory.

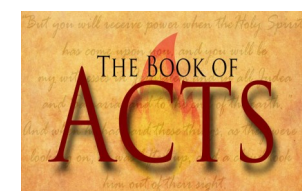


Steven has been in contact with his family. He is doing as well as can be expected. He can receive letters. Please include your return address in your letter as the facility removes all return addresses from envelopes. To learn more of what he can receive, see an Elder, their wives, Donna, or Beth.

Steven Daniel Tutor
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Federal Correctional Institution
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Oakdale, LA 71463



Our food giveaway was a success again this month. We were able to give out 53 bags to help families in our area. Thanks to everyone for your donations. Next month's giveaway will be April 17. Bring your items early to avoid last minute shopping.



On Wednesday Nights at 7:00, Tim Farrar is now teaching the Book of Acts. We invite everyone to come and join in on this wonderful study.



Please send all prayer requests and announcements to Jenny.Farrar@skywayhills.com.