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With Sunny Place Church of God

May 2015

What is Teamwork?

“...the combined action of a group of people, especially when effective and efficient.”

Other definitions I came across as I was thinking about teamwork were...

“Teamwork means that we share a common ideal embrace a common goal. Regardless of our differences, we strive shoulder-to-shoulder, confident on one another’s faith, trust and commitment. In the end, we believe in each other.”

“Teamwork is the FUEL that allows common people to produce uncommon results!”

“Teamwork is the long word for Success”

Throughout the Bible we read stories of people working together as teams to achieve a mission or “produce uncommon results!”

Starting at the beginning, in the book of Genesis chapter 2:18 we read, “*The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”* (NIV) As we continue in Genesis, we read of Noah and his family building an ark together. In Nehemiah we read of when the Israelites were rebuilding the wall in

Jerusalem, the work got tough and they got discouraged. Finally, they just gave up. So Nehemiah reorganized the work into teams. Half would stand guard and protect everyone while the other half would work. Then they would alternate their positions. He posted everyone by groups and families, so they

could encourage and support each other. We read of Moses and the team of leaders

around him. Continuing into the New Testament, we read about Jesus and the twelve disciples, Paul and Silas, Barnabas and Mark, and so on. I’m sure by now you have thought of many other teams in the Bible that I didn’t mention.

In my studies I came across a familiar passage that reminded me of teamwork in Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, “*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*” (NIV)

Teamwork is necessary in all areas of life—our families, our businesses, our communities. When it comes to teamwork, none of us are strong in every area. In the church some are gifted as preachers while some are gifted as teachers. Some are strong leaders while some are gifted at working out the details. Some are gifted as mentors while others are gifted as encouragers. This is good! If everyone were good at everything, we wouldn’t need the rest of the Body of Christ. Paul reminds us in Romans that bodies don’t function well unless they work together. *Romans 12:4-5(NIV)* “*For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we,*

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though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Our church needs every member involved in ministry—not just one. ONE does not equal a team. EVERYONE has something to contribute. EVERYONE involved equals TEAMWORK.

One thing I have learned over the years is team members must care for one another for effective teamwork. We need to watch out for one another, be there for one another in time of need, love one another unconditionally, if we're to be all that we can be for the Lord. We need one another. Romans 12:10(NIV) *“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.”*

I want to share with you an article written by Chuck Swindoll that I came across regarding something that has always fascinated me over the years...geese, regarding the very subject we've been talking TEAMWORK.

“It's those stately geese I find especially impressive. Winging their way to a warmer climate, they often cover thousands of miles before reaching their destination. Have you ever studied why they fly as they do? It is fascinating to read what has been discovered about their flight pattern as well as their in-flight habits. Four come to mind.

1:Those in front rotate their leadership. When one lead goose gets tired, it changes places with one in the wing of the V-formation and another flies point.

2:By flying as they do, the members of the flock create an upward air current for one another. Each flap of the wings literally creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. One author states that by flying in a V-formation, the whole flock gets 71 percent greater flying range than if each goose flew on its own.

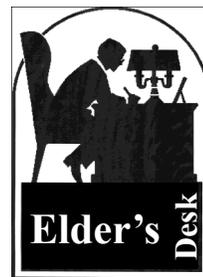
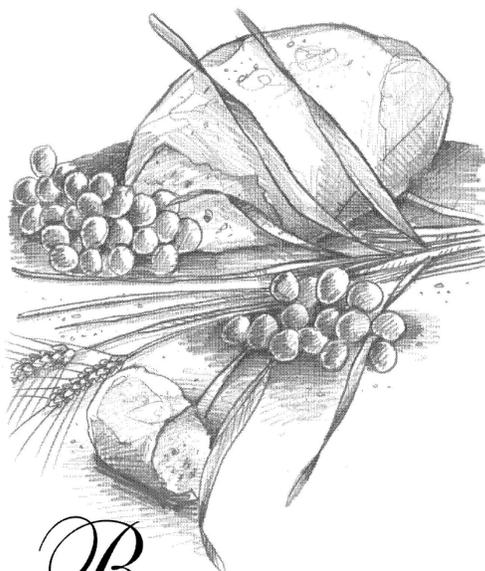
3:When one goose gets sick or wounded, two fall out of formation with it and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with the struggler until it's able to fly again. □

4. The geese in the rear of the formation are the ones who do the honking. I suppose it's their way of announcing that they're following and that all is well. For sure, the repeated honks encourage those in front to stay at it. As I think about all this, one lesson stands out above all others: it is the natural instinct of geese to work together. Whether it's rotating, flapping, helping, or simply honking, the flock is in it together...which enables them to accomplish what they set out to do.”

As I have been thinking about the subject of teamwork over the past couple of months, another word keeps coming to my mind unity. I think this word goes hand in hand with teamwork. In thinking about teamwork and unity, my mind goes to one of the definitions I gave at the beginning of this article...”teamwork means that we share a common ideal, embrace a common goal.”

May we be bold as a team working together in unity as we embrace the goal of sharing God's love and gift of salvation to those around us who don't know Christ as Lord of their life in our community, at our workplace, in our families and with our friends. May we as members of the one Body be an encouragement to one another, lifting up each other in prayer, love, word, and support.

Phyllis Clark



*Because there is one loaf, we,
who are many, are one body,
for we all partake of the one loaf.*

1 Corinthians 10:17

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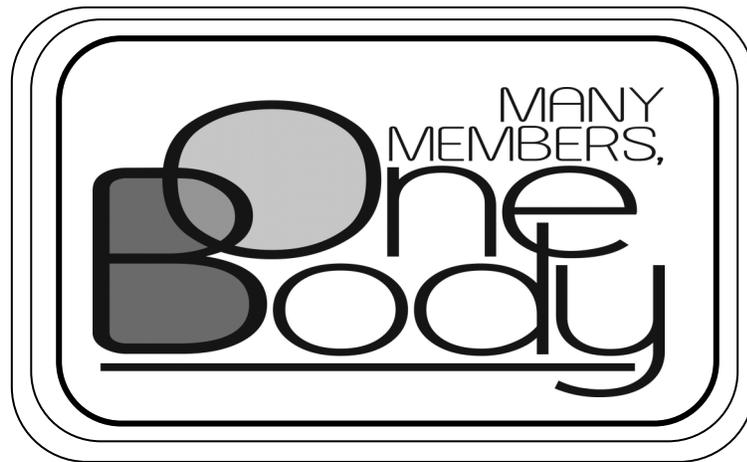
National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7th, 7:00 p.m., at Sunny Place



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**“There is one body and one Spirit-
just as you were called to one hope
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EPHESIANS 4:5



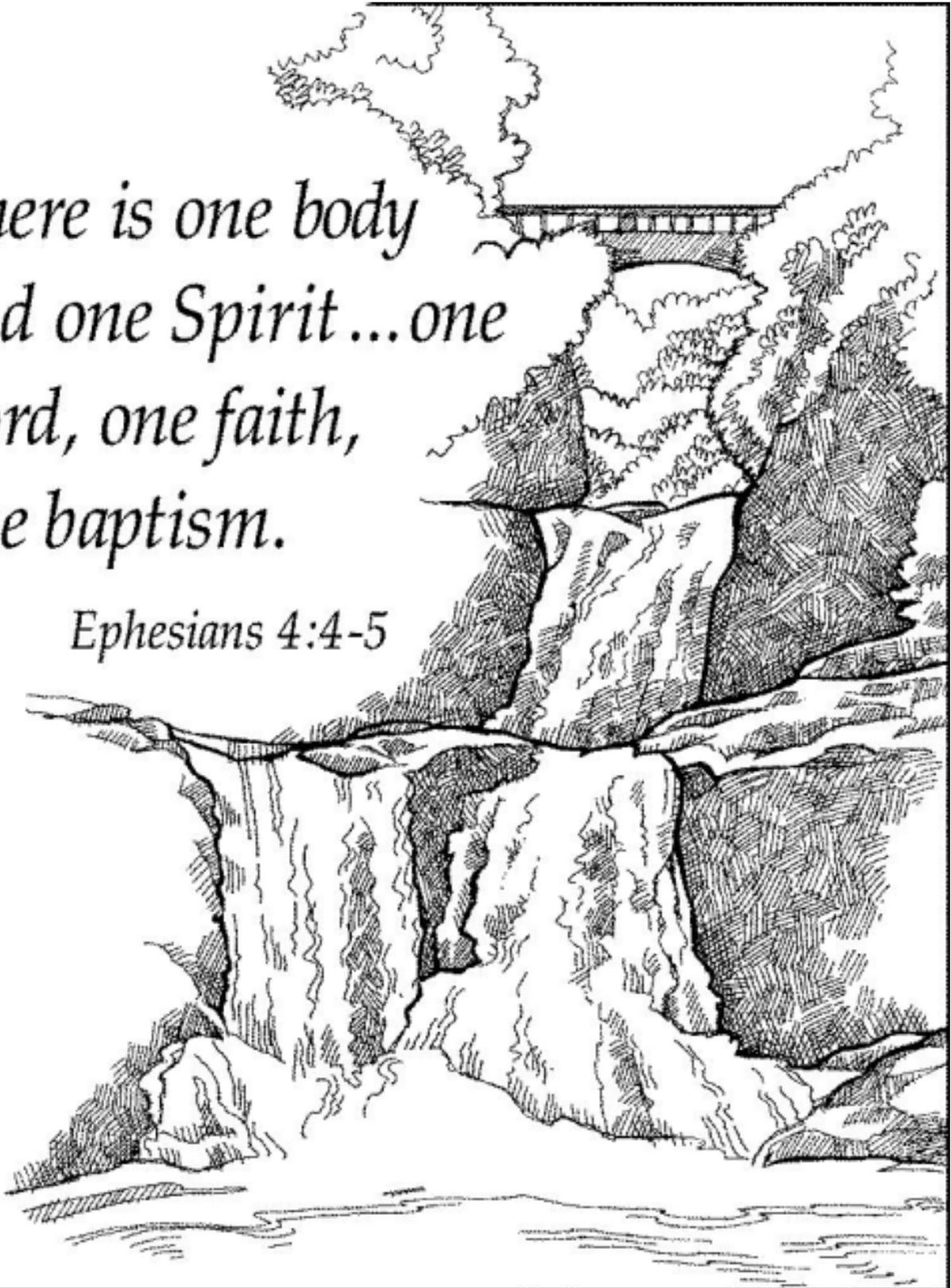
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Ephesians 4:4-5



Minutes of the Elders Meeting, April 1, 2015

Attendees: Phyllis Clark, Pastor Weber, Sam Jacob, Chuck Bender, Paul Gigous, Glenda Kasza.

Devotion and Prayer: John 15: 1-8 In this passage, Jesus is speaking to his disciples, using metaphors. Jesus explains that as disciples we are the branches of His vine and within Him, we bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit. God has planted the vine and we mature and bear fruit because we are part of the vine. Through our faith in God, we are cleansed by the Word of God. When you receive His Word you are receiving Him. We are cleansed, as we receive His Word and do His work. Christ wants us to experience all these things. This is a continuous process, receiving His gifts daily. Satan tempts us daily and we must make sure to always remain in the Vine. We must remain in Him and, as we do, our prayers will be answered.

Ministry Reports:

Treasurer: New balance for March 31, 2015 is \$2,911.44 The Capital Funds Campaign has received \$21,935.00 to date. Faith Promise Missions has received \$13791 (\$4,000 yet needed)

Worship: We are planning to have a candidate for worship leader at the end of May.

Christian Education: Vacation Bible School will be held July 13 – 17. Workers and teachers are needed. Individual's are needed for these days.

Hospitality & Encouragement: Cards and flowers have been sent for birthdays, anniversaries and to those who are ill or unable to attend church. Everything is in order for Easter Sunday. There is no meeting planned at this time.

Missions: The Missions Festival will begin May 2nd and 3rd. The keynote speaker has been chosen and there will be a breakfast Saturday morning.

Prayer and Devotion: May 7th will be the National day of Prayer. No meeting set at this time.

Stewardship & Support services: The repairs on the parsonage are nearing completion. The back bath and window treatments are among the finishing touches. Bids are being pursued for a new roof on parsonage and garage. We will be purchasing a new water heater and installing this month. The final bids for the parking lot rebuild need to be collected.

Ladies Ministry: The Ladies will begin a Bible study group to take place at Bob and Vicky's home. The 5th anniversary of the Ladies Ministry will be celebrated this year.

Evangelism & Outreach: There were about 150 kids and 75 adults that attended the Easter Eggstravaganza.

Fellowship: There is no report available at the present time.

Men's Ministries: The Men's breakfast will be held April 11th along with the Lawnmower repair clinic to follow.

Old & New Business:

- The July Elders meeting will be held on the 8th.
- Sam Jacobs will preach June 28th and July 5th.

The next Elders Meeting will be held Saturday, May 6th 2015.

“Making a Difference in His Name”

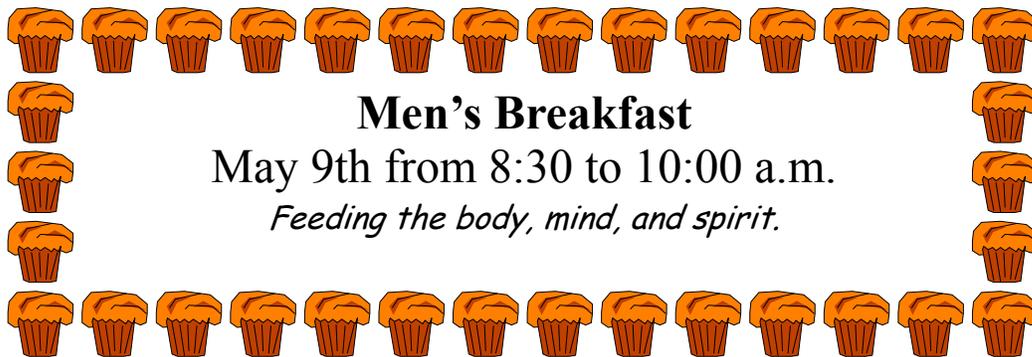


Mission's Fest

Saturday and Sunday
May 2nd and 3rd

With guest speakers:
Peggy Beverly
And Ruben and Jenny Schwieger

Saturday, Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, “International Dinner” at 12:30 p.m.



Men's Breakfast

May 9th from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Feeding the body, mind, and spirit.

There is
no women's breakfast
this month due to
Memorial Day Weekend
being early this year.

May Sunday School Line-Up Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Adult
Bible
Study

“Jesus is Greater...”

Study led by John Gryparis
on the Book of Hebrews



Thursday Evenings
7:00 p.m.
at Sunny Place

Children's Classes

Grades 1-6 led by Carla Weber

Youth 7-12 led by Kim Gehman
& Chuck Bender

Nursery services are provided

“Jesus in 3-D”

A study through the
Synoptic Gospels
led by Pastor Pete



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