

Praying for Fellowship Within Our Church ***Acts 2:42,47***

Prayer Tool 3

PRAY THAT:

I. Every Person have a Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ

-Rom. 6:1-14; 1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 2:14; 1 John 1:7
1 John 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

II. Unity in the Church be Evident based on Their Common Personal Relationship with Christ

-Acts 2:44-46; 4:32-37; 1 John 1:3

Phil. 2:1-2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

III. The Church not Fellowship with Those Who are:

-practicing a pattern of sin -**1 Cor. 5:11** But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

-teaching false doctrine -**2 John 1:10-11** If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works

-practicing a pattern of hypocrisy -**1 John 1:6** If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

-unbelievers -**2 Cor. 6:14-15** Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?

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-Acts 2:44,45; 2 Cor. 8:3-5; Gals. 6:6; Phil. 4:15b;
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Heb. 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Rom. 12:13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

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-Phil. 3:10; Heb. 10:32-35; 1 Peter 4:13

2 Cor. 1:6-7 If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

VI. The Church Co-labour in the Proclamation of the Gospel

Phil. 1:3-5 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

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