

Vancleave Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter

Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and local Christian ministry

September 26, 2021

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 6:12

Fellowship Through “Followership” by Duane Patton

A prominent theme running through the New Testament text is that of fellowship. Sometimes the word “fellowship” relates to giving and receiving monetary gifts for the work of the Lord, while at other times it refers to a mutual bond shared especially by those of “like-precious faith” (e.g., **Philippians 1:5; 2 Corinthians 8:4; 13:14; cf., 2 Peter 1:1**). The children of God – those who are part of the family of God which the Bible describes as the church – enjoy a kind of peace among themselves that begins at the very moment God enters into fellowship with each soul. The Scriptures relate this event to discipleship. Note the words of our Lord that He spoke not long after His resurrection:

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (**Matthew 29:18-20**, NKJV)

So, following Jesus includes the requirement of teaching others to follow Him, also. When this occurs, a fellowship, or joint participation through a common bond, is formed between oneself and another or others. John the apostle wrote about this fellowship many times in his letters. He explained the idea of fellowship through “followership” very clearly when he wrote,

“This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (**1 John 1:5-7**).

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” (3 John 4)

Seeking first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness...

Schedule of Services:

Sunday

9:00 AM Bible Class
10:00 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

Wednesday:

6:00 PM
Prayer & Bible Study

Local Works of Faith:

Sunnybrook Children’s Home
Gulf Coast Bible Camp
Local Food Pantry

Annual Youth Events
Back-Pack Buddies

The Gospel of Christ TV (Fox 25)
Every Sunday at 6:30 AM

Foreign Missions:

Guyana, South America
India

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Prayer Requests and Announcements

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open into their cry. ~ Psalms 34:15

Recent Requests:

David Hinds: To have another bone marrow treatment. Prayers have been requested.

Janet Hambsh: Grandmother of a friend of Maci, hospitalized with intestinal issues. Please pray.

David Hart: Doing "ok" after having surgery. Thankful for our prayers!

Frank Sentelle: Recently visited Ocshner to discover results of tests. Please continue to pray.

George Allen Hudson: Traveling with work. Karen has asked for our prayers on his behalf.

NEW, CHURCH WEB SITE! We are excited to announce the access and progress of our new website. It is still in the build-up process, but already has the potential to reach countless souls to God's glory. Take a self-guided tour of the site by searching "Vancleave Church of Christ" on your internet browser or type the following address: <https://vancleavemchurch.org>

Others: _____

Continue to remember these:

R.W. McAlister Mary McDaniel Mike Kenney Nic Wages
Earl and Linda Kenney Jerry and Virginia Mobley Wayne and Lanette Girod

If you have any updates / corrections on any prayer requests or other announcements, please share them by sending an email to vco_christ@att.net or simply text or leave a voice message at 601-436-0868.

WEEKLY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT: In a world filled with so much loss, is it not refreshing to know that God has given eternal life to those that love Him?

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

(1 John 5:11, KJV)

Daily Bible Reading Plan for 2021

Week 37

MONDAY	Ezekiel 44, 45	Notice the details regarding the restoration of the temple
TUESDAY	Ezekiel 46-48	Key in on the great hope that Ezekiel gives to those who return from Babylon
WEDNESDAY	Joel 1-3	Joel's use of the "day of the Lord" is echoed in the New Testament. Why?
THURSDAY	Daniel 1-3	Who do you think might have been the fourth person in the furnace?
FRIDAY	Daniel 4-6	Note the contrast between condemnation and salvation in this section.
SATURDAY	Daniel 7-9	Many numbers are incorporated into this prophecy. Why might this be?
SUNDAY	Daniel 10-12	Daniel is told to close the book "until the time of the end." Why?

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalms 119:105