

**January**  
Jan 16 Men's Night in Fellowship Room at 6:00 p.m.  
Jan 30-Feb 01 Men's Backpacking Trip

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY**  
Men of the Church, join us this Thursday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. for a night of great food and fellowship. Please respond to Wes so food can be planned appropriately. Call, text, or email Wes at (918) 607-8489 or [huskerwes1@gmail.com](mailto:huskerwes1@gmail.com).

**MEN'S BACKPAKING TRIP**  
Men, we are headed to Arkansas to the Buffalo National River wilderness. We will leave Thursday, January 30 and return Saturday, February 1. Please see Wes for trip details and to RSVP.

**BLESSING BOX MINISTRY**  
Church family, thank you for your continued support of our Blessing Box Ministry! Our storage shelves are running very low—especially in this colder weather we want to keep our box filled. Please help us refill our storage shelves as we continue to serve our community in Jesus' name! Thanks in advance!

**Priority Needs!!!**  
**Non-Perishable Food Items:**  
Canned goods w/flip top lids/can openers  
Boxed Meal/food that only needs water to cook it  
Granola Bars/Fruit Cups or other on-the-go snack items that can be divided up easily  
Wrapped Plasticware/Sandwich Baggies

<b>Hygiene Items:</b>	<b>Seasonal Warm Items:</b>
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste	Gloves
Shampoo/Conditioner	Stocking Caps
Body Wash/Body Lotion	Gloves
Deodorant	Scarves
Lip Balm/Facial Tissue	Handwarmers

\*You can also put together individual "kits" in quart or gallon sized baggies with "travel size" basic toiletries or snack bags that are ready for visitors to grab-and-go.  
\*Our storage shelves are housed in the nursery/study in the west hallway. If you ever see the box empty when you come to church, you're welcome to stop in and grab a few items to restock it!

Thankyou!

*If you are visiting today, welcome! We are glad that you have joined us in worshiping our God. Please feel at home with our family, and let us know how we can serve you!*

**FROM THE PREACHERS DESK**  
Church Service Essentials

In Philippians 2:1-2, the Apostle Paul is encouraging the church at Philippi in their Christian service. He says, *<sup>1</sup>...if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.*

He begins by asking us to consider whether or not we have been encouraged by what Jesus has done for us. The obvious answer to any true follower of Jesus is going to be in the affirmative. How is it possible for me to NOT be encouraged by what Jesus has done for me?

He then asks us to consider if we have been persuaded to live for Jesus because of the love that Jesus has for us. The unique phrase Paul uses is *"if there is any consolation of love."* The phrase is unique because it contains a word that isn't used anywhere else in the Bible. It is the Greek word, *paramythion* (par-am-oo-thee-on), and it means: for the purpose of persuading, arousing and stimulating, while being comforted.

Paul is asking the church at Philippi, and us by extension, whether the love of Jesus has persuaded us, aroused and stimulated something within our hearts by His love. Again, to the true follower of Jesus, our biggest motivation is our love for Jesus because of His love for us.

He asks us then to consider whether or not we have experienced the unique fellowship of the Spirit with the affection and compassion that comes to us from God, through the Holy Spirit, which, again, is an experience exclusive to those who have been truly born again.

Having us to consider all of these things, he then gives us four essentials of our service to Jesus and His church.

#1 – ***be of the same mind*** – in other words, when it comes to Christ and His church, think as much the same as possible.

#2 – ***maintain the same love*** – love here is *agapē* – the self-sacrificing love that Jesus had for us. Paul says that we should all have that kind of love for one another.

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**Prayer List:** Dianne Jeans, Jim DeJarnett, Wynetta Weston, Joshua Lewis, Larry Helton, Mary Ellen Garver, Marilyn Bartlow, Patsy Pierce, Gary Bodine, Bob & Beth Brownlee, Richard Wartick, Kylie Lock

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**  
Our Theme for Children's & Teens Bible Classes for January is "God Instructs His People." Here is a peek at this month's lessons, the Big Picture Question and Bible Verse.  
Jan 12—The Golden Calf (Exodus 32; 34)  
Jan 19—Building the Tabernacle (Exodus 35-40)  
Jan 26—Worship at the Tabernacle (Leviticus 16; 19; 26)  
Big Picture Question:  
Q: Why do we need to be saved?  
A: People are sinful and cannot save themselves.  
*"There is none holy like the Lord."*—1 Samuel 2:2

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE**  
**January**  
Jan 12—Linda Wartick      Jan 19—**Need Volunteer!**  
Jan 26—Darlene Cooney  
**February**  
Feb 02—Audra Hudspeth      Feb 09—Linda Wartick  
Feb 16—**Need Volunteer!**      Feb 23—Darlene Cooney  
**If you can volunteer, please see Darlene Cooney!**

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#3 – ***united in spirit*** – having the same attitude – which we know from the verses that follow in Philippians 2:8, that the attitude that Paul wants us to have is an attitude of ***...becoming obedient to the point of death...***

#4 – ***intent on one purpose*** – this doesn't mean being narrow-minded, but rather, being focused on the mission of Jesus and His church – ***to seek and save the lost*** – as something that is on your mind, in all of your endeavors, day-in, day-out.

Notice that Paul doesn't put any emphasis on talent, but rather on thinking the same way, loving the same way, being united as a body of believers with our hearts united with Christ in purpose. The only way to fail is to fail to participate, so, participate!

Much love!  
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