

9:00 am Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Lord Jesus, this is my church home. These are my people. We are here to help strengthen the body. Holy Spirit, we desire your wisdom and guidance. Mature our faith. Strengthen our weakness. Keep deception and division far from us. Fill us forever with the true Bread of Life, Jesus Christ. Unify us in you, Lord. Help us to see You in every face that looks back at us. That your church may more wonderfully be your body, we commit ourselves to love you, serve you, and follow you as pilgrims. In the name and way of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Hymn *To God be the Glory* #98

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Hymn *His Name is Wonderful* #174

Appalachian Service Project Sharing

Offering Prayer

*Doxology

*Hymn *Jesus, United by Thy Grace* (vs1,5,6) #561

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1-4; 11-13

Special Music Abigail Simiele

Sermon "Better Together" Pastor John

*Hymn *One Bread, One Body* (vs. 1-2) #620

Communion

*Hymn *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* #133

Blessing

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

(Offering boxes are located at all entrances to the sanctuary.)

Music for today is printed by permission – CCLI #113699

Our Salem Church Family Prayer List

Betty Nauman	Bill Baltozer
James Mitchell	Jim Yohn
Tonya Melchoir	Dave Stehman
Wade Morris	Donna Rhodes
Tom Reiner	Joan Summy

Alvin Baker, Doris Gyurko's brother
The Adams/Weidman Family

Going Deeper in “Better Together”

Read the following a few times:

Ephesians 4:1-6 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
Romans 12:1-2 Acts 24:16

This section opens the quite long second half of the letter. Paul takes his readers back to the fundamental instructions on living the Christian life. He reminds them how they began, what it was all about, and how they need to work together to keep growing and going for the Lord.

Reflect on the following:

1. What’s your favorite team sport? Why?
2. What does it take for a sports team to become a championship team?
3. What holds a team back from moving to the championship level?
4. Why does Paul argue humility is the key to the growth of healthy relationships between people? What destroys relationships?
5. What keeps people sitting on their hands?
6. When have you stepped out of the game? Why?
7. What are some ways we can pour out ourselves in acts of love?
8. What is the danger in ignoring damage in relationships?
9. What holds us back from being quick to repair damaged relationships?
10. When have you been part of a team, where everyone was pulling in the same direction, and you were able to accomplish much?
11. What happens to a team with several coaches who are shouting different directions?
12. Why does it require discipline to practice humility, gentleness, tolerance, and patience? What do you find helpful to walk in this way?
13. What are some of the things that divide the church today? Why do we like to major on minor issues?
14. Why do we need others to become faithful disciples? In what ways are we truly better together?

Respond in one of the following ways:

1. Humility is an absence of pride and self-assertion, based upon an understanding of the God-given worth of others. Ask God to help you walk in humility and love.
2. Gentleness is the quality of strength under control, like a riding horse. Ask God to help you keep your strength under control.
3. Patience is long suffering and helps us to bear with one another as we chose to tolerate the faults of others. Ask God to fill you with patience as you give others the gift of grace.

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