



February 20, 2022

WORSHIP SERVICE

Announcements

"Victory In Jesus"

Call To Worship

"Hymn Of Heaven"

"No One Higher"

"Unity in a Church – Why it is Important and What Are the Barriers to It"

John 17:20-23

Closing Song

"Christ Be All Around Me"

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"Unity in a Church – Why it is Important and What Are the Barriers to It"

John 17:20-23

- I. How Jesus' _____ for the church points out the importance of unity in the church.
 - A. Because it shows unity in the church as a reflection of the unity that exists between God the _____ and God the _____. *John 17:21 NIV*
 - B. Because unity in the _____ reflects our unity with _____. *John 17:21 NIV*
 - C. Because unity in the church helps make people receptive to _____ in Jesus. *John 17:21 NIV*
- II. What are some of the _____ to the unity that Jesus wants for the church?
 - A. When people in the church put _____ agenda ahead of God's agenda.
 - B. When people in the church have the erroneous idea that to be unified means that they must _____ on everything.
- III. What are some ways church members can _____ with God's desire of the church being in unity? *Ephesians 4:3 NIV*
 - A. Choose to align yourself with the mission of the Church and get _____ in it.
 - B. Refuse to allow or to be part of anything that causes _____ or _____ in the church. *Romans 16:17-18 NIV*

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service
6:00pm Youth Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

11:00am Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
6:15pm Children's Ministry
6:15pm Youth Bible Study

Senior Follies Coming Up in March

Please sign up in the welcome center if you're interested in going.
Tickets must be purchased in advance.
See Jim Hipp for more details.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Today: Nancy Higginbotham & Denise McAlister

Next Sunday: Ruby Miller & Donna Hammond

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Today: Jim Hipp & Gary McAlister

Next Sunday: Steve Hammond & Steve Mitchell

Deacons' meeting today following the worship service.

Tithes & Offerings for February 13, 2021

Budget Fund	\$6,994.57
Senior Adults	60.00
Carpet	600.00
Total	\$7,654.57

**Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting at 11 AM
Wednesdays - God's Amazing Grace**

Our new study of the book of Galatians will be very rewarding. Come join us as we are learning about the freedom found in the Gospel of God's amazing grace.

New Carpet in Worship Center

It has been almost a full thirty-four years since we moved into our church's worship center. It is a tribute to our church members and, more specifically, the house & grounds committee, that the original carpet in the church's worship center lasted as long as it did. Of course, the primary reason for installing the new carpet was to protect from the increased likelihood of the buckling carpet causing someone to trip and injure themselves. Another side benefit, however, to having the beautiful new carpet in the worship center is that it gives another opportunity for guests to have a good first impression of PVBC.

The longer we have attended a church, the less we are able to see it through the eyes of a newcomer. But to newcomers who don't know anyone, other things (including facilities) shape their initial attitude and decision to come back. If they do come back, relationships grow in importance and facilities decline in importance. When you know special guests will be arriving, you pick up the clothes, wash the windows, clean the dishes, and put on your house's best face. This also applies to a church. It is good to know, therefore, that not only does this new carpet eliminate the health hazard from our old carpet but also conveys a positive attitude to guests visiting our church. It contributes to the beauty of the church inside as the mulch you helped put down contributed to the beauty outside. To be sure, nice facilities don't make churches grow. However, poor facilities often keep them from growing.

Thank you to everyone for your part in helping us to be the church God wants us to be.
In His service,
Pastor Glenn