

Announcements:

A memorial service for Bob Schwartz will be held today at 2 PM in the Sanctuary. All are invited to both the memorial and a reception in the Fellowship Hall following. Please keep Nancy Schwartz and their family in your prayers at this time.

If you are a member of First Church and have recently graduated or will be graduating soon —we want to know about it! Please write it on your communication card, call it in to the office (325-1267) or send us an email (office@fumcbakersfield.org). We need the graduates name, where they are graduating from and with what degree.

FUMC will be hosting a baby shower for the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center on Thursday, May 26, at 10 AM. A list of needed items is listed in the May Spirit and will also be available at the Welcome Desk, as well as on our website.

Rev. Dr. Lee McDonald continues his teaching on the History of the Early Church on Wednesday, 6:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. We are fortunate to have him share his knowledge of the Bible and Christian history with us, along with his experience as a teacher and pastor. ZOOM is available for those who wish to join from home. Contact the church office.

A Little Change Makes A Big Difference! Pick up a Baby Bottle in the Narthex and fill it with change to support the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center's fundraiser now through Father's Day, June 19th.

Attention Seniors! Summer Fun Get-Away begins June 15 at 9:30 AM in room 6! Our last Senior Center Lunch will be this Wednesday, May 25.

Kid's Church is open on Sundays during the 9:30 service and the kids are having a great time! We have a Bible lesson, craft or activity and a lot of fun. We now have a 5 year old and under class, and a first—fifth grade class. Stop by and check us out! There are new friends to meet and much to learn about growing our faith in Jesus.

Save The Date:

June 12— Houchin Blood Drive

Sermon Notes Cont.

Heart to Heart

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1.
There is no _____ in Christ.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism ... Ephesians 4:4-5.

May 22, 2022 9:30 AM



Ekklesia

Ek - “out of” + kaleo - “to call” = Church

Church = “called-out assembly of believers”

“Community or Disunity? Being One Together”

Celebrating 150 Years
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Sunday Worship Service

May 22, 2022 | 9:30 AM

Prelude	Rebecca Spickler
Announcements	Adlai Wilson
*Invocation/Welcoming	Pastor Richard
*Praise Song	<i>"The Lion And The Lamb"</i>
Psalm Reading: Psalm 97	Jo Anne Coston
*Glory Be To The Father (Gloria Patri)	Congregation
Choral Praise	<i>"Let The Whole Creation Cry"</i> Chancel Choir
*Hymn 327	<i>"Crown Him With Many Crowns"</i>
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Richard
*Praise Song	<i>"Promises"</i>
Vision Announcement	Pastor Richard
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6, 15-16; John 17:20-24	Adlai Wilson
Message	<i>"Community or Disunity?"</i> Pastor Richard
*Hymn 575, vs 1, 4, 5	<i>"Onward Christian Soldiers"</i>
*Benediction	Pastor Richard
*Doxology	Congregation
Postlude	Rebecca Spickler

Assisting in Worship:

Pastor: Dr. Richard Thompson
Worship Leader: Andrew Irvin
Liturgists: Adlai Wilson, Jo Anne Coston
Greeters: Sheryl Gallion, Mary Jane & Odel Santos
Ushers: Bonnie Bowles, Bonnie Casola, Tony Castro
Safety Team: Ray Bowles, Rick McDonald, Dusty Ramey

Musicians:

Organ: Rebecca Spickler
Guitar: Beren Canlas
Bass Guitar: James Dethlefsen
Keyboard: Aaron Thompson
Vocals: Beren Canlas, Andrew, Melissa Metcalf, Irvin, Rebecca Spickler
Tech: James Dethlefsen, Ed French, Lucas Metcalf
Chancel Choir Director: Kathleen Schaffer
Chancel Choir Accompanist: Char Gaines

Sermon Notes

"Community or Disunity? Being One Together"

God is still in control and He cares for us, for He has come to us in the person of _____.

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, ... 2 Corinthians 4:5-7.
The Church is the _____, created by the Good News of what Jesus has done in our lives.

Read 1 Peter 2:9

Read John 15:5.

The Great Scandal

Read Ephesians 4:3

The great scandal of the Church is its many divisions.

We can say "I believe in the holy catholic church," or we can substitute the word "_____" and mean the same thing.

Just confessing, "I believe in the church" plunges us deep into the _____ of life in the 21st century.

The Church is both holy and _____.

The Church is peopled with those who are "_____."

"The power of hell is strongest where the odor of _____ fills the air"

A. The Church Has _____.

We should be glad when we find others who _____ our faith, handed down to us from the New Testament.

Read Galatians 1:8.

B. The Church Has _____.

The Church is one because _____ is one.

Read 1 Corinthians 3:11. (See also Ephesians 2:20).

C. The Church _____.

Jesus _____ to build one church and one church only.

Read Ephesians 4:4-6.

We are to _____ and _____ the unity God has already created among all true believers.

D. Church Includes Fallible People.

We're all _____ in need of God's grace.

But if people are the problem, they are also the _____ of the church.

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