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The word "Communion" comes from the Latin word "communio" which means mutual participation. It is a shared fellowship. From that Latin word we also get communication and community.

When Jesus was sharing the Passover meal with his disciples in the upper room, he said several prayers. *"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be **one**, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be **one** as we are **one**: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete **unity** to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."* (John 17:20-23)

Jesus was praying for unity of his believers. While he was focusing on the unleavened bread and the wine, he was also thinking of us.

In the early church, there was division that was evident during the breaking of bread. *"In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are **divisions** among you, and to some extent I believe it. No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk. Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not! For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."* (1 Cor 11:18-26)

When we partake of the bread, we know it is symbolic of Jesus' body sacrificed on the cross. We must also remember we are also his body. *"For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, **his body**, of which he is the Savior... for we are members of **his body**."* (Eph 5:23, 30)

When we partake of communion, we are in a shared fellowship with God, and with each other. There should be no division among us, but we should partake of it as one.

*"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all **one** in Christ Jesus."* (Gal 3:28)

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Please pray for...

For our nation as we are going through troubled times

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Ellen Lemon as she nears the end of her radiation treatments.

Alex Cram had positive results from his bone density test but his eye sight has worsened somewhat. Surgery appears to be inevitable.

Nick Gampp has by-pass surgery scheduled for tomorrow at SOMC. Note: Nick thanks us for our prayers and asks that we keep phone calls and visits to minimum for now. Cards are certainly welcome.

Thelma Rakes (Rushie Richmond's mother) is scheduled for a knee replacement surgery right after Christmas



**LET US KNEEL
BEFORE THE
LORD, OUR
MAKER!**

Psalm 96:6



Coming Events

12/28 - PM Preaching Service

02/01 - No Debt-No Sweat Class Begins

02/20-22 - Winterfest in Gatlinburg

VERSE OF THE MONTH

You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14 & 16



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

12/28 Preaching Service
01/04 Ephesians 1

01/11 Ephesians 2
01/18 Ephesians 3
01/25 Preaching Service

Wednesday

12/31 Exodus 19-20
01/07 Exodus 21-23
Leviticus 24:10-16
Numbers 18-19

01/14 Exodus 24-27
01/21 Exodus 28-31
01/28 Exodus 32-34

Spirit Club

No meetings till January, 2009, due to the holidays and the need for Christmas Program rehearsals.

Haiti Mission Donation

There is one item we are collecting for our trip to Haiti. We have been asked to come up with 300 boxes of crayons for Haiti school children. All must have 24 crayons--no more, no less. We are also requesting that you buy only CRAYOLA brand crayons. If you would like to buy some boxes and contribute to this need, there is a collection box in the foyer to receive your donation.

Winterfest Registration Begins

Winterfest 2009 is scheduled for February 20-22 in Gatlinburg. We always take a charter bus load to Winterfest and registration is now available on the church's website. Click on "Winterfest Sign Up." Cost is \$90.00 which is due upon departure. This does not include meals or miscellaneous expenses (souvenirs, etc). A flyer is available on the table in the foyer. For more information see Shaun McCray or Jamie Riley.

Special Class on Sunday Evenings

Starting Sunday evening, February 1, a new class for adults will be meeting in the Annex, called **No Debt-No Sweat**. It is a video seminar on money management created by Steve Diggs, based on proven money management practices and Biblical principles. The class is open to church members and community people alike and is free. Each session will have a short video presentation by Steve followed by time for note-taking and discussion and Bible study. A note-taking manual will be provided. Copies of the book **No Debt-No Sweat** are also available at a reduced rate. The class will probably go on for 14 to 16 weeks. See Steve Miller if you have questions.

Preaching Service This Evening

This evening classes from 6th Grade and up will be meeting in the auditorium. All other classes will be meeting. In the auditorium we'll be having a preaching service. **Spike Ferrell** will be our speaker for the evening.

"And, ye fathers, provoke not
your children to wrath: but bring
them up in the nurture and
admonition of the Lord."

— Ephesians 6:4

Different "Types" of Christians

Acts 11:26

"And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

Did you know there are different "types" of Christians described in the Bible? There are the strong and the weak (Rom. 15:1); the spiritual and the carnal (1 Cor. 3:1); the hot and the cold (Rev. 3:15); and the stable and the unstable (Eph. 4:14-16). There are still others to add to the list.

1) There Is The "Fictional" Christian

This individual is a Christian only in his own mind and by his own definition. He seldom attends, never contributes, and has forgotten how to work. His loftiest goal is to maintain his name on the church roll. Not too many of these are found in the New Testament since it deals with "fact" not fiction. Jesus said, *"He that is not with Me is against Me; and He that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad"* (Mt. 12:30). One is either in or out. Some who are out may regard themselves as in, but that is self-delusional. Jesus once asked, *"And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"* (Lk. 6:46). One cannot disregard the Lord's will regarding worship and service and be considered a Christian, unless it's a fiction story.

2) There Is The "Frictional" Christian

Whether intentionally or not, this person "rubs" everyone the wrong way. Is it the abrasive personality that causes this reaction, or is it the fact that he or she does not "think" before speaking? A healthy dose of love, thoughtfulness, and kindness would go a long way in effecting a cure (Eph. 4:32).

3) There Is The "Fractional" Christian

These kind of people attend a "fraction" of the time although no one would be able to predict when. They expect everyone to stand up and cheer when they bless the congregation with their presence. The fractional Christian is a part-time disciple (which is a contradiction in terms). They probably can talk a good case of Christianity (1 Jn. 3:16). Religion is something they leave at the building as soon as they depart. The Lord has a "fraction" of their hearts, their bodies, and their pocketbooks. The remainder of their hearts is "possessed" by the devil.

4) There Is The "Factional" Christian

This individual thrives on strife and just loves to "stir things up"! He is a sower, not of the word of God (Lk. 8:11), but of discord among brethren (Prov. 6:19). Does he think that the Lord's church is a human institution in which opinions may be exalted and politics may be engaged in? If something is done that is not his idea, he doesn't like it. It will not be enough that he refuses to participate in whatever he finds objectionable; he will try to make sure that no one else can enjoy the activity, either. To add weight to his criticism, he will most likely trot out a Scripture for support (though it is misapplied). If left unchecked, he will discourage many

church members. And if he does not get his way, others can still expect to hear murmuring and complaining from his lips. This type of person has been known to round up as many fictional and fractional brothers as he can to attend the business meeting and vote with him. Eventually there may be a split, but division is all right with him--he got his way!

5) There Is The "Functional" Christian

He has obeyed from the heart the gospel of Christ and has been truly converted (Rom. 6:17-18). Everything he has, is, or ever will be belongs to God. And he "functions" the way God designed him. He (or she) is a conscientious husband, wife, mother, father, son, or daughter. This person makes the finest citizen in the community. Best of all, the functional Christian glorifies his Lord by putting His cause first and overcoming all obstacles. He is personally devoted to his own spiritual improvement. Although perhaps not in some spectacular way, he is nevertheless evangelistic (Rom. 1:14, Mt. 28:18-20). In short, he "functions" as a Christian ought to function. Should a Christian be interested in studying the word of God? Should a Christian desire to meet with other brethren to worship God? Should a Christian be concerned about those still lost in sin? Should a Christian stand for truth and oppose error? Should a Christian protest the evils of society and praise that which is good? Should a Christian give generously to the local congregation to support its work? Yes, and the functional Christians does all of these things, and more.

6) There Is The "Dysfunctional" Christian

Just as the news reports physical families that can be described this way, so would God's spiritual family be this way--if everyone were like this person. He (or she) does not relate to others in the body very well, judging by their absence from the activities that the rest of the members engage in. Of course, not everyone can participate in everything, but these folk do not ever seem to be involved in anything. They are either "too busy", or they don't care much for their brothers and sisters (1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 4:16). These inexplicable people may be consistent attendees, good givers, and helpful in many ways, but they do not appear to enjoy the family relationship Christ designed for there to be in the church, which is unfortunate, since brotherhood is an integral and vital part of Christianity.

7) There Is The "Unctional" Christian

No, that's not a misprint, though it may be unfamiliar (but then we need more words in the English language). According to the dictionary, the second definition of unction is: "an ointment or oil, salve." The one after that is: "something that serves to soothe or restore; a balm." Oh, how we need unctional brethren--someone who can speak a soothing word to those distressed, hurting, or grieving. Barnabas was called the son of consolation (Acts 4:36-KJV), exhortation (ASV), encouragement (NKJ), and comfort (The New Testament in Basic English). How refreshing it is for someone to utter an uplifting thought instead of a complaint, a kind word instead of a snide comment. We all need this kind of support.

Of the seven "types" of Christians described in this article, which category fits YOU?

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Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
L Server 6
O Server 5
R Server 4
D Wine
S Bread
S Server 3
U Server 2
P Server 1
E
R Message
Closing Prayer

December 28

Wayne Gampp
Nick Davis
Steve Williams
Gabe Coriell
Josh Coriell
David Gampp
Derek Miller
Spike Ferrell
Rich Book
Dale Gampp
Troy Gahm
Chuck Allison
Steve Miller
Greg Coriell

January 4

Tom Kelley
Ralph Gampp
Alan Graff
Aaron McCray
Mark Risner
Ira Coriell
Jack Jennings
Jason Coriell
John Berry
Tyler Jones
Ryan Coriell
Price Gammon
Steve Miller
Bill Gammon

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer
Bible Class

Aaron McCray
Gary Glispie
Matt Hoskins
Jacob Miller
Eric McLaughlin
* Preaching Service *

Shawn Gragg
Aaron Kallner
Tim Coriell
Dewey Cordle
Tim Gampp

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Mark Gampp
Caleb Miller
Exodus 19-20

Zach Coriell
Jeff Hayward

Children's Bible Time

Dec 3/5: Jennette Ferrell, Pam Coriell, Irmalee Gampp
Dec 6/8: Kerri Davis, Kim McCray, Jessie Coriell

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Who Said That?

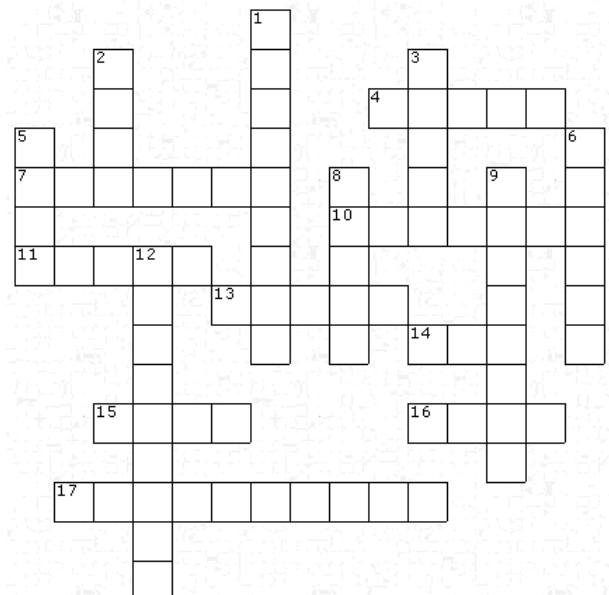
Identify who made these famous statements.

Across

- 4 - Do this in remembrance of me.
7 - Tell me the secret of your strength.
10 - Will you destroy both innocent and guilty alike?
11 - Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh?
13 - Pick me up and throw me into the sea.
14 - The serpent deceived me.
14 - Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
16 - Am I my brother's keeper?
17 - You will not surely die.

Down

- 1 - Go and make a careful search for the child.
2 - Love is patient.
3 - You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
5 - She gave me some fruit from the tree.
6 - Let me die with the Philistines!
8 - After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?
9 - Tell these stones to become bread.
12 - Blessed are you among women.



Solution is posted on the bulletin board and page 5 of the online bulletin.

Crossword Solution
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