Church Announcements and Events:

Calendar of Events for the Month of August 2018:

⇒ <u>Wednesdays</u>: "The Book of Philippians" - Discovering God in the Midst of Life. <u>Special Announcements</u>:

- ⇒ 8/5 9/2 "WELCOME HOME" Sunday Morning Bible Study for Life: (9:50am 10:10am). Join us in the journey to take "Hospitality" to the next level!
- Local Ladies Retreat Women's Conference in Fredericksburg, TX Monday through Wednesday, August 6th - 8th @ the Inn on Baron's Creek, 308 S. Washington Street, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624 (See Pastor Cynthia for details).
- <u>Built to Last Men's Conference</u> (Friday, September 14th & Saturday, September 15th, 2018) Eagle Mountain International Church (EMIC), Fort Worth, TX (see CCB or Pastor Ed for details).

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SERMON NOTES (CONTINUED...)

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY, August 12th, 2018

SERMON SERIES: "Stay In Your Lane!" SERMON TITLE: "The Power of a Partner"

1 John 1:3 - 7 (NKJV) – "³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. ⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to vou, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have **fellowship** with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- The Apostle John in this Epistle, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, is communicating to us loud and clear the importance of us remaining in ______. Don't break _____. Father, with the Lord Jesus Christ and with fellow Christian believers. with the
- When we are born again, redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Christ, we enter into a with God our Father, with the Lord Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit. WE ARE ONE SPIRIT WITH THE LORD! 1 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV) - "But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.
- Our with one another is to take place as well. God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ did not save and redeem us to live "INDEPENDENT" and "ISOLATED" lives. Our New Birth in Christ brings the experience of being "Baptized into the Body of Christ". You become a member of the Body of Christ (spiritually and legally). 1 Corinthians 12:13 (NKJV) - "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.'
- YOU ARE NOT INDEPENDENT OF THE BODY IF YOU ARE A PART OF THE BODY! IF YOU ARE THEN YOU ATROPHE, DECAY, ROTTEN AND DIE! That's why we reach the (those with no fellowship with God – they are not saved) and we reach the (every sheep needs a shepherd and every believer needs a family – a church family). Our Father didn't intend for us to live and settle for living room worship. (Hebrews 10:25) A Christian without a family is like an orphan and that not good and not God's best. Independence and Isolation is a celebration of selfishness. It breeds relational irreverence and irresponsibility. It takes God and others out of the equation of your life - which is not good at all.
- WE ARE WIRED AND CREATED FOR "WE-NESS" AND NOT "ME-NESS"! YOU ARE DESIGNED TO BE A STRONG TEAM PLAYER AND NOT JUST AN INDIVIDUAL STAR. TEAMS WIN! TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK! WE ARE CREATED TO HAVE AND MAINTAIN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD THE FATHER; FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHERS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST! HOW IS YOUR FELLOWSHIP? ARE YOU IN GOOD FELLOWSHIP?
- Remember, as we've shared often on Wednesday Nights that is powerful spiritual IS A WORD THAT IS DESCRIBED AS word and not merely a socializing word. PARTNERSHIP AND COVENANT. It is a strong, important WORD! There is a difference between and RELATIONSHIP.

= the sharing of the heart mutually (spirit to spirit firm); PARTNERSHIP; COVE-NANT; spiritual communion; spiritual connection 1 Corinthians 6:15 - 17;1 Corinthians 6:14 - 16 THE **BIBLE TEACHES** BUT NOT SEGREGATION!

= to relate to; to be related to; etc. To relate to in the context of your sphere of influence and the world around you should RELATE to people based on the commonalities and relatable areas such as (e.g. vocation; career field or profession; employer; business or industry; School or University; hobbies; community or subdivision; township or district; sports team; musical band; gym; YMCA; local activity, etc.)

FIVE (5) AREAS OF PARTNERSHIP: Philippians 1:3 – 7 (NKJV) – "3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, ⁵ for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; ⁷ just as it is right for me to think this of you all. because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace."

- 1st PARTNERSHIP = PARTNERS IN THE (Vs 5) We in the aospel to be an effective witness (Acts 1:8). PARTNERSHIP IS THE REASON WHY WE COME TO CHURCH!
- 2nd PARTNERSHIP = PARTNERS IN THE OF GOD (Vs 7)
- 3rd PARTNERSHIP = PARTNERS IN THE (2:1) Philippians 2:1 (NKJV) -"Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy"
- 4th PARTNERSHIP = PARTNERS IN THE OF GOD (3:10) Philippians 3:10 (NKJV) -"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death"
- 5th PARTNERSHIP = PARTNERS IN (4:15) Philippians 4:15 (AMPC) - "And you Philippians yourselves well know that in the early days of the Gospel ministry, when I left Macedonia, no church (assembly) entered into partnership with me and opened up [a debit and credit] account in giving and receiving except you only."
- THE POWER OF A PARTNER: Read 2 Corinthians 8:16 23

SERMON TITLE: "The Power of a Partner" NOTES:

