

The Joy of Christian Fellowship
1 John 2:12-14
March 13, 2022

I. Introduction to 1 John

- A. Fellowship with God's people means complete joy.
- B. Fellowship with the Father means fellowship with His people.

II. The Reason for Our Fellowship (1 John 2:12-14)

- A. Christians have fellowship by rejoicing in each other's faith in Christ.
- B. Christians have fellowship by learning from each other's knowledge of God.
- C. Christians have fellowship by fighting with each other against Satan.
- D. Christians have fellowship by proclaiming the Word of God.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 John 2:7-14.
2. How important is fellowship in the church, according to verses 7-11? Why?
3. What do you think talking about God's work in the lives of children, fathers, and young people in general has to do with the overall theme of 1 John of fellowship and love for one another?
4. Share stories of children who asked Jesus for forgiveness for their sin that really bless you.
5. Share stories of fathers whose knowledge of God blessed their family in a way that made an impression on you.
6. Share stories of young people whose victory over the plans of Satan has been inspirational to you.
7. Pray for our church leaders, that God would give us wisdom on how to have fellowship with the Arabic church meeting in our building. Consider coming to tonight's online church prayer meeting at 7 pm (register from the church website on the homepage).

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Job 34-37

March Memory Verses: Job 42:1-6

Colossians 3:12-15 (ESV)

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 4/17/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for our new believers, their discipleship process, and strength to live a new life.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Gwen L. (brother), Paul & Kathy W. (daughter's significant other), Comfort J. (husband), Trevon T. (grandmother), Walter W. (brother), Gretchen E. (father), Rick V.S. (brother), Terry H. (brother), and Matthew M. (uncle)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (awaiting kidney transplant), Debbie B. (blood clots, hip pain), Leon V. (chemo & recovery from infection), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Ruthie C. (recovery from a fall), Ken R. (recovering from surgery at home), Twila & Wayne D. (declining health), Marie B's husband (recovery from emergency surgery & continued back issues), and Debbie P. (healing & improved health)
- Those struggling with COVID
- Others that you are aware of