

**A LOVING
WELCOME TO ALL**

Brother Chuck Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We are thankful that God has blessed each of us to be here to worship God together during this special Family and Friends Day.**
Please notice in your bulletin that...
- **Our brother Cameron Linder will lead us in praising God with acapella singing...**

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- His dad, brother Larry Linder will lead us together to the throne of God in our opening prayer...
- Our brother Brandon Parks will guide our thoughts as we remember the death of Jesus for our sins during the Lord's Supper.

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- Brother Brandon will also give thanks to God for the physical blessings He has given us during our contribution. **Only members of the churches of Christ are asked to give what you have purposed in your heart.**

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- Lord willing, brother Samuel Matthews, will preach a plain and practical gospel sermon from the Bible to teach and encourage us all. Entitled: **THE UNITY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH!**

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- **Brother Curtis Braxton will close this service in prayer and recognize our visitors.**
- **Brother Curtis will also preach the sermon next Sunday (26 July). We hope you will again come and worship with us.**

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- Our church website and Facebook page links are on the last page of the bulletin. In the bulletin you will also notice **the Minister's Corner – 218 (The Sad Condition Of Judah), the Liberty Letter – 291 (Understanding God's Word)**, and the scriptural outline for today's sermon: "Unity In The Local Church."

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- All are welcome to come to the church building for our 7pm Thursday evening Bible class. We are learning more about Jesus from the Gospel of John. The class will also be on ZOOM for those who desire to participate at home (see our church website for the ZOOM link).

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- Please keep all new Christians in prayer. A New Christian's Bible study is being held every Saturday on ZOOM. We are looking at lessons from the Book of Psalms. You are encouraged to attend and participate by joining ZOOM with ID 611-310-476 (from 2-3pm).

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- Also, remember and pray for all the physical sick and spiritual weak members in our spiritual family: sister Keyana, sister Sinkie, sister Sunshine, sister Davis, sister Dorothea, sister Linda Marcellus, bro. Joel, and the Rounds and Black families.

Church Theme for 2026

Ephesians 3:17



JULY 2026 MEMORY VERSE

**“...See that ye love one another
with a pure heart fervently” (1
Peter 1:22).**

SONG # 778

Be With Me Lord

Brother Cameron Linder

OPENING PRAYER

Brother Larry Linder

SONG # 221

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Brother Cameron Linder

LORD'S SUPPER

Brother Brandon Parks

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send your contribution to:
libertynwchurchofchrist@gmail.com

Brother Brandon Parks

- Please turn to **SONG # 859 When All Of God's Singers Get Home**. If you are able, please stand with us while we praise God with this song, and please remain standing after the song in reverence to the reading of God's Holy Word (**Ephesians 4:4-6**) by brother Moronae Schuster.

SONG # 859

When All Of God's Singers Get Home

Brother Cameron Linder

Scripture Reading
Ephesians 4:4-6

Brother Moronae Schuster

EPHESIANS 4:4-6

- “4 There is **one body**, and **one Spirit**, even as ye are called in **one hope** of your calling; 5 **one Lord, one faith, one baptism**, 6 **one God** and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

INTRODUCTION

- **We are thankful for this congregation...**
- **VISITORS: you are our welcomed and honored guest.**
- **We are humbled but excited to preach this lesson. Please follow the Scriptural outline in your bulletin.**

UNITY

In The Local Church

Seven planks in the platform of unity



by Billy W. Moore

INTRODUCTION

- **Jesus has all authority** (Matthew 28:18).
- Therefore, whatever we do or teach religiously must be by His authority (Colossians 3:17).
- **His word, the 66 books of the Bible,** is the Spirit's sword (Eph. 6:17).

INTRODUCTION

- His word is the truth (John 17:17).
- Only His truth can make us free (John 8:32).
- Sadly, some have and will continue to reject His truth (John 12:48).
- However, every Christian must still teach HIS truth in love (Eph. 4:15).

GOD'S SEVENFOLD UNITY

- Jesus Prayed for UNITY. He prayed that all believers in HIS word would “Be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me” (John 17:20-21).

GOD'S SEVENFOLD UNITY

- Unity is here defined as **a totality of related parts leading to a condition of harmony.**
- Since all evil division begins in the heart **(Mark 7:20-23)**, **harmony and unity will come when all believers in the Son of God turn their heart away from sin and the deceptions of Satan.**

GOD'S SEVENFOLD UNITY

- The Apostles Pled for Unity.

Peter said, “Finally, be ye all of one mind” (1 Peter 3:8).

GOD'S SEVENFOLD UNITY

- Paul taught the Lord's church at Philippi to, **“stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel”** (Philippians 1:27).

GOD'S SEVENFOLD UNITY

- Paul pleaded with the church of Christ at Corinth to, **“all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you...but be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment”** (1 Corinthians 1:10)

GOD'S SEVENFOLD UNITY

- **The Faithful in Christ Perpetuate Unity:**
“I (Paul) therefore the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that **ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,** With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, **forbearing one another in love;** Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit **in the bond of peace**” (Eph. 4:1-3).

GOD'S SEVENFOLD UNITY

- As bro. Moronae read a moment ago, the Bible Gives the PLAN for UNITY:
“There is **One body**, and **One Spirit**, even as ye are called in **One hope** of your calling; **One Lord**, **One faith**, **One baptism**, **One God** and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Ephesians 4:4-6).
- There we see seven ones.

GOD'S SEVENFOLD UNITY

- All who willingly confess belief in the Bible **will agree that there is only:**
- **1. ONE Spirit...**The Holy Spirit who dwells in the heart of God's children (Ephesians 3:16-17).
- **Those who do not have this ONE Spirit do NOT belong to God (Romans 8:9).**

GOD'S SEVENFOLD UNITY

- All who willingly confess belief in the Bible **will agree that there is only:**
- **2. ONE Hope...**The lively hope of our eternal inheritance in Heaven through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead **(1 Peter 1:3-4).**

GOD'S SEVENFOLD UNITY

- All who willingly confess belief in the Bible **will agree that there is only:**
- **3. ONE Lord...** Jesus the Christ by whom are all things, and we by Him (1 Corinthians 8:6).

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- All who willingly confess belief in the Bible **will agree that there is only:**
- **4. ONE God...** God the Father of whom are all things, and we in Him (1 Corinthians 8:6).

GOD'S SEVENFOLD UNITY

- The disagreement in the spiritual realm comes when speaking about the other three ONES – the ONE Faith, the ONE Body and the ONE Baptism.

GOD'S SEVENFOLD UNITY

- In this sermon, we will endeavor to make plain the Holy Spirit's teachings on the **ONE faith**, **the ONE body** and **the ONE baptism**, so that all believers can agree and have **UNITY in Christ**.

GOD HAS ONLY ONE FAITH (Ephesians 4:5)

- **Jude 3** – We must earnestly contend for **the faith** that has been once delivered... *dot illustration*

MAN HAS MANY FAITHS

- How do you get any of them?
- **Simply by** hearing, believing, and doing what they teach **(10 EXAMPLES)**.
- **1. Catholic faith** – Constantine **in Rome in 325AD**
- **2. Lutheran faith** – Martin Luther **in Germany in 1517**

MAN HAS MANY FAITHS

- **3. Anglican/Episcopal faith** – King Henry VIII **in England in 1534**
- **4. Presbyterian faith** – John Knox **in Scotland in 1536**
- **5. Baptist faith** – John Smyth **in Rhode Island in 1609**

MAN HAS MANY FAITHS

- **6. Methodist faith** – John and Charles Wesley **in England in 1739**
- **7. Mormon faith** – Joseph Smith, Jr. **in New York in 1830**
- **8. 7th Day Adventist faith** – Ellen G. White **in New England in 1845**

MAN HAS MANY FAITHS

- **9. Jehovah Witness faith** – Charles Russell **in Pennsylvania in 1870**
- **10. Pentecostal faith** – Charles Fox Parham **in Kansas in 1900**
- You can't get the Catholic faith at the Baptist church, etc. etc.

GOD HAS ONLY ONE FAITH (Ephesians 4:5)

- Since we NOW know how to get **any one of the thousands of different man-made faiths that we desire** (by hearing, believing, and doing what they teach), **the question is: How does one get God's ONE faith?**
- The Bible says, **“So then faith cometh by hearing,** and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).

GOD HAS ONLY ONE FAITH (Ephesians 4:5)

- **What Faith do you want?**
- **Do you want one of the FAITHS that comes by hearing, believing and obeying the words of men?**
- **OR, do you want the ONE faith that comes by hearing, believing and obeying the Bible, the word of God?**

GOD HAS ONLY ONE FAITH (Ephesians 4:5)

- Lord willing, we will show you exactly how to get into that ONE faith, but first we ask, Why are there so many different faiths?
- Tighten your seat belts, dear friends!

GOD HAS ONLY ONE FAITH (Ephesians 4:5)

- The Bible says, “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the (ONE) faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines (TEACHINGS) of demons (1 Timothy 4:1).

EXAMPLES OF SATAN'S DOCTRINES

- “Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; **Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth**”
(1 Timothy 4:2-3).

EXAMPLES OF SATAN'S DOCTRINES

- “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. ⁹ But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men” (Matthew 15:8-9).

EXAMPLES OF SATAN'S DOCTRINES

- Referring to the religious leader
Jesus said, “Call no man your father
upon the earth: for one is your
Father, which is in heaven”
(Matthew 23:9).

EXAMPLES OF SATAN'S DOCTRINES

- Speaking about the one Lord our God, the Psalmist wrote, “He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name – God’s name” (Psalm 111:9).
- Holy, Reverend, and Father are names for God – NOT preachers or priest.

GOD HAS ONLY ONE BODY

(Ephesians 4:4)

- **“And (GOD) hath put all things under his (Christ Jesus) feet, and gave him (Christ Jesus) to be the head over all things to the church,
²³ Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all” (Ephesians 1:22-23).**

GOD HAS ONLY ONE BODY

(Ephesians 4:4)

- This ONE body is the universal church that Jesus built (cf. Romans 16:16).
- Yes, Jesus built His church - for He said to Peter: “Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against IT” (Matthew 16:18).

GOD HAS ONLY ONE BODY

(Ephesians 4:4)

- **The sweet Psalmist said, “Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it...” (Psalm 127:1).**

GOD HAS ONLY ONE BODY

(Ephesians 4:4)

- Jesus said, “Enter ye in at the strait gate: **for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:** Because strait (difficult) is the gate, **and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it”** (Matt. 7:13-14).

GOD HAS ONLY ONE BODY

(Ephesians 4:4)

- “21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we NOT prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works.

GOD HAS ONLY ONE BODY

(Ephesians 4:4)

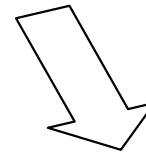
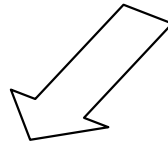
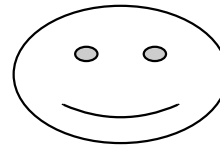
- “23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity**” (Matthew 7:21-23).
- **How can this be?** How can the Lord tell sincere believers who are doing many good works **that He never knew them, and therefore, they must depart from Him?**

Illustrate - Matthew 7:21-23

A good honest man

No Pay!

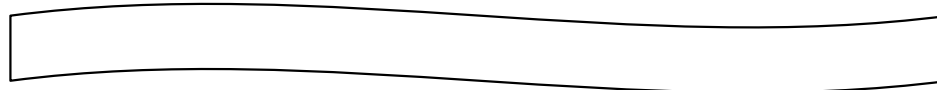
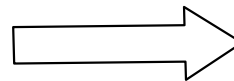
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Matthew 7:21-23

- “21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven... 23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me...**” **You were working in the wrong field!** Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, etc.

GOD HAS ONLY ONE BODY

(Ephesians 4:4)

- Jesus goes on to say that whoever **hears His words and obeys them** is wise and has built his house upon a rock. **But everyone that hears His words and does NOT obey them** is foolish and is building his house on the sand **(Matthew 7:24-27)**.

GOD HAS ONLY ONE BAPTISM

(Ephesians 4:5)

- Jesus said to His apostles, “18 All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” Amen” (Matthew 28:18-20).

GOD HAS ONLY ONE BAPTISM

(Ephesians 4:5)

- What is the purpose of God's ONE baptism?
- “Then Peter said unto them, **Repent,** and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3).

GOD HAS ONLY ONE BAPTISM

(Ephesians 4:5)

- Jesus said, **“For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins”** (Matthew 26:28).
- **In other words,** Jesus “washed us from our sins in his own blood” (Revelation 1:5). **(Expand on faith)**

GOD HAS ONLY ONE BAPTISM

(Ephesians 4:5)

- The ONE baptism is **an immersion in water to be born-again** (John 3:3-5).
- Water baptism is the point where an alien sinner is translated into, or added to, **the kingdom of God's Dear Son** (Colossians 1:13; Acts 2:47), which is the church of Christ (Matthew 16:18-19).

GOD HAS ONLY ONE BAPTISM

(Ephesians 4:5)

- Jesus plainly said, “...If you believe not that I am he you will die in your sins” (John 8:24).
- Then He said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:16).
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GOD HAS ONLY ONE BAPTISM

(Ephesians 4:5)

- Noah and his family (eight souls) were saved by water in the Ark. “Even baptism doth also now save us” (1 Peter 3:20-21).
- Peter told the people on the day of Pentecost many of these same words (Acts 2:40).

GOD HAS ONLY ONE BAPTISM

(Ephesians 4:5)

- “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about 3,000 souls” (Acts 2:41). Added to what?
- Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:47).

BAPTIZED INTO THE ONE BODY

- “For by one Spirit **are we all baptized into one body**” (1 Corinthians 12:13).
- The ONE body of Christ **is the church of Christ** (Colossians 1:18, 24).

BAPTIZED INTO THE ONE BODY

- Friends, if your baptism or immersion was NOT into God's ONE body, then you did not receive God's ONE baptism – with all the love in our heart (Ephesians 4:15) we are saying that you just got wet!

BAPTIZED INTO THE ONE BODY

- You see, you cannot be taught wrong and baptized right (READ Acts 19:1-5).

Acts 19:1-2

- **“1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.”**

Acts 19:3-5

- **“3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John’s baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”**

BAPTIZED INTO THE ONE BODY

- If you were taught and baptized into any made-made denomination or so-called non-denominational church, you were taught wrong... and therefore your baptism was wrong.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

- The ONE baptism is the ONLY way to get into Christ: “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:26-27).

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

- **There are only two types of blessings: physical for everyone (sun, food, air, water) or spiritual for God's children.**
- **All spiritual blessings are in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).**
- **Redemption (the forgiveness of sins) is a spiritual blessing for those in Christ (Ephesians 1:7).**

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

- **Salvation** is a spiritual blessing for those in Christ (2 Timothy 2:10).
- **Eternal Life** is a spiritual blessing for those in Christ (1 John 5:11).
- **Becoming a New Creature** is a spiritual blessing for those in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH

- “3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ **were baptized into his death?** 4 **Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death:** that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life**” (Romans 6:3-4).

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- “33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that **he was dead already**, they brake not his legs: 34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, **and forthwith came there out blood and water**” (John 19:33-34).

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH

- **When you are immersed in water with this proper understanding in your heart (Romans 6:17), your sins will be forgiven and washed away by the blood of Christ (Acts 22:16).**
- **You will be saved and added to the church built by Jesus.**

YOU CAN BE ADDED TO HIS CHURCH TODAY!

- **The idea is NOT that we (the churches of Christ) are right and everyone else is wrong, but that the Bible is RIGHT and anyone out of harmony with it is WRONG.**
- **Every man can be a liar, but the Bible has never lied (Romans 3:4).**

YOU CAN BE ADDED TO HIS CHURCH TODAY!

- **The Bible is Right**, even if NOT one person in the whole world believes it **or lives up to its teaching.**
- **Every person or religious doctrine** that differs from the Bible is **WRONG.**

YOU CAN BE ADDED TO HIS CHURCH TODAY!

- **Our plea has never been** "Everyone join us," but has always been, **"Let us all unite upon the teachings of our Lord"** (John 12:48).
- **Friends, you can and must be born again** (John 3:3-7).
- **Today can be the day of your salvation** (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Invitation

- **1. Man Has A Sin Problem**
- **2. The Lord Jesus Is The Answer**
- **3. During Water Baptism His Blood Cleanses Our Sins**

*...that all of them may
be one, Father, just as
you are in me and I am
in you.*

Jn.17:21

Body

Hope

Spirit

Faith

Lord

God

Baptism

Ephesians 4:4-6 •

SONG # 492

Only In Thee

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CLOSING PRAYER

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