

UNA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elders: Robert Beard, Bill Eads, Johnny Mitchell,
Ralph Mitchell, Bob Turner

December 9, 2018

Birds of a Feather

The Apostle Paul never sat down to write a theological thesis. All of the writings attributed to him are just letters to his churches. Most of the time they were written because the church was experiencing a particular hardship or because Paul wanted to comfort them in some way. No matter the reason, Paul's main concern was always the church.

In his day and in ours, people tend to navigate towards others who share the same beliefs and who they feel best represent the majority of the group. Whether it is those who vote the same or for those who cheer for the same team, birds of a feather almost always flock together.

However, for Paul, there was no group more important than the church. While many social groups are formed around the common qualities of the people, the church consists of those who could not be more different. In Paul's day, the men and women, rich and poor, slave and free—all were now under the heading of "Church." And Paul's main concern was keeping a group who could not be more different focused on the things that could keep them together.

When he lists his "works of the flesh" in Galatians 5:19-21, most of the offenses are those which are against the unity of the community ("strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy"). And later when he gives them direction, their unity is still on his mind: *"Through love become slaves to one another...Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (5:13; 6:2).*

We tend to assume that what is most important to God has to do with me and my own salvation. But I am not sure if Paul shares that view. What mattered the most to Paul was keeping a group who could not be more different focused on the one who united them all. *God made him who had no sin to be sin **for us**, so that in him **we** might become the righteousness of God (2 Co 5:21 NIV).*

There are things that *are* important to God, but they have more to do with *us* than with *me*. Paul's decisions were always based on how it would affect the church, and he had little concern for his own survival if it did not include his brothers and sisters. In the end, it's not *what* we are concerned about that matters...but *who*.

Love You All, Adam

Children's Church

Children's Church is provided for children ages 3-10. We will let you know when it is time for your child to be dismissed for class.

Volunteers this week are: Marlene Vincill, Matt Birchett, Cathy Birchett

There is a nursery upstairs for your convenience.

Privileged to Serve

Sunday AM

Worship Leader: Adam Medley

Opening Prayer: Don Webb

Communion & Contribution:

Hebrews 12: 1-4

Danny Vincill

Read Scripture: Ryder Yates

Matthew 27:1-5

Sermon: Adam Tune

A "Friend" of Jesus

Prayer: Bill Eads

Sunday PM

Worship Leader: Adam Medley

Opening Prayer: Ron Cole

Communion: Bob Turner

Closing: Robert Beard

Attendance 12/02/2018 - 337

Contribution: \$9,450

December Food Committee

Coordinator - Jackie Roberts,
Jennifer Green

Cooks - Janice Beard, Marcy
Bolden, Anna Hinson, Carolynne
O'Neal

Care Center Food Pantry

We are in need of Canned Fruit
and also Saltine Crackers this
week for the food pantry.

Prayer List

Ken Adcock, Tommy Bolden,
Mary Boucher, Doris Bussell, Ivon
Claud, Doris Copeland, Paula
Douglas, Edith Eakin, Billy and
Faye Greenfield, Linda
Hutchison, Wallace Primm,
Ronnie Parks, Pete Rieschick,
Scott Sawyer, Angie Scott, Shirley
Scott, Jane Towery, Mattie Ward,
Mindy Wilson, Jessica Yates

Remember in Prayer

Keep Sue, Kelsie, Cecelia and the family lifted up in your prayers, as well as many of us here at Una. These days are and will be difficult following the loss of Calvin.

Remember Daphne Mitchell and her family also on the loss of her mother, Ettamene Schneider last week.

Continue to keep our two newest members of the family at Una, Joanna Smith and Kaia Medley, in our prayers for continued good health and effective treatments to come. We are so blessed to have these little ones here at Una!

Una Cookbook is Under Construction

25th Anniversary

Make sure your best recipes are a part of the new 2018 Una Cookbook! Each of the Una Cookbooks of the past have been classic but none more so than the 1994 blue cover paper edition. Una is known for it's excellent cooks and the cookbooks of the past are well used. It's time for a sequel and it will be the 25th anniversary of the most used Una cookbook ever!

Get your typed recipes in to Anna Hinson or Sue Rosinbum by December 31st so they can be included. This cookbook will be a beauty and one to keep, so don't miss out!

Coats and School Uniforms

We are collecting Gently Used or new Coats and School Uniforms for Inner City Children in need of clothing for the winter. These children are Elementary School age, so sizes XS thru XL children's clothes are needed. This is an immediate need. If you can help, please turn them in to the office by Sunday, Dec. 16th. If you have any questions, please see Rachael Sawyer.

Y.E.S. Christmas Store

Today is the last day for the Youth Encouragement Services Christmas Store collection. If you have not had the opportunity to shop for gifts, you can make a monetary donation that will go towards providing Christmas Dinner for each family. Please make checks to YES and give them to Marcy Bolden.

Wednesday Night Meal

This Wednesday Night is our Christmas Dinner. This is the last Wednesday Night Meal for 2018. Please be sure to sign up if you are coming so the cooks will know how much to prepare! Menu is: Honey Glazed Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Jello Salad, Rolls, Pecan and Fudge Pie.

Children's Church

We are in need of a few volunteers in January and February. Please sign up on the Children's Church Bulletin Board.