

## Announcements – Bulletin News September 4th 2016

### *From the Minister's Desk*

Bro. Barry Gainey

#### **PILLARS OF A STRONG CHURCH**

##### *Edification through fellowship*

The church that started on the day of Pentecost is a model church. We would do well to look closely at Acts 2. What worked for them should work for us. Of course times have changed and methods must change with the times, but the biblical blue print cannot be improved upon. This article is concerned with how the early church took advantage of building up the body through edification.

There seems to be some confusion on the term of fellowship. It is clear that the early church was involved in fellowship. Take a look at Acts 2:41-47. You will find the word fellowship and then a demonstration of fellowship in action. The word actually means partnership, interaction and joint participation. There can be no fellowship without the involvement of others. Someone once wrote, "No man is an island entire in itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." The early church took advantage of spending time with one another.

Of course, they spent time together on the first day of the week. That was the time for worship. They also spent time together daily. Time was spent sharing meals, sharing possessions and taking care of each other's needs. One key of

church growth is when members really feel that people they worship with genuinely care about their well-being.

It would be good to give some thought to how we might make use of our time together. I'm sure programs and ministries could be used for time of fellowship. I see fellowship when two or more visit the sick, teach a Bible study in order to convert a lost soul: visit the nursing home; encourage a delinquent member, tutor a child. That's the spiritual side of fellowship. Christians can also have fun together, as long as it's a Christian activity. The more time we spend together, the closer and stronger we become.



Thank you!

**Arthur Barnes & Family**

We truly appreciate your letter of condolence. Please continue to shower Bro. Arthur Barnes with love and blessings.

#### **Blood Pressure Check**

**Today** after morning worship in the Ladies Lounge.

#### **September Schedule**

Ladies Baptism: Dana Howard, Janice Atkinson

Bereavement: Cornelius & Porsha Adkins

Medical Staff: Sicily Bruner

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### *Up Coming Events*



Contributions will be taken up for the benevolence program today.

**2016 Midwest Regional Singing**  
**October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, in St. Louis, MO.**  
**Information is on the table in the foyer.**

The Midwest Representative is requesting that if you plan to attend please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Call Double Tree by Hilton Hotel St. Louis-Westport, 1-866-786-8088 or on line at [www.doubletreewestport.com](http://www.doubletreewestport.com)



Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 4-6pm



**Care Group I** Sat. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>-1pm.  
**Teacher's Meeting**, Sun. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> after morning worship.  
**Hermeneutics** Sat. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> - 10am.  
**Ladies Bible Study**, Sat. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> -noon.  
**Fellowship Night** Sat. Sept 17<sup>th</sup>-5pm-9pm.  
**Authentic Manhood**, Sat. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 9am.  
**Ladies Education Committee** Sat. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 3pm.

#### **Ladies Retreats and Conferences**

There are sign-up sheets for up-coming Ladies Events in the foyer



**Saturday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 8am.**

Everyone's help will be appreciated. Bro. Coleman & Bro. Lifsey.

**Men's Breakfast**; Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am at Emporia Ave. Church of Christ.

#### **Membership 2016**

Baptized 6

Placed Membership 5

Colossians 3:14



And over all these virtues put on **LOVE**, which binds them all together in **perfect unity**.