

Audubon Baptist, *a Church in the Park*

SO WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY OF CHRIST

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BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER

*Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as
God in Christ forgave you. EPH. 4:32*

Researchers report the ever-present reality of loneliness in our culture. While there is much debate regarding its primary cause, there is little doubt that it results in disarray and pain within our communities, churches, and personal lives too. I speak with many who attest to living these truths. Many feel similarly even within the Church House of God.

How do you compare with the findings?

- Women typically have 2-3 friends.
- Men have perhaps 1 friend. Maybe.
- Most friendships originate in the workplace, via other friends, or in the neighborhood.
- Friendships are chosen based upon similarities; Opposites do not attract.
- Evangelicals have few friends unlike themselves.
- Church is often not where God's children find their closest friends.

Friendship has been forefront of my mind this week. We unexpectedly lost a sister in Christ this week who frequented our sanctuary. As the family processed through the reality of the logistics before them, a comment from the grieving son

shook my soul. After expressing unsureness about a service, "She didn't have many friends".

Brothers and sisters, every single member, and guests too, of Audubon are precious in the eyes of Jesus and they must be so with us too. While it may be difficult to foster solutions for loneliness in the community, we can start this very week by being friends, genuine friends, with one another in His House. We can find ways to build that next relationship with someone sitting in our vicinity, singing to the same LORD, needing a warm hug and encouragement.

Together, we learned great spiritual truths as we worked our way through EPH 4. We've learned of gifts given to the Church, a call to unity, a call to growth and togetherness, exhortations to throw off that Old Self and put on the New. Remarkable and challenging.

Yet, how does the Apostle Paul conclude this beautiful section of Scripture? "Be kind to one another". When all else is said, we are told to be kind to one another. Some might say, to be good friends. This is the picture that our culture desperately needs to see from the Church. May it be so for those that are watching. And may it be so for those of us sitting in our pews too. Let's be friends!

Becoming my New Self, *Pastor Jeff*

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

02 Terras Tolliver
07 Mary B. Miller
12 Edgar Hatfield
19 Beverly Dew
29 Julie Smothers
31 Anna Johnston

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

3/1 (Eph. v4:32) Pastor Jeff Akin
3/8 (Eph. v5:1-14) Pastor Dan H.
3/15 (Eph. v5:15-21) Pastor Dan H.
3/22 (Eph. v5:22-24) Pastor Jeff Akin
3/29 (Eph. v5:25-33) Pastor Jeff Akin

MISSIONS – REACHING OUR COMMUNITY

There are many families on the backside of Churchill Downs that were ministered to during the month of February through the generosity of Audubon Baptist Church. Thank you so much to those of our congregation that blessed them with food and fellowship. He sees all of it!

MEN'S STUDY – BAPTIST FOUNDATIONS

A group of men gathers every 2nd / 4th Saturday to study together. It is an encouraging time of study, prayer, and fellowship with one another. Please consider joining us. 7:30AM in the church library. See Benaiah for details.

AUDUBON BAPTIST WEBSITE

Sermons – Newsletters – Monthly Calendars
– Upcoming Events and more:
www.achurchinthepark.org

TRI-ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCES

April 22
August 12
November 18

WORSHIP SERVICE PRAYER GATHERING

Please join us in the church library at 10:20AM every Sunday as we pray over the worship service to follow. It is a beautiful moment of togetherness. All are welcome!

COMMUNITY IN-REACHING

We are blessed to worship in a wonderful church and surrounding grounds built and tended by the labors and prayers of Saints before us. Stewarding these gifts well, and utilizing them for God's glory and Kingdom building, is our utmost responsibility. They serve as a beacon of hope, not only to us, but also others in our community.

Per our church governance, the Trustees have responsibility for approval of those groups that would desire to make use of our facility – Carey Chapel, FLC, or the Sanctuary. The guidelines for gaining approval include theological considerations, cost-sharing of utilities and the like, and good overall stewardship.

Please direct all facility inquiries to Mattie in the church office. She will assist the Trustees in paperwork, gaining necessary awareness and approvals, and in scheduling of all facility spaces.

THANK YOU AUDUBON!!

The church received a special thank you from Ms. Jody Ximenes for her invitation and warm welcome at the 75th Anniversary. Like so many others, Audubon holds special memories for Jody. Her card to our congregation is placed in the FLC. Have a read when able.

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