



Scott's Thoughts

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

- Ephesians 4:15-16 (ESV)

We've been talking about it all summer, and now it's here! We've had "One Prayer" worship services, "The Power of One" devotionals, and special "ONE" services for Mother's, Father's and Independence Days. If you've been at church at all in the last three months you have heard about it!

We're coming together to build UNITY. We're coming together so that everyone can be blessed by worshipping as one church. If you look throughout this newsletter you'll see lots of different reasons WHY we're coming together and lots of answers to common questions. But, perhaps above any other question, I want each of us to ask ourselves: "What can I do to help?"

You see, the truth is that EACH of us has to work together for unity to work. It's not just the responsibility of teachers, singers, musicians, or the church staff to work for unity. It's everyone's responsibility. The Bible says that when each part is working properly the whole body grows. With that in mind here are some things you can do to promote unity:

Get involved – if you aren't currently serving in an area of the church then you are not living up to your full calling in Christ. There's great joy in working together in service to our Lord and Savior!

Have a good attitude – Your attitude affects the way you worship. If you have your mind set that you don't like something or that you are going to be critical, you will be miserable at church. Other people will notice your bad attitude as well and may be dragged down by it. Make it a priority to be positive.

Be committed – it takes time to adjust to change. New things need time to work the bugs out and become familiar. Be committed to being at Sunday School at 9:30AM and Church at 10:45AM. Be committed to the area of service you signed up for. Be committed to your giving. Be committed to praying for our church. If any of us starts slacking in any of these areas then the whole church suffers.

Bottom line is: we need you on board. Let's grow up together into Christ, who is the Head of the Church, while we remain joined to each other, supporting one another, and building each other up in love. It's amazing what the Church can do when it is working properly!

CCC Youth Ministry Activities and Information

NEW Sunday School Hour Program for Middle School, High School, AND College/20's

We're calling it "Awake" and it meets upstairs in the Hillside room from 9:30AM-10:30AM on Sunday Mornings. The first part brings all three groups together for creative elements like music, videos, activities, dramas, and Bible Teaching. Around 10AM we'll split into our second part – each group will go into different rooms to discuss and apply the morning's lesson in ways relevant to their own stage of life. Just so you know: "Middle School" = Anyone in grades 6th-8th; "High School" = Anyone in grades 9th-12th; "College/20's" = Anyone between the ages of 18 and 30.

Carowinds Trip

Tuesday August 3rd we will take our annual trip to Carowinds. This is for Middle School, High School, and Adults. **Cost is \$40/person** (which covers your ticket and transportation. Bring money for food and spending). We will leave church at 8AM on Tuesday. You must be here by then if you want to go. You must have a permission form on file to go. Friends are welcome. Sign up today!

Muck Night is Wednesday August 11th at 6:30PM. Come ready to get wet and messy!

Church Picnic and Outdoor Hillside on Sunday August 15th. Invite your friends!

Race Fundraiser – We are working the Fall Race on August 20-21. Sign-ups and details coming soon.

Got questions or ideas? Call me at 534-6010 or send an email to scott@cccbristol.com.