

October 02—October 08

02 Sunday Ladies Tea Party	03 Monday College-age Bible study 6:30 p.m.	04 Tuesday Happy Birthday, Charles!	05 Wednesday No classes In October.	06 Thursday	06 Friday	07 Saturday Happy Birthday, Tricia, Travis R.
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Three birthdays and **no** anniversaries this week.
No Wednesday Bible classes in October.

September 25, 2022
Contribution: \$1,144.00
Attendance: 31

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Welcome to the Alpine church of Christ

October 02, 2022



Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God.



The secret to the college-age group's success is evident; they enjoy each other's company!

Let's Get Together

Dan S. Shipley

Maybe it's the fast pace of twentieth century living; maybe it's too much TV, or it may be just plain indifference, but whatever the reason, it occurs to me that most Christians are not having enough personal contact with each other. Many rarely see their brethren except at Bible classes or worship. Surely we owe one another something more in this area--something more than our customary vestibule visiting and exchanging of parking-lot pleasantries; something more than a sort of in-passing relationship that is mainly church-building oriented. Must we become old, infirmed or unfaithful to warrant a visit from our brethren? Man is a social creature, ever subject to the influence of those about him. As evil companionships corrupt (1 Cor. 15:33), keeping good company can be profitable for all (1 Pet. 2:12; 3:1; Matt. 5:6) — especially for Christians who will be what they ought to be to each other. And that simply means, In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another... (Rom. 12:10)

Such love involves more than passive and partisan feelings toward other Christians. Christ alludes to deeper dimensions when he says, even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. (Jn. 13:34) His love for the disciples was made **apparent** it could be seen in what He did! So must ours. Such love is the mark of discipleship; its presence is observable and influential (Jn. 13:35). Therefore, the fullest expression of sincere and fervent love (1 Pet. 1:22) is impossible apart from some form of personal contact and association.

Consider, for instance, the admonition to bear ye one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2). How does one bear who is not there? We may pray and sympathize from afar, but fulfilling the law of Christ in this area usually requires both heart and hand. Keeping in touch helps brethren to know when a helping hand is needed. But more than that, being together more means better communication between us; the kind in which we can confess our sins to one another (Jas. 5:16); the kind in which we can admonish, edify and exhort each other (Rom. 15:14; 14:19; Heb. 3:13). When the weak need to be encouraged (1 Thess. 5:14); when the sorrowed need to be comforted (1 Thess. 4:18), we need to be there. And even when there is no particular need evident, our being there may mean more than we know. We see the need for the elders to keep in close touch with the flock of their oversight. Without it they could not watch in behalf of the souls for which they shall give account (Heb. 13:17). But we also must see our personal opportunities to serve the King by serving even the least among our brethren (Matt. 25:40) for we too must give account. Others cannot represent us in such service, we must be there.

Even if we cannot have the day by day association enjoyed by many of the early disciples, we can and ought to have more time for each other. So, lets get together! — for a home Bible study, for a meal, for a pot-luck, for coffee or for just an old-fashion visit. For the sake of every benefit and blessing that can be given or received by kin in Christ being together, let's get together!

Bible classes are being refreshed! Last week's family meeting discussion led to the following changes:

- No Wednesday night classes for the month of October. The Alpine local church will reassess the status of the Wednesday night class at the October family meeting (October's family meeting date has not yet been decided).
- Sunday morning Bible class teachers will change in November. The curriculum and the teacher schedule is under construction.

What would you like to study in the Sunday morning adult class? Please let Curtis know.