



** Please be advised that the services at Creekside Community Church of Pincher Creek are live and recorded for online purposes and may be seen through social media sources. **

Sunday Services January 7 2024

10:00 AM Live & Online Evening Service 6 – 7:00 pm**

Prayer Hours before services: Morning 9 am Evening 5 pm

Sunday School During Morning service Nursery Open for you to use

2024 Programs – Ladies' Bible Studies Tues & Thurs, 1:30 at church

Mom's Bible Study Fridays 9:30 am at church

Project Gals' Day – 2nd Monday/month at church, 10 am-3 pm

Seniors' Lunch – 1st Wednesday of each month at church, 11:30 a.m.

3rd Sunday – Congregation and friends Potluck after church

Church Service 6 pm at Vista Village Extended Care

Men's Bible Study Weds 7pm Youth – 7:30 pm Fridays at the church

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Benevolent offering - box on back table or add to your auto debit

Announcements: Tomorrow –‘Start/Finish a Project’ Gals’ Day- invite a friend Next Sunday – Church fellowship potluck lunch immediately after service. Monthly Evening service at Vista Village

Worship through Music – Dana

Redeemed

The old rugged cross

Beautiful one

In Christ alone

Worship through Prayer – “I cried aloud to the Lord, and He answered me from His holy hill.” Psalm 3:4

“To know Christ, and to make Him known locally and globally”

Today's Notes . . .

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The Four Distinctives of the Church

Acts 2:40-47

1. A studying/teaching church – church of the Word of God
2. A fellowshipping Church

I. Changing definitions

- A. Word meanings can change over time
- B. Our typical definition of fellowship centers around “gathering”
- C. NT definition for fellowship: **Partnership** – *koinonia* - having common, all sharing in
 1. Worldly partnership – you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours
 2. Christ centered partnership – spirit of generous giving instead of a spirit of selfish getting!
 - Acts 2:44-45 – All things common

Generosity vs Unity - They held on to one another so tightly they did not need to hold on to THIER STUFF!

- Acts 4:32-37 – One heart, one soul

II. Definition defines function – we share because we belong to one another

John Piper: *the mutual bond that Christians have with Christ (the gospel) that unites us in a profound and eternal relationship of love that should express itself in joyful and affectionate service to (one another) for each other's good.*

1. They shared themselves with Christ.
2. They shared in the provision of Christ by the Holy Spirit.
3. They shared themselves (and their possessions) with each other
4. They shared the provision of Christ with others.

III. How do we achieve this biblical fellowship?

- A. It begins in relationship with Christ I Cor 1:9
- B. That relationship translated to other believers I John 1:3

Challenge: Exhort daily Hebrews 3:12-15

1. The hard realities
 - Sin, deceitful, hardness of heart, evil heart of unbelief, departing
2. Exhort
 - Daily – we are being lies to every day - _____ is better than Jesus
 - Encourage “yourselves” – Jesus is better!
3. Dead people do this!! Unity vs generosity!

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