

Sermon Notes:

In One Accord

Nehemiah 4-8

I. The Burden of a Broken Fellowship

II. The Blessing of a Unified Family

Missionary Spotlight

Steve & Lynn Spore—Missionaries in Vanuatu

Lynn and I wanted to give a brief update on the December 17th earthquake in Port Vila. The church and school suffered minor cosmetic damage and were without power & water until yesterday (Dec. 30th). God blessed us in that none of our people were injured. Lynn and I were injured. We were on a medevac flight out to New Zealand on December 20th. Thanks to the BBFI medical plan and IMG for the air ambulance. The local hospital in Vanuatu was unable to treat Lynn's injuries, broken right hip, shoulder, arm and femur. All these are being treated at Middlemore hospital in Auckland. She is expected to make complete if somewhat slow recovery. I had surgery on my wrist yesterday and it is expected tht I will have full use of my right hand in about 8 weeks. Please pray for the folk in Port Vila. Many people were killed and hundreds were injured. It will take many months if not years to rebuild.



One Accord

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Welcome to a brand new year, a new opportunity to serve the Lord, and 365 days that God has entrusted us to carry the light of Christ into the world. But we cannot do it alone, nor without the help of God. We need one another, and we need the Lord's help.

Tonto and the Lone Ranger were riding through a canyon together when all of a sudden both sides were filled with Indian warriors on horses, dressed for battle. The Lone Ranger turned to Tonto and asked, "What are we going to do?" Tonto replied, "What you mean 'we,' Whiteman?"

As we look at the monumental challenges that lie before us, I am reminded that God is faithful to us in every way. He will supply our every need along the way. We must make the daily choice to be faithful to the calling of God. This means dying to self and living for Jesus Christ.

"Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Philippians 2:2).

Pastor John M. Binger

2025 Bible Reading Guides are available in the foyer. Be sure to pick up your copy today.

Today's Schedule:

10 am—Connection Groups

11 am—Morning Worship Service

4:30 pm—Green Team in the Youth Room

6 pm—Evening Service—Vision Sunday message from Pastor Bingham

This Week:

Tuesday **GO Night** at 6 pm in the Chapel; be sure to RSVP for dinner and childcare



Wednesday **Mid Week Service** at 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers

Wednesday, January 22, 7 pm

Please submit nominations in writing for Deacon, Church Clerk, Assistant Church Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer to the office by

Today, January 5th.

2024 Contribution Statements will be emailed in January to the email address that we have on record in the church office. To update your email address, please fill out a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate or the drop box in the office. Paper statements will be furnished upon request.

Attendance, Offerings and Missions		
Attendance Last Week		
		2025 Missions Goal
		Missions Received (wk 9)
Tuesday, Dec 24	154	Building Fund Total Received
		Last Week's Totals (12/23/24 - 12/29/24)
		Tithe/General Offering
Sunday, Dec 29		Missions Giving
Connection Groups	156	Building Fund
11 am Worship	256	Other
6 pm Service	118	Total Offerings:

Our sympathies and prayers are extended to Lawrence Williams and family on the homegoing of his sister in law, Minnie Williams.

Our sympathies and prayers are extended to Jesse Schorle and family on the passing on his son in law, Cody McCarroll.

Our sympathies and prayers are extended to Glenn Willard and family on the homegoing of his son, Randy Willard. There will be a visitation on Monday at 10 am with the funeral to follow at 11 am. Both will be at Greenlawn North.

A Look Ahead:

Sunday, January 12 **Church Builders Day**

Tuesday, January 14 **Church Wide Roller Skate Activity** 6-8 pm at Skateland 5163 S Campbell, Springfield; the cost is \$7 per person; please see Bro. Jacob Mitchell for more information

Sunday, January 19 **GUST Meeting** (Greeters, Ushers, Safety Team) following the Evening Service

Tuesday, January 21 **GO Night** at 6 pm in the Chapel; be sure to RSVP for dinner and childcare

Wednesday, Jan. 22 **Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers**

Mark Your Calendar for the
Living United Couples Retreat
 February 21-22, 2025



(begins Friday at 2 pm and ends Saturday at 3:30 pm)

At the Chateau on the Lake in Branson

\$250 to \$350 per couple depending on accommodations

Early registration is due by January 22, 2025

Use the QR code to register at your convenience