

“Iron Sharpens Iron: How We Sharpen One Another”
Proverbs 27:17

What is self-sufficiency? *It is the belief that as we age as a Christian we become less needy of one another. It is when we create a culture of delusion about how sinful we are and start to have confidence in our own efforts and energy to finish the race.*

- It is God’s will that I would be bound to His means of grace (**Christian Community**) as an instrument of sanctification:
 - “**Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk** according to the example you have in us.” (Philippians 3:17)
 - “For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, **walk (live)** as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.” (Philippians 3:18-19)
 - “And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.” (1 Thessalonians 5:14)
 - “If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.” (1 Corinthians 12:26)
- Confessing our sins to one another brings a desire to overcome our sins: **Love that does not show itself as an enemy of sin, is an enemy of the person.**
 - “Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13)
 - “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.” (James 5:16a)
 - “Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.” (Proverbs 18:1)
- The Power of the Gathered Community:
 - “**Preach the word**; be ready in season and out of season; **reprove, rebuke, and exhort**, with complete patience and teaching.” (2 Timothy 4:2)
 - “And let us consider how to **stir up one another to love and good works**, not neglecting to **meet together**, as is the habit of some, but **encouraging one another**, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)
 - “But be **filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs**, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.” (Ephesians 5:18b-19)
 - “As each has **received a gift**, use it to **serve one another**, as good stewards of God’s varied grace....by the strength that God supplies — in order that in everything **God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**” (1 Peter 4:10-11)
 - “Him we **proclaim, warning** everyone and **teaching** everyone with all wisdom, that we may **present everyone mature in Christ.** For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.” (Colossians 1:28-29)

Worship: Crown Him (With Many Crowns) — Norton Hall Band

Speak, O Lord — The Gettys

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9am/Prayer 9:45am/Church 10:30am; Mondays: Legacy Practicum 6pm;
Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30pm/Men 7pm; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20pm/Church 7pm

Announcements:

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** The Fellowship Lunch that was scheduled for this Sunday has been canceled.

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** We will be having a Members' Meeting THIS Sunday, May 3rd, immediately following the worship service. *This is a closed meeting*, meaning that this meeting is *only* for current Church Members.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is THIS coming Tuesday, from 7-8pm. We invite and encourage you all to join us for this time of corporate prayer, as we pray for specific prayer requests within the Church Body. You are welcome to join us for a portion of this time or for the full hour of prayer. There should be an index card in the pocket of the chair in front of you, unless you are sitting in the front row. We ask that you please take the time to write down some prayer requests on the index card and place it in the basket on the front table before you leave tonight!

★**LADIES' BRUNCH AND BRUSH:** Ladies, mark your calendars and plan on attending our 2nd Annual Ladies' Brunch. This year's "Ladies' Brunch and Brush" will be on Saturday, May 16th, at 11am. There is a sign-up list on the wall in the Entryway, please sign up if you plan on attending. *It is very important that we have your RSVP so we make sure to get enough painting supplies for everyone in attendance.*

→**MEN:** we will need your help setting up, preparing, tearing down, and cleaning up. There is also a sign-up list for you on the wall in the Entryway!