

Biblical Unity  
Ephesians 4:1-3

- **Unified in God's Calling (Ephesians 4:1)**
  - God's "calling" is not for an individual to know with certainty what is hidden in God's will. This belief leads to selfish individualism (Philippians 2:3).
  - This "calling" is known to us and is the divine invitation to embrace salvation in the Kingdom of God. All who are in Christ have received this effectual call (Romans 1:6; 8:28-30; Ephesians 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:4-5; 2 Timothy 1:9). We are called God's children (Romans 8:15-17).
  - If what God has revealed to be our call is sought and trusted then we do not need to worry about the "unknown" in life. There is clarity (Proverbs 3:5-6) and purpose (1 Corinthians 12:14-27) in the Word.
- **Unified in Godly Character (Ephesians 4:2)**
  - The goal of every Christian is to be "transformed into the same image" of Christ "from one degree of glory to another" (2 Corinthians 3:18) We must pray for and strive to grow in the fruit of the Spirit:
    - **Humility:** (Philippians 2:1-11) *For you save a humble people, but the haughty (proud) eyes you bring down. (Psalm 18:27) ... For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (Romans 12:3) ... Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. (James 4:10) ... Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5:5)*
    - **Gentleness:** *A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. (Proverbs 15:4) ... But the wisdom from above is... gentle. (James 3:17) ... Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. (Galatians 6:1) ... Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ. (Ephesians 4:15)*
    - **Patience:** *Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. (Romans 12:12) ... Love is patient. (1 Corinthians 13:4) ... Being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy... Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved... patience. (Colossians 1:11; 3:12) ... We urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. (1 Thessalonians 5:14) ... You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. (James 5:8)*
    - **Bearing with one another in love:** *We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. (Romans 15:1-2) ... Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2) ... Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. (Colossians 3:13)*
- **Unified in God's Peace and Truth (Ephesians 4:3)**

*"Peace if possible. Truth at all costs." - Martin Luther*

  - Those who are in Christ are "sealed with the promised Holy Spirit" (Ephesians 1:13-14). He binds us together in Christ and by His strength we strive to be in harmony with fellow believers (Romans 12:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15).
  - He also "teaches [us] about everything" (1 John 2:27). There are times when division is necessary:
    - **Unrepentant Sin:** The Lord commands discipline for those who remain unrepentant and stir up divisions within His body (Matthew 18:15-20; Titus 3:10)

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**Worship:** God Omniscient, God All-Knowing (Matt Boswell)      Christ the Solid Rock (Norton Hall Band)  
Sovereign Over Us (Aaron Keyes)      **Closing Song:** Christ is Mine Forevermore (CityAlight)

**Service Times:** Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;  
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- **Denial of Essential Doctrine:** Christians must know and believe:
  - The Tri-unity of God (Genesis 1:1-2, 26; 3:22; Matthew 3:13-17; Ephesians 1:3-14)
  - The inerrancy and sufficiency of God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3, 19-21; 3:15-16)
  - The inherent sinfulness of mankind (Romans 3:10-18; 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3)
  - The virgin birth or divine conception of Jesus Christ (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:16-25; Luke 1:26-38)
  - The true humanity (John 1:10, 14; Luke 2:40, 52; John 13:21; Matthew 4:2; 8:24) and true Deity (Isaiah 9:6; 1 John 1:2; Hebrews 13:8; John 16:30; Colossians 2:9-10) of Jesus Christ
  - The sinlessness of Jesus Christ (Luke 1:35; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22; 3:18; 1 John 3:5)
  - The death of Jesus Christ (Isaiah 52-53; Zechariah 12:10; Matthew 26:2; Mark 15:37; Acts 2:23; 10:39; 1 Corinthians 15:3)
  - Salvation in Jesus Christ alone by His atonement (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 10:43; Galatians 1:6-7; 1 Timothy 2:5)
  - The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ (Psalm 16:10; Matthew 27:62-66; 28; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24; John 20-21; Acts 1:3; 2:24; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:4-8)
  - The ascension of Jesus Christ to the right hand of God the Father (Psalm 68:18; John 7:33-36; Acts 1:9; 7:55-56; 9:3-5; Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 4:1; 5:6)
  - The regeneration of the Holy Spirit (John 3:3-8; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:5-6; 1 Peter 1:23)
  - The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the believer (John 14:16-20; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19; Ephesians 2:19-22)
  - The return of Jesus Christ to judge the world (Matthew 24; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 1:7; 20)

**Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** In the month of March we are collecting monetary donations for the Lamb Family. They are one of the missionary families that we financially support as a church. They work through Wycliffe Bible Translators, and they currently live in Papua New Guinea, where David Lamb is working with a team to translate the Bible into the multiple languages of the people of Papua New Guinea. Please put your monetary donations into the container beside the offering box!

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** Next Sunday, March 13th, we are having a Fellowship Dinner immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

Account Balance: \$36,817.73 January Balance: \$42,460.68	Weekly Budget: \$3,157
Total Giving: February 6	\$4,015
Total Giving: February 13	\$938
Total Giving: February 20	\$1,632
Total Giving: February 27	\$4,072