

**Fellowship Luncheon Today!!!**

**Bold Faith Men's Breakfast  
Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>**

**FaithReach Sunday, September 22nd following service**

**Fall Fellowship October 12**

**Ladies Retreat October 18-19**

**Unshaken Students Retreat October 25-27**

**Men's Retreat November 1-3**



Chosen, a Jr. Youth Program for students in 5th and 6th grades will meet the **1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month beginning on October 1st!**

Please see the Silassy Family or Keith Born if you have any questions.



Faith Journey

Matthew 28:19 (CSB)

Go, therefore, and  
make disciples of  
all nations...



Acts 11:26c (CSB)  
The **disciples** were  
first called  
Christians at  
Antioch.





**Every Disciple is a Christian  
&  
Every Christian is a Disciple**



Luke 9:23-24 (CSB)

Then he said to them all,

“If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will save it.”



# Faith Journey

follow after me = be my disciple

deny himself = **Believe**

take up his cross daily = **Belong**

follow me = **Reach, Multiply**





deny himself = **Believe**

Relying on God

worship, prayer, giving, Bible  
reading, orthodox doctrine,



take up his cross daily =

**Belong**

losing self for the sake of others,  
identifying with a new way of life



# John 13:34-35

## The Command



## John 13:34–35 (CSB)

“I give you a new command:  
Love one another. Just as I have  
loved you, you are also to love  
one another.  
By this everyone will know that  
you are my disciples, if you love  
one another.”



# The Command

love one another to show  
the world your Belief





# John 17:20-23

## The Prayer, Power, and Purpose



# The Prayer

20 – for all believers

21 – for oneness equal to  
that of the Father and Son



# The Power

22 – given glory

23 – filled with Jesus



# The Purpose

“that the world may know  
you have sent me and have  
loved them as you have  
loved me.”



# Acts 2:41-47

4:32-35; 5:12-16

# Belong





Acts 2:42 (CSB)

They devoted themselves  
to the apostles' teaching,  
to the fellowship, to the  
breaking of bread, and to  
prayer.



Acts 2:44 (CSB)

Now all the believers  
were together and  
held all things in  
common.



## Acts 2:46–47 (CSB)

Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.



Unity in:  
teaching  
relationships  
devotion  
prayer  
provision

Resulting in:  
joy  
sincerity  
praise  
favor  
fruitfulness



This is what it  
means to

**BELONG**





# Belonging throughout the New Testament



# Body of Christ

Romans 12

1 Corinthians 6,10,12

Ephesians 2,3,4,5

Colossians 1,2,3



“He (Paul) is not saying the church is like the body of Christ but that it literally IS the body of Christ. This is the place where Christ continues to dwell.”



# Citizens

Ephesians 2:19

Philippians 1:27

Colossians 1:12-14



# Household

Galatians 6:10

Ephesians 2:19

1 Timothy 3:15

Titus 1:7

Hebrews 3:6

1 Peter 4:17





Only 21% of self-identified Christians believe that “spiritual maturity requires a vital connection to a community of faith.”



Of those who state that spiritual growth is important, 37% preferred to do it on their own and that their spiritual growth was “entirely private.”



Only 18% of Christians agree with the statement, “you cannot become a complete and mature person unless you belong to a community of faith that influences you.”



take up his cross daily =

# Belong

losing self for the sake of others,  
identifying with a new way of life

faithful engagement in the  
Church, accountability  
relationships, understanding your  
place in the Body (gifts, passions)





Hebrews 10:24–25 (CSB)  
And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.





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- memorize Luke 9:23-24
- Do you Belong? How do you know?
- Baptism and Church Membership
- In what area of Belonging do you need to grow? What choices will you make to facilitate growth?



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