

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

*In the fullness of time...
The Fullness of Christ!*

Our leadership wants to more clearly define and make known...

- **Who we are supposed to be, and**
- **What we are here to do**

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God's Word is clear

Ephesians 4:11-16 (Vs. 12-13)

*"... equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying (Building up) of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity (**Oneness**) of the faith and of the knowledge (Understanding) of the Son of God, to a perfect man (Mature person), to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ"*

- **Biblical Unity is not agreement!**
- **It is BEING indivisibly ONE together...**
- **In identity, understanding, purpose & surrender**
- **"Nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will." (Mark 14:36)**

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As His Body we are supposed to be (individually & together)

- **Actively serving** (In various expressions)
- **To build up Christ's body** (the church)
- **In the complete Oneness of love together** (John 13:34-35 & 17:20-23)
- **Just as Christ Himself** (Matt. 20:28, John. 20:21 & I John 4:17)

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Matthew 6:10, "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

In our world that is dividing against itself as never before...

- Our challenge of **ONENESS** is to **not be** like the world

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Six ways **Christ's Body** is **not** like the world:

- 1) The world is about productivity, measured by output**
 - The Body of Christ is about **relationship**
 - measured by **love demonstrated**
- 2) The world is about what we want, determined by our values**
 - The Body of Christ is about **what God wants**
 - Determined by **what He reveals** in His Word
- 3) The world is conditional – I'm in if I get what I want**
 - The Body of Christ is **Sacrificial**
 - I'll pay, even suffer **to bring you what God wants** for you
- 4) The world operates by control – Business, Military, etc.**
 - The Body of Christ operates by **servicing & submission**
 - **Matthew 20:25-28**
- 5) The world strategizes to achieve its objectives**

- The Body of Christ **Follows God's leading to receive His**
- **John 5:19 & 20:21, and Acts 16:6-10**

6) The world is open to separation & division (even causes it)

- The Body of Christ **embraces total commitment**
- "Peace" = **absolute relational security**
- **Matthew 5:9, John 14:27 & 20:21**

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Matthew 13 has six illustrations of what God's kingdom is like

Matthew 13:33 says, "The kingdom of heaven is like **yeast** that a woman took and **mixed into 50 pounds of flour until it spread through all of it.**"

Would we – you, me & us – aspire to be mixed into (an ingredient of) the community we live in, deliberately active for the purpose of demonstrating the love of Christ?

- What's the big difference between us and yeast?
- **We must choose to be present for the purpose of being influential**
- If not, we become inert! (**Matthew 5:13**)

One person's personal example

(**Coming: The Great Commission vs The Greatest Commandment**)