

Why Call it “Koinonia”

In the Greek language Koinonia has significant meaning. Primarily it means “partnership.” A sharing together. This is often translated “communion” in the New Testament. But more than that it also means to communicate. It indicates a corporate encounter. Another meaning is “social intercourse.” In short it is the interaction of a group of people who share a common experience and/or purpose.

It is this sense our church newsletter is called Koinonia. It is meant to keep everyone connected with our fellowship in the know about events and news that we commonly share.



Plan Ahead:
Church Picnic and
Baptism Service
Sunday July 7, 2024.

The Significance of Believer’s Baptism

This month we will celebrate the decision of a number of people who want to follow Jesus in the act of faith and obedience called baptism.

Over the centuries the Church has developed many concepts and methods of Baptism. In modern times, some have even decided it wasn’t important, either ignoring it or minimizing it. However, we should consider several things as we think about this very Biblical command.

First, Jesus was baptized at the beginning of His ministry. When John resisted Jesus’s request Jesus said, “It is fitting that we fulfill all righteousness.” Jesus certainly didn’t need to repent or have His sins washed away – did He?

There are two reasons why Jesus was baptized. The first is that – as the sacrificial lamb – He had to be washed by a Levitical priest. Second, as the “Pattern Son,” Jesus

displayed a pattern of faith and obedience. Jesus submitted Himself to the inferior ministry of John, before He entered into His own ministry. We see a lesson of humility and an attitude of submission to the authority of the present ministry serving God.

Baptism does not save a person. It is the “next step” of faith and obedience to God. It has several aspects. The first is the public act of declaring a person’s commitment (or recommitment) to Christ. Declaring our faith helps to establish our faith.

Second, anything you do in faith and obedience results in spiritual power. Far from an empty ritual, Baptism does impact a person’s spiritual life and walk by identifying –in faith–with the death of Christ and His resurrection life.

If anyone would like to be baptized or wants to learn more, please see pastor Steve.

Good Stuff to Know

Prayer Calendar

Don't forget to follow along on the prayer calendar and spend a few minutes each day praying for the church, our members, and our community.

Church Finances

May Giving; \$2,004
Expenditures: \$3518

Balance of Special Funds:

- Benevolence: \$1000
- Reserve Giving: \$1700
- Missions: \$390
- Special Ministries: \$200

Note: This spring we had extra expenses to repair and bring our fire alarm system up to city code.

Bible Discussion

Don't forget our Tuesday night Bible study. It has been amazing. Our goal is to allow the Holy Spirit to guide the conversation without a lot of structure. Everyone gets to interact with questions or insights. There's coffee and goodies too!

Church Humor

Q. What did the pirates call Noah's boat?

A. The Arrrrrrrrrrrk.

Q. How did Moses make his coffee?

A. HeBrewed it!



Connecting with Community Foursquare Chapel

We have created several ways for you to stay vitally connected to the church and stay abreast of all the news, info and encouragement you need.

In keeping with our desire for true spiritual and relational connection we have worked hard to create some tools to help you stay connected. We encourage you to sign up for all of them and share the resources with others.

Text Messages: Our outbound texting program will send you a text with any reminders and updates. These come from Pastor Steve. Because it is outbound only you will not get a bunch of reply texts. We only send a couple of texts a week. To get on the text list simply text **CONNECT** to **(833) 343-7566**. (Tip: Put this number in your phone as Community Foursquare Chapel so you will know where the text is coming from.)

Church App: Download the church app for quick access to all things CFC. News, Events Calendar, a Bible program, pray or leave a prayer request or pray for others on the list. You can even give securely online. To download the app, go to this link: <https://tithely.app.link/community-foursquare-chapel>.

Koinonia Email Newsletter: By signing up for The Koinonia newsletter you will get the monthly newsletter in your inbox. The newsletter will have news but will also include some other content, humor, and devotional items you won't get anywhere else. We may not print the newsletter much longer. To sign up for Koinonia please visit this link: <https://ottawafoursquare.org/subscribe>

Website: Visit our church website for more information about the church, podcasts, devotional articles and more. Go to: www.OttawaFoursquare.org.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP DINNER, PICNIC, and BAPTISM SERVICE

The Church will be grilling hamburgers and sausages. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert. Please communicate with Nancy and Sue about what dishes you will bring so we don't end up with ten sides of coleslaw. (PS: This doesn't limit brownies. You can never have too many brownies! Pastor Steve)

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