

We Aspire: Week 3

READ: the passage together. Ephesians 4:1-6; 29-32

PONDER: What is the difference between creating unity and maintaining unity? Why is that distinction important?

1. One mark of humility is counting others as more significant than ourselves. (Phil. 2:4) Why do you think Paul lists humility first?
2. Gentleness means being able to soothe people rather than work them up. Do your words and presence generally bring calm or increase tension? What might it look like to imitate the gentleness of Jesus? (Matt. 11:28-29)
3. Patience is described as “remaining emotionally calm in the face of provocation or misfortune.” Wow! What tends to provoke or irritate you most in other people? What is your plan to remain emotionally calm when that happens this week?
4. Paul tells us to bear with one another. Who do you have to bear with most often? Who must bear with you most often. How can you make yourself more bearable to that person this week?
5. Ephesians 4:29 indicates that our speech should build up, fit the occasion, and give grace. How would our homes, marriages, friendships, and church change if we evaluated our words by those three questions before speaking?

PRAY: Spend some time asking the Lord to reveal any areas of harbored bitterness in your closest relationships. (Heb. 12:15)

ACT: Identify one person who has been frustrating, irritating, or hard to bear with. Before this week is over, seek to maintain the unity by intentionally doing something that communicates humility, gentleness, patience, or forbearance toward that person.

faith community CHURCH

OCTOBER 4, 2026

PASTOR SHAWN CLARKE

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Youth: Jr. High and High School

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MS Wed 6:30pm

HS Sun 6:00pm



Children's Ministry



Melany Moyer
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Nursery, Children's Church, Sunday
School and AWANA

****Snacks Provided****

Events Coming up in Oct./Nov. Details in Spirit of Faith email:

October

Oct 4 Corporate Prayer 9am
Oct 4 Operation Christmas Child Kick Off
Oct 4 Baptism Class 11:30am
Oct 6 Hymn Sing 10:30am
Oct 11 Membership Class 11:30am
Oct 16 MS Youth Game Night
Oct 18 Communion
Oct 20 Hymn Sing 10:30am
Oct 25 Teaching time with Lane 3rd - 5th
Oct 28 Fall Festival 6:30 - 8:15pm

NOVEMBER

Nov 1 Corporate Prayer 9am
Nov 7 Men's Breakfast 7:30am
Nov 8 OCC Shoeboxes & Supplies Due
Nov 11 Veterans Day



Missions of the Month

Hope for Home Minsitreis



Dick Rutgers



Children's Christmas Program Sign up in Gym



Sunday,
October 11
@ 11:30am



Unity Attained. Unity Maintained

Review:

- Our highest aspiration is to glorify God. (1 Cor. 10:31; Rom. 11:36)
- Love is the hallmark of Jesus' identity and it should be ours. (John 13:34-35; Gal. 5:6, 14)

Aspiration: We will aspire to eagerly maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace by walking together in love and in the Spirit by putting away all bitterness, anger, hurtful, and unproductive speech. (Eph. 4:3; Gal. 5:16, 25; Eph. 4:29, 31).

The unity *attained* by God for His people, must be *maintained* by His people.

- The impassioned plea: Walk in a manner worthy. (4:1)
- The specific shoe prints (4:2)
 - a. Humility
 - b. Gentleness
 - c. Patience
 - d. Forbearance
- The reason why we walk this way (4:3)

Put away ALL...

- Bitterness (Heb. 12:15)
- Anger (James 4:1-2)
- Hurtful and unproductive speech (Eph. 4:29-32)