

from the shepherds

April 2011

Brothers and Sisters,

The Church is alive. It is a living organism designed to grow and multiply with every part working in harmony and unity.

God gave us the example of the human body. Christ is the head and each person is a part of His body. Christ's body has many parts and all are of equal importance. His Holy Spirit has equipped the body (church) with you. If a part of Christ's body refuses to be involved, it hurts his entire body (church).

God also gave us the example that Christ was the bridegroom and the church is the bride. Christ returned to the Father's house to prepare a place for his bride. The bride (church) is getting herself ready for her bridegroom and the wedding feast. Our preparation to meet our bridegroom is to study, serve, grow and mature, while seeking the lost and bringing them into the bride (church).

Three simple things help the Church mature and prepare for Christ:

1. Helping each part to become all God designed and proposed.
2. Being united as a community.
3. Multiplying as Jesus commanded.

Within these three areas, there are many missions and tasks we need to do that show a living God to the world. The world sees God through our lives, attitudes and actions. Therefore, we need to actively show love and support to all parts of the body for the good of the body. This means everyone who is a part is to be equal to all other parts, with each part doing the work God prepared them to do.

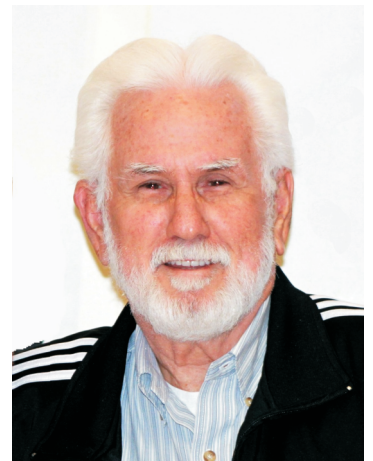
My personal challenge to each of you is to get involved with at least one person this year. Tell them what Christ has done in your life. How he came into your life and how He can come into their life. Invite them to fellowship with you. Let them know you care. Then watch the power of the Holy Spirit.

Remember, the Church is a living organism. It must multiply and grow in maturity. It cannot just exist. This family has every tool that is required to live a Godly blessed life. We will be fed when we feed others. When we get involved in honoring Christ with all our hearts, minds and soul, the Holy Spirit will show us miracles. God bless every one of you in your walk with Christ.

Your brother in Christ,



Ken Wingate



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17:22-23

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:35-40

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

1 John 2:3-6