

Pastor's Corner

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Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All God's people here send their greetings. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

--2 Corinthians 13:11-13

I was trying to decide what to say and the words of Paul came to mind. Paul was the first itinerant preacher. I am certainly glad that I have not had to move as often as Paul. God has blessed all of us over the last 14 years, and I am certain that he has many blessings in store for us in the future.

This is my final newsletter article as your pastor; and, as we prepare to depart, I encourage you to continue what you are doing. As I have stated many times, you are a loving church. Embrace your gift, and share that love with those around you. Encourage one another, pray for one another, and stay in touch with one another.

We are reminded in scripture to welcome the "alien," which is a term used for those who have moved in to our area or are visitors. Scripture continues by saying: do not forget; you were once an alien, a foreigner. Make sure that anyone who walks through the doors is welcomed; then make sure that you allow and encourage them to take part, to join in; and listen to them.

The other day, we were looking for a counter top. Lindsey kept telling me to go to a certain place that she had heard had the best price. Well, I am older and have lived longer than Lindsey, so I went to two or three other places before I finally broke down and went where Lindsey had suggested. Guess what—she was right.

The point that I wish to make is that we need to listen to others—young people and new people—may have a better idea. Let their voices be heard.

Well, you have had the opportunity to hear me preach at least 728 times, so I will simply close with these words:

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

Love you!