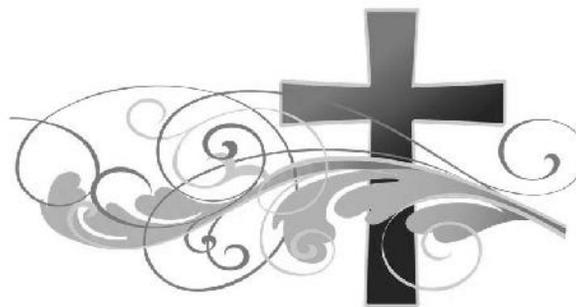


*“For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy **HE SAVED US,** through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.”*
Titus 3:1-8 NKJV

GOD ... All the Greatest

*GOD the greatest Lover
 So loved the greatest degree
 The world the greatest number
 That He gave the greatest act
 His only begotten Son the greatest gift
 That whoever the greatest invitation
 Believes the greatest simplicity
 In Him the greatest Person
 Shall not perish the greatest escape
 But the greatest difference
 Have the greatest certainty
 Eternal life the greatest destiny*
 ~ John 3:16



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Come to His ...



“Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”
Hebrews 10:22-25 NIV

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Let us DRAW NEAR:

We draw near to God to be in His presence.

- The Holy Spirit teaches and strengthens us in our resolve to provide sound Biblical HOPE and ENCOURAGEMENT to those seeking freedom from addictions and other life-controlling sins.
- We are in this continuing process of sanctification together — as sons and daughters of God — by our common faith in Christ.



Let us HOLD UNSWERVINGLY:

We hold fast to the profession of our hope ...Jesus!

- We are encouraged to hold onto what we first believed unswervingly (without wavering). We have good reason for staying on course — the Word of God that builds up our faith.
- Our God is faithful to keep His promises — our spiritual growth and eternal security are linked to the promises of God.

How do we hold unswervingly — staying faithful to Jesus?

- We are honest with God, ourselves and each other.
- When we're happy, we express it.
- When we're struggling, we say so.
- We use every opportunity to explore the faithfulness of God that sustains our hope — we search His Word.

Let us CONSIDER HOW WE MAY SPUR ONE ANOTHER:

The word "spur" means to stimulate strongly or arouse. In "The Most Excellent Way" our goal is to spur or stimulate each other:

- To love others without prejudice.
- To accept each other as brothers and sisters in Christ — it's the Holy Spirit working in us to demonstrate God's plan of acceptance through Christ.
- To testify of God's forgiveness in our lives, and how He has spurred us onto toward love and good deeds.
- To provide living proof by example of how God has changed us, and continues to change us, day by day.
- Our good deeds toward others spurs them on to the seek God's way for changing their lives. Work done for the good of others will attract and win them to Christ. God gets the glory!

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love ...



Let us NOT GIVE UP MEETING:

We keep "The Most Excellent Way" meetings going because we know to withdraw from the strength of fellowship is to invite disaster — like a soldier in battle who lags behind the rest of his platoon and becomes an easy target for the enemy.

- People who are trapped in addictions need to be welcomed into the Church, where they will find the love, acceptance

and forgiveness of God leading to new life in Christ. Even though an independent attitude has existed since the Garden, we know God did not design us to survive on our own. He created us to be completely dependent on Him, and to need and care for one another.



Let us ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER:

These words reveal that Christians are responsible for each other. We are not only interested in our own spiritual well-being — we also encourage others to remain fervent in their love and active in their service to God. We encourage:

- Daily study of and meditation on the Word of God, His commands and promises;
- Memorization of Scripture;
- Searching the Scriptures for God's way for solving our problems;
- Worshipping and praising God with words and actions of obedience;
- Praying without ceasing to maintain our continual spiritual connection to our Creator and Savior;
- Regular Church attendance and service within the Body of Christ; Good stewardship and generous sharing of the tangible and spiritual gifts God has provided each of us.
- Encouragement happens all the more as we see the Day approaching. The Day is guaranteed — Jesus will return. He will not forget! Are you ready?