

# FAIRMONT GRACE CHURCH

September 9, 2012

## “The Household Of God”

“God’s people are not dogs, else they might go about one by one; but they are sheep, and therefore they should be in flocks.” (“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”)

C. H. Spurgeon

### Daily Readings for the Week of Sept. 9-16, 2012

Sunday	Ezekiel 22-23	Thursday	Ezekiel 33-34
Monday	Ezekiel 24-26	Friday	Ezekiel 35-37
Tuesday	Ezekiel 27-29	Saturday	Ezekiel 38-39
Wednesday	Ezekiel 30-32	Sunday	Ezekiel 40-41

\* **Conference Offering Today– Please mark your special offering:**

**“Conference.”**

\* **Our conference is less than three weeks away. Let us unite in prayer to our God that He will bless these services to His glory, the edifying of His sheep, and the calling out of His elect.**

**Call to Worship Hymn**

**Scripture Reading**

**Hymn #186 Church’s One Foundation**

**Message**

**Closing Hymn - #99 Songs of**

**Grace Hymnal**

**Brethren, Let Us Walk Together – Don Fortner**  
*(Tune: #123 – In the Cross of Christ I Glory -- 87.87)*

Brethren, let us walk together  
In sweet fellowship and peace;  
Let each one prefer the other;  
Thus shall joy and love increase.

As a fam’ly, it behooves us  
Each to bear the other’s load.  
As we journey homeward, let us  
Help each other in the road.

Knowing how our God and Father  
Our offenses does forgive,  
Let us, as forgiven sinners,  
One another’s faults forgive.

Let us, for our Savior’s honor,  
Keep the Spirit’s unity, --  
One in Christ, living together,  
Full of love, from envy free!

*“ Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;” ( Eph.2:19 )*

What a blessed description of God’s people! *“The household of God.”* Paul also describes believers as *“fellow citizens with the saints,”* and in verse 21 as *“the building fitly framed together”* and *“an holy temple in the Lord.”* Then in verse 22 he calls the believer *“an habitation of God through the Spirit.”*

It should be obvious from these statements of Holy Scripture that the unity of believers is not one based on worldly or fleshly distinctions, but on him *“who maketh us to differ.”* Our Lord spoke these words to His disciples and us: *“...ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world...”* ( Jh.15:19). Grace abolishes all differences between Jew and Gentile. Believers are built upon one foundation, whether prophets or apostles, whether living in Old Testament times or in New Testament times, whether they’re saints still here on earth, or saints already in heaven, in every age and in every place.

*“For ye are all one in Christ Jesus”* ( Gal. 3:28). This is *“the church of the living God, ( 1 Tim. 3:15). which He hath purchased with His own blood”* (Acts 20:28) We are one body with one glorious Head, Jesus Christ Himself! We’re built on one foundation, again, Jesus Christ Himself. And we were redeemed with the precious blood of Jesus Christ Himself. With the elders in Revelation we *“fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever, ...saying, ‘Thou art worthy .... for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;”*

In chapter 5 of Ephesians, verse 30, Paul writes *“For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones.”* I am to look upon other believers, especially you here in this assembly, as those who have received *‘like precious faith,’* who have been *‘chosen in Him,’* and *‘made accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;’*

With so much that binds us, and at such a cost, surely this union is something to strive to promote and maintain. Hear Paul’s words as he was inspired by God the Holy Spirit to write: *“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, and longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”* (Eph. 4:1-3)

**Blest be the tie that binds.**

Larry

**Another excellent article by our dear friend, Brother Henry Mahan....**

More and more I am made aware of the importance of worship, prayer, Bible study and the fellowship of other believers during our earthly journey. *“Then they that feared the Lord spake Often one to another; and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name”* (Mal. 3:16). I need Him, His Word, and His people! By His grace I shall not forsake the assembly of believers for any reason; and being like Joshua, the spokesman for my family, I can say, *“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”* To be involved with this world in such a way that week after week, Sunday after Sunday passes by without worship, instruction in righteousness, and fellowship with other believers is UNTHINKABLE! Such would be a miserable existence for His sheep.

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**The Bride Of Christ**

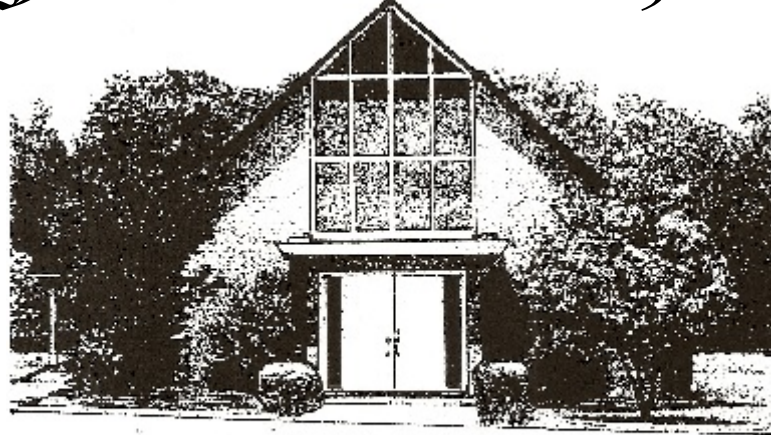
*“Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.”* (Ps.2:6)

Though the church of the living God is but little esteemed in the religious world, the bride of Christ is most glorious in the eyes of God. It is the object of His love and affections. It is the place of His abode here on this earth, and it is through and in His church that He saves, comforts and assures the hearts of His people. The church is not an organization, it is a living spiritual body of which Christ is the Head and very life. Its members are those whom God has chosen, Christ has redeemed, called and glorified in Himself.

The Lord Jesus Christ, having pleased the Father and being exalted in glory, exalts His church with Him and in Him. In Christ, the church is holy and without spot of sin. The Lord Jesus Christ is head over all things to the church. There is no more noble, honorable, exalted position than being an inhabitant of Zion because that is where Christ dwells. The God given knowledge of this wondrous truth causes the Spirit to soar to heavenly heights and at the same time humbles the heart to grateful submission before the King in the midst of Zion.

*Tommy Robbins (from “Line Upon Line”)*

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*“But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”* **I Corinthians 1:23-24**

## Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 PM

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