

From Where I Sit . . .

Laborers Together

To do the work that the Lord has given us to do, we have a strong need for one another. The church is particularly set up in such a way as to meet the heart-felt needs of each other. We must not limit ourselves to a "go-it-alone" philosophy when that route is already destined to failure. The wise man Solomon wrote in the long ago: "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up." (Eccl 4:9 KJV)

I believe the Apostle Paul was reinforcing this attitude among the churches when he wrote in 1 Corinthians 3:9, "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." Then again, he writes in 2 Corinthians 6:1, "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

Our family concept, or team concept is vital to the success of this great congregation. It fosters an atmosphere of love and "one another" service. Those of you who have signed up to be members of the various work teams will play an instrumental role in what takes place in the near future of Broad Street. It's thrilling that during this very week 3 such team meetings are to be conducted and a fourth one is being announced out of the 6 areas of work you have volunteered for. Remember that there is a Biblical basis for group efforts in church matters. 1 Corinthians 3:9 teaches that "We are labourers." "We are labourers together." "We are labourers together with God."

To work as a family, we must learn how to treat one another. Evangelism is most effective in a church atmosphere full of love and service. "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." (Romans 12:10). When Christians are kind and patient with each other, they portray the Spirit of Christ to the world. Our world will not be won unless Christians love each other.

There are some key points to remember about all the service areas that are being activated. They provide us with a closer circle of friends within the church than we might ordinarily experience. They help strengthen weak members. They help us to unite as the family of god. They help us to minister to the needs of our fellow-man. They help us to be steadfast in the Lord's business. They help us to go to heaven and encourage as many people as we can to go with us. Be diligent in your commitment to serving God in this family. Let's enjoy growing together. There is much to do, there's work on every hand!!!! Thank the Lord there are also so many willing workers in this place!

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