

OUR STORY

Proverbs 29:18

Loving you as you are;
Joining you in the journey;
Celebrating where
God is taking us.

FBCA Vision Statement (EST. 2020)

CHOOSING UNITY

We are a multi-ethnic and multi-generational church committed to unity in our ministry and worship.
- FBCA Core Value (EST. 2020)

CHOOSING UNITY (PSALM 133)

- A. Unified Worship (Psalm 133:1)
- B. Sweet Community (Psalm 133:2)
 - 1. Learning Process
 - 2. The Problem with Judgment (5 Areas to Consider)
 - LOVE (John 13:34-35)
 - HELP (Matthew 7:4-5)
 - HUMILITY (Philippians 2:2-4)
 - PRAYER (Matthew 5:43-48)
 - EVANGELISM (I Peter 3:15)
- C. Nourishing Unity (Psalm 133:3)

So what are my next steps?

- 1. Reconciliation (Rebuild)
- 2. Innovation (Get Creative)
- 3. Narration (Tell Your Story)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Read Psalm 133. What areas in your life would you like more unity (internal, family, work, friendships, school)?
- 2. Review the *Problems with Judgment* list and the verses that challenge us in these areas. Do you relate to any of these problems? How “judgy” are you? Discuss.
- 3. What types of people drive you nuts and cause a judgmental attitude to emerge. Stop right now and pray for them together.

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

² It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

³ It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

John 13:34-35 - A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Matthew 7:4-5: Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Philippians 2:2-4: . . . complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Matthew 5:44 ... I say to you love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you

I Peter 3:15: . . . in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

Ephesians 4:1-6: I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.