

We are **ONE** in Christ

By Bryan Hickerson

PERHAPS YOU HAVE HEARD IT SAID that if two people think the same way about things, one of them is not needed, or the outcome of the relationship will surely be boring. If this were so then it would make sense that diversity of mind ought to be the glue that bonds the sweetest times of fellowship and produces the greatest joys in sharing life. But this is not so. While diversity is rightly valued and celebrated, **it is like-mindedness in the Spirit, for the things of God, which produces the sweetest unity.** The deeper the like-

mindedness the deeper the joy, AND subsequently a more powerful fulfilling of the ministry to which we are called. This is the work of Christ. He purchased it with His blood. In Christ

alone can people from every tongue, tribe, and nation have true unity. The world's way of procuring unity amid diversity is to either destroy differences, or to ensure tolerance rules (while unspoken and unwritten exclusivity still holds sway in the mind). Neither yields the fruit of true inner joy and peace relationally.

The reason I've reflected on this is because of a recent get together among almost the entire UPI staff families, a rare thing given each of our ministry and family schedules. July 6th we all met in Warsaw for an afternoon of just hanging out together. It was wonderful. There was a "oneness" present that was truly sweet. I believe this is the outcome of being **"eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace"**, while being like-minded in acknowledging our diversity as belonging to one body, seeking to obey one Spirit and walk in the light of our one hope, submitting to the will of our one Lord, proclaiming one faith, testifying of our new identity through one baptism, to the glory of our one God and Father of all. None of us does this perfectly, but there is a mutual striving for it that bonds and strengthens our relational unity.....and it is good!

Please continue to pray for us as we seek to fulfill and advance the ministry to which we've been called, and that many would come to know this fellowship of believers; whose fellowship is with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ (1John 1:3).



UPI Staff kids



UPI Staff Couples, l to r, Mickey & Lisa Weston, Jo & Bryan Hickerson, Barb & Tim Cash, Kim & Brian Hommel, and Tom & Carin Roy

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SCRIPTURE

“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.”

–Phil. 1:1-2

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UPI Staff, l to r, Mickey, Brian, Bryan, Tim, Connie, and Tom

Schedule

- August 2*Mickey* – Chapel – Yankees/WhiteSox
Tim – Chapel – Dodgers/Braves
- August 3-5*Mickey* – Visiting players in Charlotte, SC
- August 3-6*Tim* – Visiting players in Danville, VA and Myrtle Beach, SC
- August 8-9*Tom* – UPI Alumni Father/Sox Retreat in AZ
- August 9*Mickey* – Chapel – Indians/WhiteSox
- August 10-12*Mickey* – Visiting players in Birmingham, AL
- August 16*Hommel* – Chapel – Dodgers/D’Backs
Tim – Chapel – Phillies/Braves
- August 23*Mickey* – Chapel – Orioles/WhiteSox
Tim – Chapel – Marlins/Braves
- August 24-Sept 2*Mickey* – Japan
- August 30*Hommel* – Chapel – Astros/D’Backs

As you pray for our scheduled events (see above), please remember that each of our staff is involved in discipleship, Bible studies, leading chapels, visiting, writing, etc., throughout the entire year. Please pray for each of them.

Prayer... Praises

- PRAYER**
- UPI Father/Son Alumni event in AZ
 - For players to commit to international trips this off-season
 - Finances at UPI
 - A local Atlanta family – mom (44) and son (10) died within 2 days of each other after battling cancer.
 - For the Weston kids as they head back to school: Erica (Liberty U) and Kayla (senior year).
 - For the Cash family as Rachel (Senior) and Benji (Freshman) enter traditional school for the first time. Both are excited, yet a bit nervous.
- PRAISE**
- First UPI Alumni event in Dallas was a real blessing!
 - UPI Staff and Family time together in Warsaw
 - Much needed vacation time for UPI staff and families
 - Growth in the lives of those attending Bibles studies in Chicago
 - Great ministry at Camp-of-the-Woods

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