

July 6, 2018

Hello Church Family,

### **You are Worthy (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)**

This past Sabbath I was once again reminded of the purpose of communion; reminded of the deep meaning behind this ritual we often take lightly. I remember there was a time I deemed myself to be unworthy of participating in such a ritual, only to find out that I wasn't the only one. Many of us feel the same way. What is it that drives believers from their Lord's table in these spiritually intimate moments? This practice stems from Paul's warning in 1 Corinthians 11:27-32. There Paul tells us to examine ourselves before communion, for "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" (v. 27)

Participating "in an unworthy manner" brings judgment (vv. 29-31), and none of us wishes to transgress this command. Therefore, we examine ourselves before participating, seeing how well we "measure up." If we feel spiritual enough, we may proceed. If we don't, better "safe than sorry."

But is this really Paul's meaning? Was this Jesus' meaning? Consider Jesus' words in John 6: "Jesus said to them, 'I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is real food and My blood is real drink. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me, and I in him'" (vv. 53-56, NIV).

Consider further the fact that Jesus' blood cleanses us from sin. When we are guilty, that is when we need Jesus the most. When we are struggling, that is when we need the help and support of the body. We need to be reminded that we are in a fellowship of brothers and sisters who represent Jesus to us, and we need the strength and assurance provided by the communion celebration. To shrink away from it is to retreat within ourselves and suffer silently.

What, then, did Paul mean in 1 Corinthians? Consider the context. The Corinthian believers were abusing the Lord's Supper:

When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk. Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not! (vv. 20-22, NIV).

The Corinthians' behavior contradicted the whole point of the communion experience. Rather than celebrating their unity, they were revealing their division. Hence Paul's

question, "Do you despise the church of God?" They were eating and drinking "without recognizing the body of the Lord" (v. 30), that is, the body of Christ of which they were part. As such, they were eating and drinking "in an unworthy manner" and bringing judgment on themselves. The "unworthy manner" relates to the way they abused the Lord's Supper. This observation is confirmed by verses 33 and 34: "So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for each other. If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment" (vv. 33,34, NIV).

When we struggle with sin and find ourselves in need of forgiveness, let us seek that forgiveness and eagerly reach for the cleansing blood of Christ. "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?" (1 Cor. 10:16, NIV). Let us share the communion experience and the reassurance that we are part of God's people. Let us remember, that we too are worthy to participate.

Blessings,  
Pastor Linda

**Here's a quick look at a lot of Chapel Oaks information. Have a fabulous Friday and a satisfying Sabbath!**

**SABBATH, July 7**

9:30 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Worship Service; Sermon on Hebrews 13:20, 21 "*The Everlasting Covenant*" by Pastor Mike

Following Worship Service – Fellowship Lunch

**SUNDAY, July 8:** No church events scheduled

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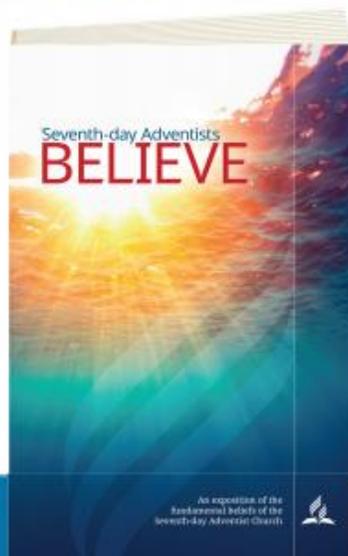
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**Powell, Kara. *Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church* (p. 130). Baker Publishing Group.**

**Toys for Homeless Children**

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**Discoveries in Daniel Seminar**

**Chapel Oaks: Tuesday Evenings 7:00 p.m.**

Pastor Mike will lead a chapter by chapter study of the book of Daniel each Tuesday night. Our next study will be over Daniel chapter 8 on July 10.

**Praying Together with H.O.P.E. (House Of Prayer Everywhere)**

Join us for H.O.P.E. on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. when we spend several minutes studying the gospel of John before we pray.

*“It requires a knowledge of human nature, close study, careful thought, and earnest prayer, to know how to approach men and women on the great subjects that concern their eternal welfare.”—Gospel Workers, 92*



**Next Steps for Your Circle of 8 you are praying for:**

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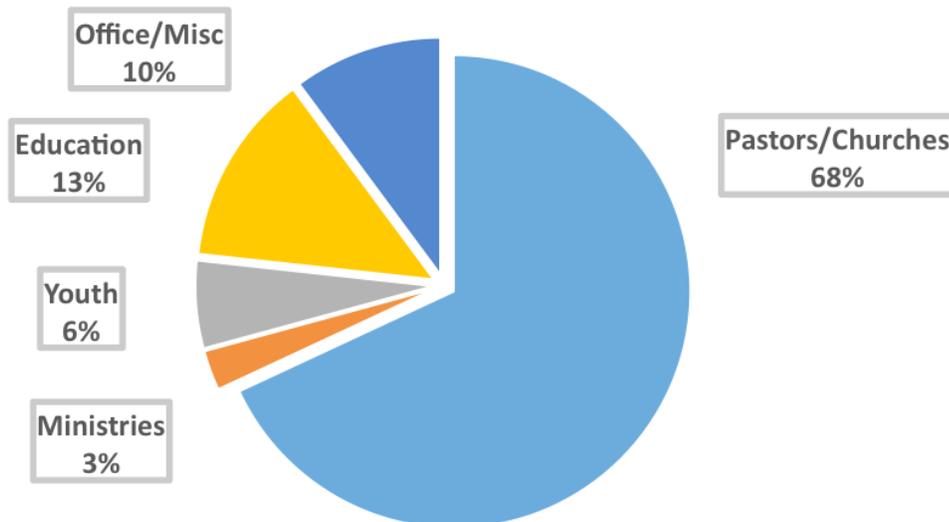
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### Conference *Stewpot* for July

Don't miss this month's edition of the *Stewpot*, attached.

### Need More Information?

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