

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

LIVING STONES

STRONGER TOGETHER

1 PETER 1:1-2

STRONGER WITH CHRIST

- 1) God's redemption is greater than our sins and failures.
- 2) God has placed you in your circumstances with a purpose.

STRONGER WITH ONE ANOTHER

How can we cooperate with other churches?

- 1) Agree on essential beliefs.
- 2) Be intentional about cooperating together.

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, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."*

Memory Verse for November

"And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves."

Luke 22:25-27

Scripture to Pray

Psalm 133:1-3 ...

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore."

From the Resources

What happens if we get really intentional about working together? What if we built on that? ... In the New Testament, there was not one church planted without all the other churches. I would challenge you to read the New Testament and find one Christian or one group that did something by themselves. It never happened ... The possibility of turning the world upside down still exists, but you can't do it, and I can't do it, but WE can do it. If we concentrate together and get serious about intentional cooperation and collaboration, we can do incredible things.

- Michael Crawford

- BCMD Annual Meeting 2022