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THE VINE

CONVERSATIONS OF FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH

Hey Johnny, welcome to **The Vine**... Fellowship Bible Church weekly newsletter. This is our second edition. If you didn't receive an email or would like to look through the archives, click HERE to do that.

From Sunday to Monday

SUNDAY'S RECAP

This past Sunday, we continued our Unlikely Sources series by looking at 1 Corinthians 12:21–26. Paul reminded us that God never designed His church to be a collection of independent people who can get along just fine on their own. Every member of the body matters, including those whose contributions might go unnoticed or seem less important. The truth is, we need one another more than we sometimes realize, and God has intentionally brought us together for our good and His glory.

A CLOSER LOOK AT SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:22 (NIV) - "*On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.*"

Notice Paul's choice of words. He doesn't say the weaker parts are less important. He says they ***seem*** weaker. There's a big difference!

We live in a culture that tends to measure someone's value by their talents, accomplishments, influence, or visibility. And sometimes we bring that same thinking into the church.

But Paul challenges us to see things differently. **What appears less impressive to us may actually be indispensable to the body of Christ.**

That means we shouldn't underestimate what God can do through someone simply because their gifts look different from ours. And we shouldn't assume we have nothing to offer just because someone else seems more gifted.

God isn't asking us to compete with one another. He's calling us to care for one another.

TAKE IT INTO THE WEEK

Here's a challenge for this week: Look for someone whose contribution to the church often goes unnoticed, and take a moment to encourage them.

Maybe it's someone who quietly serves, faithfully prays, welcomes others, or cares for people behind the scenes.

And while you're at it, consider this question: "***Am I allowing comparison to keep me from using what God has given me to serve others?***"

Remember, the body of Christ doesn't need everyone to be the same. It needs each of us faithfully caring for one another.

Life on the Vine

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - NURSERY TEAM

Every Sunday, a wonderful group of men, women, and teenagers serves our youngest members of Fellowship through our Nursery Ministry.

Whether it's playing games, reading stories, sharing a Bible lesson, or simply offering a caring presence, these volunteers create a welcoming and safe environment for our little ones while giving parents the opportunity to participate in worship.

Their service might happen outside the main gathering, but the impact is felt throughout our church family.

To our Nursery Team, thank you for the time, energy, and love you pour into our littlest ones and their families each week!

Coming Up

BELONG+BECOME - Introduction to Fellowship Bible Church

Want to learn more about Fellowship Bible Church and what it means to be part of our church family? Join us for Belong + Become, where we'll explore who we are, what we believe, and how you can grow, serve, and connect at Fellowship.

You'll also learn what it means to **become a Covenant Partner** (*member*) of our church.

Thursday, October 22 | 6:15–7:45 PM

Location: The Commons at Fellowship Bible Church

Learn More + Register Here

SEND ME — Raising Up the Next Generation of Ministry Leaders

On Saturday, ***November 7***, churches from across Metro Detroit will gather for the SEND ME Conference at Berkley Community Church.

This one-day conference is geared towards 16yo-30'somethings (*but not limited to*) to encourage, equip and help guide as they ask "God, what do you want me to do with my life?" Perhaps God may be calling them to serve through missions, church planting, pastoral ministry, or their everyday careers... we want to offer clarity and direction.

Would you help us get the word out? Think of a student, young adult, or someone exploring God's direction for their life. Personally invite them and encourage them to register.

And please be praying that God would use this gathering to raise up people who are willing to say, "Here am I. Send me!"

Interested in attending or serving? Learn more and register below.

https://www.thisisfellowship.com/sendme

Check out our Church Calendar

Pray with Fellowship

If you are in need of prayer, you can always send us your prayer request online.

https://thisisfellowship.com/prayer

For Our Church: As we head into the winter months, please pray for wisdom as we care for the building God has entrusted to us. The heating and cooling blower in The Commons recently failed, requiring a costly replacement. We're grateful God has provided the resources to address this need. At the same time, we're preparing for another significant expense as we look toward replacing the boiler system that heats our entire building.

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Pray for wisdom, provision, and faithful stewardship as our leaders navigate these decisions.

For One Another:

Several within our church family are currently walking through difficult health challenges. Pray that God would provide healing according to His will, strength for

each day, and peace in the midst of uncertainty. Above all, pray that Christ would remain their steady foundation and the One they look to for hope and direction.

I'm grateful to be part of this church family and for the opportunity to grow together in Christ. As always, if there's anything I or any of our Elders can be praying about or helping you with, don't hesitate to reach out.

All for the sake of the Gospel,
Pastor Johnny B.

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