

not always align perfectly. When we address another who is totally different from me, then what? Can we still be unified? Yes, but only under the banner of the Lord's authority. The Lord molds us into a thinking people that aligns with Him, and not our heritage or perspective.

In this approach to keeping the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace we gain the Lord, and the Lord gains all those who love and obey Him. With love, devotion, and conviction, we live as Paul exhorted us to live, "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me..." (cf. Gal. 2:20). With this new approach to life, we operate from the source of love, as revealed in that which God did for us; we seek to show this love to others, regardless of their point of reference and circumstances (cf. Matthew 7:12; 22:34-40). We are kind, gentle, teach the truth, forbearing to those we believe have done us wrong, allow not yesterday to get in front of today. In short, we live as Christ.

How much effort are you putting in to keeping the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace?

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Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace

How does one keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace? When people willingly join themselves together, they do so with good intentions. Each one comes from a place that is not shared by the others in that group. We all have our experiences, perspectives, and we launch into the future with that. Sometimes, we forget that not everyone thinks like I do. When we forget this, we attribute to others "they understand" my intentions (my motives) when, in fact, they may not. A great failing of humanity is this: attributing to another my way of thinking.

In answering the question, the only right answer is under the banner of the Lord's leadership. We have political perspectives that align, but they do not always align perfectly. We have philosophies of life that align, but they do

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARING & SHARING

Jean Gonder is awaiting a move to the Meaford Long Term Care Centre, but has to wait until they are out of a gastrointestinal outbreak. Continue to remember Gord Cramp, Jean Cramp, Joyce Franklin, Jean Gonder, Fern Park, Isabel Petch and Edythe Williams.

SYMPATHY

We extend out sympathy to the family of Eugene Perry who passed away this past Wednesday. The funeral is tomorrow from the Tintern church of Christ.

SUNDAY SPEAKERS

Darren Book will be presenting our lesson this morning. Peter McDonald will be speaking next Sunday.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Please join us for our Wednesday shuffleboard and Bible study. First shuffleboard at 12:30 followed by a social time (drinks and snacks) at 1:30, then Bible Study at 2 pm.

CHURCH LETTER

I have attached a copy of the letter that you will also find in your mailbox. For those who cannot attend a copy of the letter will be delivered.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Gord White (20) Joyce Knight (21)



**Friday morning 8:30 am –
Vision TV**

Rogers cable 21

Bell 64

Star Choice 394

Sunday 2:00 pm – Joy TV

Rogers 173

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For those who were unable to attend and here the thank you card from the Ukraine students, it is being reprinted here:

To the Meaford church of Christ:

"Thank you for supporting me at Great Lakes Christian High School. I very much appreciate your support for me and for the opportunity which you gave me.

Wishing you hope, joy, good health and good times.

Thank you Viktor."

"Thank you for supporting me at Great Lakes Christian High School. I really appreciate the opportunity to follow the life of Christ. I enjoy being involved in school spiritual life, drama play, choir and Bible classes. Great Lakes is the amazing school where I found peace and joy.

Thank you Anna."

It was a joy to be able to see and hear about their personal experience and appreciation for our church in Meaford helping to sponsor their education and spiritual needs.

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Week 8: February 19 — February 25 **Love**

- 19) 1 Peter 4:7-11
- 20) 2 Corinthians 5:11-15
- 21) 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- 22) Matthew 22:34-40
- 23) John 15:1-11
- 24) John 15:12-17
- 25) John 15:18-27

Questions to consider:

Summarize this passage in two to three sentences.

What does this passage teach you about love?

What is the Lord specifically leading you to do in response to this passage?