

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

October 13, 2024

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

WELCOME

HYMN #43 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:1-9

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #581 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

HYMN #694 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Stephen Christopher

HYMN #690 He Leadeth Me

CLOSING PRAYER

The following programs are available during the Morning Worship Service:

Nursery - Newborns to Age 2

Children's Church - Ages 3 to 8

This Week at Robertsville

Sunday..... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Scottish Psalter, 1650

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.*

Announcements

Nursing Home Ministries:

Sunday, October 13, 2:00 p.m. - Excelcare, Manalapan

Sunday, October 27, 2:00 p.m. - The Manor, Freehold

Nomination Forms - This year our church members have the opportunity to nominate candidates for the following positions: Deacon, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Annual Delegate, and Sunday School Superintendent. Nomination Forms are on the table in the foyer. All nominees must be members of RBC in good standing and in full agreement with the RBC doctrinal statement. Only members of RBC may submit nominations. Written nominations are due by **Sunday, October 27**, and should be given to one of the members of the Nominating Committee.

Biblical Unity Because of Christ - Philippians 2:1-9

Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

Three Marks of Christian Unity. Philippians 2:2: "Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

- Because of Christ, there is one love. "Having the same love" is to love (agape) others equally and doing what is best for them in spite of how you feel. It is a conscious choice and commitment to seek the welfare of others first (Romans 10:12-14). Love makes the difference within families and churches.
- Because of Christ, there is one accord - United in spirit means fellow believers live in selfless harmony or are on the same team. This leaves no room for personal ambition, selfishness, hatred, envy, or jealousy. True Biblical unity requires loving God and being grounded in the Word of God.
- Because of Christ, there is one mind. Being of the same mind is essential to spiritual unity, and it means to think the same thing or to be like-minded. It has to do with setting aside personal preferences, so you can actively strive to achieve common understanding and genuine agreement, which facilitates working together.

Two means of Christian Unity. Philippians 2:3-4: "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." This involves a new focus.

- "Let nothing be done through strife or vain-glory." (Strife - insolent; being rude, insulting, or disrespectful. Vain-glory - pride, arrogance.) Instead of focusing on negative characteristics, one needs to put others first. Selfishness breeds anger, resentment, and contempt (1 Corinthians 1:10-13).
- "But in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." Lowliness is humility. "Esteem other" is regarding fellow Christians as significant and important. Treating all people with dignity and putting others first. Look out for one another and when a need arises, do something about it. Loving one another shows we belong to Christ.

No one can put others first without God's love motivating them. May we truly focus on Him, and show the marks of Christian unity in our lives.