Notes for 4th Sunday in September 2022

**Queens Chapel U.M. Church**

**Beltsville, MD**

Rev. Dr. Will Butler, Pastor

**“The Power of Fellowship” (Part 1)**

**1 John 1:3**

 3 We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

1. Queens Chapel is a purpose driven church.

“Becoming Kingdom Focused and Disciple Strong”

1. There are **4 components** to “Becoming Kingdom Focus and Disciple Strong” **Acts 2:42**

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

1. Teaching of God’s Word
2. Fellowship of Believers
3. Observing the Sacraments of the church
4. The Greek term for church fellowship is koinonia, *[koy-nohn-ee'-ah]*
5. Partnership with each other
6. Participating together in ministry,
7. Communicate and Believe the same thing
8. Worship, pray, and study God’s Word together
9. Grow in our discipleship together
10. Evangelize and develop disciples together
11. We’re called into fellowship—**1 Corinthians 1:9 (NIV)**

“God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1. Fellowship is a relational function
2. It reflects the relational nature of the God Head: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

**John 8:29**

“And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone,

for I always do those things that please Him."

1. Fellowship within the church family produces relationships.
2. God is a relational God

**Genesis 2:18**

“And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone…”

1. Jesus chose His disciples for relational and support purposes

**Mark 3:14**

“Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him…”

1. Fellowship is not just eating together

**Hebrews 10:25**

Don’t stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.

1. **Fellowship can be maintained in 5 ways:**
2. **When we Spiritually Assemble for Prayer: Matthew 18:20 (NKJV)**

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name,

I am there in the midst of them."

1. **When we discuss the truth about Jesus—Luke 24:13-15 (Common English Bible)**

13 On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. 15 While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey.

1. **When we confirm God’s grace upon each other—Galatians 2:9 (NKJV)**

“and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.”

1. **When we share in our belief about the person of Jesus Christ—1 John 1:3**

“That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

1. **When we walk together in our salvation—1 John 1:6-7 (NKJV)**

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.