

Making Life Better

with **Jesus**, in **Community**, on **Purpose**

a weekly email from **Pastor Lynn**

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Greetings again in Jesus' Name –

It's been a busy week with our Small Group Fellowship Meetings plus the Christian Women's Luncheon and Saturday Prayer Breakfast. The spirit of each Small Group meeting has been great. Everyone attending learned something about a fellow FCC person. As I listened to the stories I was struck about how FCC has made a wonderful difference in so many lives; being accepted, finding meaning, strengthening faith. As we look to tomorrow's potential we have many reasons to be optimistic and some specific strengths to celebrate.

Have you ever heard of the one anothers? They are a specific subset of scriptures that emphasize the relational aspect of our Christian community. I will periodically draw attention to them. I thought as I listened to the stories I heard this week, FCC is a "one another" church.

A BIG THANK YOU to Sam & Joyce McMichael, Ben & Dee Dixon, Ray & Nita White, Carol Reynolds, and Rich & Verna Recor for hosting our groups.

As we begin Lent we will be reminded that all of us have idiosyncrasies, quirks, flaws, and peculiarities. Some of those really bother us. Some of them bother others. Lent is an introspective journey where we face our idiosyncrasies and flaws candidly. We are acutely aware that we are imperfect, which gives importance to this brief pilgrimage because we are reminded that God isn't our partner because we are perfect. He loves us "as we are."

Make the pilgrimage with me. **Start with our Ash Wednesday service.** Participate by feeding your spirit and soul with devotions from our Lenten devotional book. Listen for God's voice and sense His nearness. Give the Holy Spirit access to making some needed adjustments in your life.

Sunday will be special as we consider **God Is Able to be Our Savior.** None of us are beyond His reach. There are no exceptions to His love. Celebrate this reality with me in our Sanctuary Worship this Sunday. We'll stand on *Holy Ground together.*



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