

Fellow Christians,

To my knowledge a Presbyterian Church is led by committees of the Session of Elders . I've been fortunate to have served on most of them. Education Committee was the most demanding. Worship Committee was the most organized. Property Committee required daily maintenance. Evangelism and Service Committee was separated into two committees -Membership and Mission. The only Committee that I don't recall serving on was Administration. Today I'm speaking at the invitation of the Administration Committee. This committee is responsible for the church's day to day operations, which means they have to keep an eye on "the bottom line" of our church's financial obligations.

In the Bible, in Colossians, the Apostle Paul taught that we must not cling to our own ideas and try to blend them into Christianity. Nor should we let our hunger for a more fulfilling Christian experience cause us to trust in a teacher, a group, or a system of thought more than in Christ himself. Christ is our hope and our true source of wisdom.

Paul, in the 3rd chapter of the book declares that:

"Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves

--- make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive

---forgive above all, clothe yourself with love which binds us together in perfect harmony

---and let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts

---let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives

---and whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. "

During my college days, John Anderson would say that each of us has at least one sermon that we could deliver to one another. Anderson declared that a good sermon will have me leave with something to Remember, Feel, and Do!

In my 60 years at Northridge Presbyterian Church I have witnessed many happenings; but in every situation it sees “the bond that unites us is far greater than the decisions that might divide us.”

Early on it was easier for me to give more of my time than my money to my church. In either case, I feel the Lord God needs my support, and for sure, I need God’s support.

Then let us all do our best for the Lord’s Church, here on Bob-O-Links Drive, in the heart of Lakewood, in this season of Stewardship! Now Listen!

From: Joe Nall

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