

## We Are Family!

Jesus implied that His church family was more important than **blood relatives**. Mark 3:31-35

- **Family** - a group of people who are generally not blood relations but who share common attitudes, interests, or goals and, frequently, live together.

As fellow members with one common goal we must love, respect, and care for each other. You are not only connected to the **visionary** and **vision**, but also to the **people** sitting next to you.

Matthew 22:37-39 - Jesus likens love for our neighbor to love for Him.

The **death** of a family atmosphere is the **birth** of cliques.

We will not be a church that looks down on each other. We will recognize we are only as **strong** as our **weakest link**.

We will not accept the **diva syndrome**. God is the only one that gets special treatment! If the pastor can be touched why can't you?

We must be a church that **fellowships** together, because fellowship adds to **fellowship** which ultimately increases membership. 1 Peter 4:9

By fellowshiping we can **encourage** each other to move forward. 1 Thess 5:11

If we would show **genuine love** to the people sitting next to us there will always be someone sitting next to us. It is when we fail to show love that seats become **empty**.

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As members we cannot help the **world** if we cannot help each other.

Philippians 2:4

As members we are a community meaning we must live in common **unity**.

We may not all have the same thing, but we are striving toward the same **Kingdom** goal.

There is no such thing as a **loveless** member or believer.

1 John 4:20

The church family that **prays** positions itself to receive power. We will be a family which 'prays' for each other not 'preys' on each other.

The church family that **worships** together **wins** together. Like the army we declare, "*No One Left Behind!*"

The church family that **fasts** will make the devil **furious**.

We must stand **together** or we will fall apart!