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Announcements:

The time has come to furnish our new Sunday School Rooms! Quality tables and chairs for the comfort and safety of our members can be costly. We also want to include some basic audio and video hardware. We have already received $250 towards these things, and we have an additional $1000 pledged! Additional donations above and beyond regular tithing would help tremendously. Let's have these rooms completed before we resume Sunday School classes.

Praying for Unity

John 17:20-26

Big Idea: We should pray for all believers to be in perfect unity with one another and with the Father and with the Son.

The Basis of Our Unity: Jesus Christ and His Glory.
- **Eternal Unity.** John 17:24.
- **Internal Unity.** James 2:10; Ephesians 4:1-3; John 3:1-18.
- **But Not Merely External Unity.**

The Nature of Our Unity: The Trinity.
- **Unified in Character.** Ephesians 4:4-6.
- **Unified in Love**. John 17:26; Matthew 22:34-40; John 13:31:34-35.
- **Unified in Purpose.** 2 Corinthians 5:15; Matthew 28:18-20.
- **Unified in Destiny**. John 17:24; Romans 8:29.
- This Unity is not sameness or mere uniformity, but a deliberate bond between diverse believers toward a singular God and His purposes.

The Results of Our Unity:
- **Glory**. John 17:1-5, 22.
- **Faith.** John 17:8, 21.
- **Knowledge.** John 17:23, 25.
- **Love.** John 17:25, 13:34-35.
- **Disciples**.

Invitation:
- Am I truly unified with my church and other believers, or do we just get along? Do I know the difference?
- Do I have prejudices against others that require repentance?
- Am I truly unified with my church in the work of the ministry?
- Can I purposefully reach out to fellow believers to foster unity? Who? When? Why not today?
- Pray for God to foster the inward attitudes and outward actions that produce unity in His people so that He may be glorified.

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