

WE ALL NEED
Friends

Sunday, January 12, 2020 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 1: **Why We All Need Friends**

Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 3; Ephesians 2:15-22

We all **NEED** friends

part bearing God's image Genesis 1:26-27

"It's not good for man to be alone" Genesis 2:18

—but we **ISOLATE** ourselves

sin tears apart community Genesis 3

Adam and Eve *hide*

isolation takes us away from God's design

so God offers us **FAMILY**. (Ephesians 2:15-22)

the Church is designed to fill the void as a Family

a community, not a church of individuals

make a choice to be in community



Grow.

Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

1. Our fourth core value is **We All Need Friends**. There's one aspect of bearing God's image that is impossible for us to do by ourselves: We cannot image his relational nature without being involved in community. We were not designed to go through life alone. In fact, God created us lacking and needing relationship, even before the Fall. It is by his design that we all need friends! Look at each of the following passages and make every observation you can about what it teaches us about God's design for true friendship and community.

1 Peter 2:9-10

1 Corinthians 12:25-27

Acts 2:42-47

Romans 12:3-21

1 Peter 4:8-11

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Ephesians 4:2-6

Philippians 2:3-16

2. What steps will you take in 2020 to get more involved in community? Be specific. Write it down. Pray about it. Ask God to help you follow through!

Life Group Sign-Ups Are Open! Sign up Today!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you need to get in a Life Group! If you're interested, sign up today in the Commons or let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.



PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2020

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your Life Group.*

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Calvary Baptist Church in Oswego.

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for Ephesians 2:15b-22 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

15 ...that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,
 16 and might **reconcile** us **both** to God in one **body** through the **cross, thereby killing**
 the **hostility**. 17 And he **came** and **preached peace** to you who were far off and **peace** to
 those who were near. 18 For
 through him we **both** have
access in one **Spirit** to the
Father. 19 So **then** you are no
longer strangers and **aliens**, but
 you are **fellow citizens** with the
saints and **members** of the
household of God, 20 **built** on the
foundation of the **apostles** and
prophets, Christ Jesus himself
being the **cornerstone**, 21 in
 whom the whole **structure**,
being joined together, **grows**
 into a holy temple in the Lord.
 22 In him you also are **being built**
 together into a dwelling place for
 God by the **Spirit**.

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