

12 Excellent Rules to Promote Harmony Among Church Members Today

1. To remember that we are all subject to failings of one kind or another. Therefore, we need to help each other overcome temptations (Rom. 3:23; 1 John 3:17).

2. To help bear one another's infirmities (Gal. 6:1-2).

3. To pray one for another in public assemblies, and especially in our private prayers (James 5:16).

4. To avoid going from house to house for the purpose of tale-bearing, tearing down what has been built up. Even if it is not for that particular purpose, this kind of thing should be excluded from our lives (Heb. 3:13).

5. Always turn a deaf ear to any slanderous report and to lay no charge against any person until well-founded (Titus 3:2).

6. If a member be in fault, tell him of it in private, before it is mentioned to others. Never make a private matter public without first trying to resolve the *ought* in private (Matt. 18:15-17).

7. To observe the just rules of Solomon. That is, to leave off contention before it is meddled with (Prov. 17:14).

8. If a member is offended, consider how God-like it is to forgive those who repent and how unlike a Christian it is to seek revenge (Luke 17:3-4).

9. Remember it is always the great task of the devil to promote distance and animosities among members of the church, and we should therefore watch against everything that furthers this end (1 Peter 5:8; Eph. 4:26-27).

10. To consider how much more good we can do in the world at large, and in the church in particular, when we are united in our love for one another and for our God. A contrary spirit will never promote the goal of the church (Matt. 5:16; John 17:21-23).

11. We should be ever looking for ways to promote the welfare of the church and one another. We must never forsake a single assembling of the saints, because this aids in promoting love and good works (Heb. 10:25).

12. Last, we must consider the express injunction of the Scriptures, and the beautiful example of Christ as to all these things (Eph. 4:3, 32; 1 Pet. 2:21; John 13:5, 15).

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Without God's guidance we are like a river without a bank.

News & Notes

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Herman McHan of the Columbiana, OH Church of Christ.

BROWN FAMILY AWAY: Bro. Rico is at the N. Central Ohio Bible Lectures (Aug. 5-8) in Lorain, OH. Latisha & Laila are in Florida following the recent death of Latisha's nephew.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 406.

COVERED DISH DINNER & EARLY SERVICE: Today at about noon at the Fellowship Building. This will be followed by our early afternoon worship service at the church building at 2:00 p.m. Come and join us as we enjoy a meal together, and then assemble to worship God.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Canceled for this Tuesday, August 7th. Resumes Tuesday, August 14th.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Canceled this Thursday, August 9th at the Brown's residence. Resumes Thursday, August 16th at 11:00 a.m.

GOSPEL MEETING: August 10-12 (Fri. & Sat. 7:00 p.m.), St Clair Ave., East Liverpool, OH. Speaker: Dan Jenkins of Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, August 11th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbiana, OH Church of Christ.

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, August 11th, 2:30 p.m. at Fox.

BABY SHOWER: For **Cassandra Miskimen** on Saturday, August 11th, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building. She is registered at Walmart and Amazon.

REQUEST FOR ANNIVERSARY CARDS: **Jenny Rhodes'** parents will celebrate their **60th wedding anniversary, August 11th.** Send cards to: Irvin & Barbara Gainer, 4687 Ridge Point Dr., Dallas, TX 75211.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER: For **Jim Mick, August 16th.** His address: Auburn Nursing & Rehabilitation, 451 Valley Road, Salem, OH 44460.

MEMBER VISITS: So Our Elders and Minister can get better acquainted with the members, a visit can be scheduled to meet here at the building or in your home by signing the sheet on the desk, or arrange an appointment by talking to Rico. Otherwise, an impromptu visit may be made.

PANTRY: Peanut butter & jelly.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Emma Rine, Charlie Delong, Bill & Carol Stillwell, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **AUBURN NURSING HOME, SALEM, OH:** Jim Mick. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl. **IN CALIFORNIA:** Cindy Moore (Pat Allison's cousin).

House For Sale

A man became envious of his friends because they had larger and more luxurious homes. So he listed his house with a real estate firm, planning to sell it and to purchase a more impressive home. Shortly afterward, as he was reading the classified section of the newspaper, he saw an ad for a house that seemed just right. He promptly called the realtor and said, "A house described in today's paper is exactly what I'm looking for. I would like to go through it as soon as possible!" The agent asked him several questions about it and then replied, "But sir, that's your house you're describing."



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HOW CONTENTED ARE YOU? (1 Tim. 6:6)