

Prime Timers



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Our department has three goals we strive to achieve. **Educate** through our Bible based adult class. **Encourage** through person contact and fellowship. Finally, it is our desire to

Evangelize our age group. Statistics tell us that only one in 500,000 receives Christ as their Savior **after** the age of 65. If you are at least 60 years of age we invite you to join in and help us reach our goals.

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Having the time of our lives in the prime of our lives.

FELLOWSHIP

This past Sunday evening we had one of our “church fellowship” evenings. It is a great time for our church family. This is the main reason our pastor schedules these type of services. The word **fellowship** is found 15 times in our New Testament. There are several Greek words that are translated into our English word **fellowship**.

*Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and **fellowship**, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. The main thought here is *participation*. It also means to have things in common.*

When we come to church, it is best if we all get involved. That does not mean we are all supposed to preach or sing specials. It does mean we should be active participants in the worship or teaching services. We should approach every service as a new opportunity to worship God. As I talk with visitors at Friendship, one thing stands out in their reply. They remark about every age group being represented in the congregation. However, there are problems that come with a multi-generational church. Each generation has their own likes and dislikes. It is important that each generation fellowships (participates) in the worship service.

*1 Corinthians 10:20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have **fellowship** with devils.*

The thought here is an association or companionship. This is the negative part of fellowship. We are not to be involved in the critical or negative aspects that happen in every church. Negative associations and attitudes are harmful to the spiritual life of a church. That is Paul’s warning in this passage.

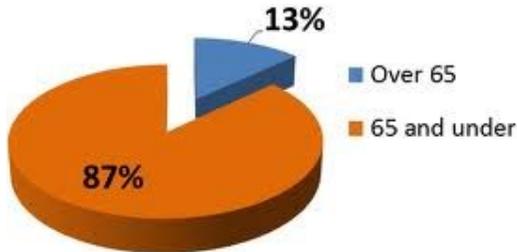
*2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what **fellowship** hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

God’s desire for His people is seen in these words. He wants us to *share* with each other (fellowship) and *have in common* (communion) the blessings of the Christian life. He wants us to enjoy *harmony* and *agreement* as we live, work and worship, together. When we try to walk with the world, and with the Lord at the same time, we break this spiritual fellowship and create discord and division. We need to be fellowship builders, not destroyers. Is this an easy thing to do, NO, but it is worth the effort.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

Current United States Population



The chart at the left is an eye-opener. Senior adults are living longer, more productive lives than ever before. There are now more senior adults than there are teenagers in the United States. The saddest statistics is that of those who reach age 65 only one in 500,000 will come to know Christ as their Savior at that age. Let us strive harder to reach our generation.

SENIOR HUMOR

How to Get The Police To Your House.

An elderly man, from Georgia, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. He opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" He said "No," but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me.

Then the police dispatcher said "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available."

The old guy said, "Okay." He hung up the phone and counted to 30.

Then he phoned the police again. "Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them." and he hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic, and an Ambulance showed up at the residence, and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to old guy, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!" The wise old man said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

PRIME TIMERS PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

After much discussion and planning we are finally ready to publish a pictorial directory of our class. For those who are in the church directory those pictures will be used. You do not have to be a current member of our church to be listed in the directory. Mary Thomas will be taking those photos over the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions please contact me.

Breakfast Trails End

Thursday, March 7, 8:30am

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Amish Dinner Trip

Friday, March 22

Bus leaves at 4pm

Cost \$13 per person