
❖SERMON NOTES❖

Sunday, March 20

“CONNECTING WITH GOD’S FAMILY”

(1 John 1:1-4)

Today we continue our *Family Matters* series with a focus on our relationship to one another as a church family. At the close of the worship hours, we will join together as a family of faith to celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

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Because we are friends, we have entered into a

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Because we have a heavenly Father, we have entered into a relationship with Him.

“That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ” (1 John 1:3, ESV).

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God” (Romans 8:14-16, ESV).

Because we are family, we have entered into a kinship with each other.

Because we are friends, we have entered into a fellowship with each other.

Because we are followers of Christ, we have entered into a partnership with each other.

“Recognizing that my calling had been given by God, James, Peter, and John--the pillars of the church--shook hands with me and Barnabas, assigning us to a ministry to the non-Jews, while they continued to be responsible for reaching out to the Jews” (Galatians 2:9, The Message).