

Practical Community at MOPC

Ephesians 5:1-2

• *The Scriptural Background*

- Psalm 68:5-6: "A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation. God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a dry land."
- James 1:27: "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."
- Roman? 12:9-13: "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality."
- Galatians 6:9-10: "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."

• *The Concept*

- Familial connections for all the solitary members of the Body of Christ expressed here at Memorial Church
- Challenges
 - Difficulties and challenges of this kind of relational expression of love
 - Breaking out of cultural comfort zones

• *The Goal*

- Create a plan that will utilize existing families within Memorial Church in order to provide the benefits of family for each of our young students and professionals
- Pattern these relationships after the reciprocal nature of family interactions.

We are looking to provide family environments and relationships for all of the single young students and professionals within our church family here at MOPC.

To this end, we hope to connect each single with a member family. These interactions will provide the important Biblical benefits of the family environment - encouragement, companionship, meals, prayer support, accountability, and a home in which to belong. It is proper that within these "adopted" family interactions, there should be reciprocal caring and giving in which both parties are seeking to show the love of Christ in practical relational ways.

If you are a single student or professional and would be interested in being "adopted" by a family within the church,

OR

If you are a member family interested in "adopting" a single,

Please fill out your information below and place your completed form in Jason & Kelly Miller's mailbox in the rear of the church.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO: ADOPT BE ADOPTED