

Where everybody knows your name

There was a comedy on television several years ago that was called "Cheers," and the action in this program took place in a bar after which the show was named. The show began with a theme song that opened with the words: "Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name."

The song fit the content of the show because the characters apparently considered "Cheers" a place where they could be themselves and unload their problems in an atmosphere of mutual acceptance.

A popular Christian author once wrote about a marine buddy of his who had become a new Christian. When he saw his friend later, he asked him how he was getting along in his new church. He replied that everything was going okay but that there was something missing, and he went on to explain himself in this way: "The only thing I miss is that old fellowship all the guys in our outfit used to have down at the slop shoot - we'd sit around, laugh, tell stories, drink a few beers, and really let our hair hang

down. It was great!"

I'm afraid that many people feel this way about the church, because they never really experience the sort of community that the church is supposed to offer. Sometimes this is their own fault, for they put up barriers that keep themselves from really getting too close to others. But at other times the fault lies with those who consider themselves faithful

Meditation



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Christians, and there are certainly a number of reasons why such things happen, but I think one of them is that we have trouble following the biblical admonition that we should - as Paul says in Galatians 6:2 - "carry each other's burdens."

The context in which Paul offered this advice has to do with how we respond to a brother or sister who is, "caught in a

sin." This is one of the most prominent spiritual challenges that we encounter in a church, I suspect, for even though we may be saved sinners, we are still sinners and we sometimes make mistakes. What do we do when this happens?

The apostle Paul says that we should "restore him (or her) gently." Now the word "restore" is a translation of a Greek word that has to do with setting a fractured bone, which means that when a brother or sister makes a mistake we are to seek out ways to help reset our fallen com-

panion and restore him or her into the fellowship.

Paul also says that we should do this work "gently," which means that we should do it with a spirit of "meekness." In other words, because we are all sinners we realize that each of us sometimes makes a mistake and all of us occasionally need to find "a place where everybody knows our name," and what better place can there be than in a church, which is basically a fellowship of sinners who have been saved by the grace of God?

Fellowship & Faith



Featured Church of the Week: First Presbyterian Church
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Service at 11:00 a.m. immediately followed by a luncheon.

To follow is a list of upcoming Churches of the Week. If your church is listed here and you have a special event that you would like listed on your feature week - please contact Lisa at 704-739-7496 or e-mail ads@kingsmountainherald.com

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