

Simply Devoted Fellowship of Churches

multi-generational discipleship

Biblical . relational . simple

Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God. 1 Chronicles 22:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you... Matthew 28:19-20

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
Deuteronomy 6:4 - 9

The Heart of the Simply Devoted Fellowship of churches

- Expository preaching through the Bible
- Gospel-integrated lives...lost people need to hear the gospel and SEE the gospel.
- Heart level relationships in the home and church
- Hospitality: the front door of evangelism and the swinging door of discipleship
- Family Worship...in the home and church
- Family Mission mindset...training, organizing and leading your household to fulfill God’s mission of making disciples
- Marriage preparation and discipleship
- Spiritual leadership training of men and young men (Teaching Biblical duties of husbands and fathers; and training future Church leaders)

The Goal: Lose none.

This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. John 6:39

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.
John 17:12 - 13

“Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost...” Fathers and pastors have been entrusted with souls. May the intention and prayer of every shepherd be: “Father, the souls You have entrusted to me...may none of them be lost.”

The desire of the Simply Devoted Fellowship is to come alongside shepherds, and to facilitate shepherds coming alongside other shepherds, so that not one sheep will be lost.

Why join the *Simply Devoted Fellowship*?

1. **Relationships**...*spurring one another on to love and good deeds...two are better than one, for they have a good return for their labor...as iron sharpens iron, so the countenance of one man sharpens another...the world will know we are Christians by our love for one another.*
2. **Biblical restoration of the Church**...A spiritually historic opportunity to join hearts and hands with Kingdom brothers, to restore the Church to the glory and beauty God intended.
3. **Counseling, coaching, mentoring, and discipling** by men farther down the road of implementation and understanding of multi-generational discipleship. (phone conversations, email exchanges, conferences, events, conference calls, and personal visits)
4. **Equipping, encouragement, and inspiration** for elders, deacons, church leaders, and fathers.
5. **Relationships with other families** united in purpose and goal.
6. **Training and coaching** for new church plants
7. **Church planting resources**
 - Constitution and Bylaws
 - Church Covenant
 - Statement of Faith document
 - IRS documentation and guidance
 - Newcomer booklet
 - Provisional elder oversight until Biblically qualified elders are appointed
 - Elder assessment document
 - Church brochures and invite cards
8. *Simply Devoted Fellowship* resources:
 - Audio teaching downloads
 - Written resource downloads
 - 52 weekly bulletin inserts of *Simply Devoted* core Biblical values
 - Scripture memory guides and inspiration
 - Spiritual leadership training materials
 - Spiritual growth materials
9. *Uniting Church & Home Network* (quarterly gatherings for church leaders)
10. Yearly conferences/events:
 - *Uniting Church & Home* church and home leadership conferences...as goes the home, so goes the church.
 - *Celebrate the Glory*: An event exalting God's Word, encouraging God's family, and extolling God's beauty through the arts
 - *SDF Family Camp*

11. Monthly conference calls for all *SDF* church leaders for teaching, encouragement, and prayer.

12. Premiere website- A tool each church fellowship can utilize to inform and educate those interested in gaining a Biblical understanding of multi-generational discipleship. Each fellowship would be listed and given space on the site for their specific church.

- SDF vision of Gospel-integrated living and multi-generational discipleship articulated.
- Q & A addressing typical concerns and questions.
- Personalized site within the SDF site for each fellowship.
- Small fellowships are seen as being connected to a much larger fellowship of churches...for the purposes of relationships, encouragement, learning, accountability, and opportunities to multiply Kingdom growth as forces and resources are joined together.

Why would any church or family want to join the Simply Devoted Fellowship of churches?

The answer is simple: God has led them to join hearts and hands with brothers and sisters for the Biblical restoration of the Church...helping restore the beauty and the glory that Jesus Christ desires for His Bride.

The *Simply Devoted Fellowship of Churches* is in the process of formation.

God has given us a desire to become a resource helping households plant new churches and also a fellowship where existing churches can join for encouragement, inspiration, and equipping.

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