

TOGETHER IS BETTER

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Rom 12:4-5 Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others. NLT

I thank God for our church body. Every person who calls Cottonwood Christian Fellowship home, helps make our church what it is. It wouldn't be the same without each one of us. When one person is missing, it changes the whole. Our church needs you and you need the church.

Paul Tournier once wrote, "There really is no such thing as lone ranger Christianity. There are two things we cannot do alone; one is be married and the other is be a Christian."

C.S. Lewis wrote, "The laboratory for knowing God is community." That is true as well. We will not fully know God and become the person He intends for us to become, apart from the church. The church is the body of Christ.

We are a body, not a bunch of lone rangers. Together is better for many reasons.

2016 is rapidly coming to a close. 2017 will be here in just a few short weeks. I want to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in our 21 days of prayer and fasting starting January 1st.

Jesus said in Matt 17:21 that some things happen only because of prayer and fasting.

I'm expecting 2017 to be the greatest year of my life. I'm expecting it to be the greatest year of Cottonwood Christian Fellowship. But it will take more than me just expecting it or hoping for it, it will take prayer and fasting. It will take a commitment to putting God first and doing the things that He wants us to do so that His perfect will can be done in our lives.

Would you like a closer walk with God? Would you like to know Him in a greater measure? Would you like to experience more of His power and a deeper sense of His presence in your life?

How does a person get into the presence of God? One way is by leaving the presence of others. By removing the presence of other things. We do that when fasting. We are removing the presence of food and replacing it with more prayer and more Bible reading and more time spent in solitude so that we can draw closer to God. When you begin to focus more time and energy on the spiritual man than you do the natural man, the flesh begins to die and the Spirit comes alive in you.

Are you willing to make a temporary sacrifice for long-term gain? If you will join us in the 21 days of prayer and fasting, I promise you, you will reap the rewards of being in His presence.