



The Context for Discernment

Corinth as a Roman colony

The Church in Corinth – *division*

Verses 17-21

Note: Not all divisions are bad. In fact, some are necessary.

Verse 19, 2 Timothy 3:2-5

The Failure to Discern

Verse 22

Failure on the Corinthians part to recognize the difference between the Lord's Supper and their everyday meal

The Basis for Discernment

Verses 23-26

Discerning the Body

Verses 27-34

1. The Exhortation to Examine Yourself (v.28)

2. The Object of Discernment (v.29)

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

What are we to do?

Paul's instructions are simple:

- * Take meal **together**.
- * Don't treat it like an **ordinary** meal.

Just a Moment

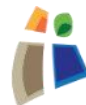
with Pastor Fred

When life takes a difficult turn, we all have quoted Isa 55:9 to ourselves and others, "Well, his ways are not our ways." It is true that God orchestrates events in ways that surprise and puzzle us. But in reading the book by Dane Ortland, *Gentle and Lowly*, I was surprised to learn using this verse that way is out of context with Isaiah's meaning. Read Isa 55:6-9.

God calls us to seek him, to call on him, and invites even the wicked to return to him. What happens when we do? God shows his compassion – he will abundantly pardon. What an encouragement to our souls this should be! God abundantly – richly, lavishly pardons! Ortland writes, "He does not merely accept us. He sweeps us up in his arms again." This is in keeping with the verse, "my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are higher than your ways." Our view of God must change. He's not a mean ogre ready to pounce on us when we mess up. He's our loving heavenly Father - his love is beyond our comprehension.

God isn't like us. "Even the most intense human love is but the faintest echo of heaven's cascading abundance. His heartfelt thoughts for you outstrip what you can receive ... God's thoughts are so much higher than ours that not only does he abundantly pardons the penitent, he has determined to bring his people into a future so glorious we can hardly bring ourselves to dare hope for it." *Ortland*.

Praise the Lord. Child of God, rest in his love. Puritan John Owen wrote, "The greatest disservice to God is to doubt his love."



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*Give thanks
to the LORD,
for he is Good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever.*

Psalms 118:1

**Prelude
Call to Worship**

*The Blood of Jesus Speaks for Me
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Missions Moment

Be Unto Your Name

Discerning the Body
Phil Dufrin

Communion

Jesus Strong and Kind

**Benediction
Prayer Team**

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THE LORD'S DAY

August 3, 2025

Corporate worship is meant to propel us to live like we believe God has already given us everything we need for life and godliness.

*Loving God
Loving People*

Worship Service

Nursery: Gina Froman, Jocelyn Carter & Michelle Clark
Toddler: Barb Bush and Sarah Winnie

Today

10:30am Worship Service

Tuesday, August 5

10:30am Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, August 6

10:30am Senior Saints Bible Study

7:00pm Praise Team Practice

Today's Greeters

Donna Kimmel
Jan & Colleen Peck

Foyer Ministry

This Week: Greg Elliott
Next Week: Graig Hayes

Announcements

Ladies Tuesday Bible

Study meets this week – and again August 19. Class starts at 10:30am and meets in Room 102.

Counseling Team will meet on Saturday, August 9 from 8-9am.

City Rescue Mission of Lansing Cross Walk, August 9 @

10:00am, celebrating new location opening. See the mission's website for more details

Small Groups. Hosts and facilitators will meet briefly after the service in Room 102 on Sunday, August 10. Small Groups will resume the week of September 7. If you are not invested in a small group and wish to be, please see Pastor Fred.

A CEF Five Day Club will be held here at the church, August 11-15; 10:30am - noon. See Cindy Price for more details.

Church Picnic with the

Langes will be held on Saturday, August 16 at 4pm. Please sign up on the table in the foyer to bring a dish to pass. Anthony Lange will join our pastoral team in January 2026.



MOWING THIS WEEK
Dan & Jocelyn Carter

HBC Picture Time. If you do not have your picture or need an updated one for the directory, you have two opportunities to have your picture taken: **Saturday, August 23** (young families only; 9-11am) and **Sunday, August 24** (before and after the service). Please sign up for a time slot.

Discovering God's People is a one-time class to introduce folks to HBC. We will meet on Sunday, August 24 from 5-7pm. The class is the first step towards church membership.

Ladies' Retreat at CranHill Ranch, October 3-5. Cost is \$110.00. The theme is *Finding Joy in Jesus*. Please sign up if you plan on attending. See Diane Wilson with questions.

Lost: Tin Whistle in a red bag. If you have seen this please let David Froman know.



SUMMER RECESS
Sunday School and
Adult Bible Fellowship
Resumes September 7

FALL FEST

Sunday, September 14
4 – 6 pm
Outreach event



Prayer Requests

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2

General Requests

- Camp Barakel Staff
- Isaac Elliott - counseling at Barakel
- Josh & Carissa Bell - Senegal
- The Clark family
- Counseling Ministry - certification & weekly appointments
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually / to reach out to others
- Langes - ministry at Berean and transition to HBC
- HBC vacationers

Physical Needs

- Frank Bragg (Killian Loveall's grandfather) - mental health, diabetes
- Kara deRoos (Ryan's mother) - cancer
- Nic Martin - pain management
- Rick Nowak (friend of Helmut's) - leukemia
- Zoey Bricker - recovering from surgery
- Kellie Mattox - gallbladder/liver problems

Prayer For Our Government Officials

Law Enforcement Officers

Missionary of the Week

Josh & Carissa Bell, Vesper & Lina - Senegal

Prayer Individual of the Week

Barb Bush

Shut in of the Week

DeEtta Archambault

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Peter Bricker	August 4
Gina Hart	August 7
Lina Bell	August 9

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

John & Diane Helmuth	August 5
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