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[1] As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

[2] Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

[3] Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

[4] There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

[5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

[6] one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

[7] But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

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- Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the church.
- Treat the church as the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Treat each member with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don't be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Live a life \_\_\_\_\_ of your calling.

**2. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_.**

- The church has a \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

***Matthew 28:19-20** "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

- \_\_\_\_\_ the culture.

***Matthew 5:13,16** "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

- \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ

- \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's Kingdom

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We have seen a steady stream of people returning to in-person worship over the past several weeks – and we are thankful for these faithful members who are now back.

Our attendance for the week after Easter (Last weekend) was 95% of the attendance we had the week after Easter 2019. That is the highest percentage we have had compared to previous attendance.

*Here are some events and meetings you need to know about:*

First, Sunday afternoon **April 25 at 5 PM** we will have a congregational meeting to deal with general business and to discuss our association with First Baptist Kenner.

Second, please be aware that registration for vacation Bible school is now open. I hope you will take advantage of this special opportunity June 9-11 to “jumpstart” your children’s Bible knowledge.

We all can see the absolute necessity of children hearing the truth of God’s Word at an early age. VBS is fun, and it teaches truth—an unbeatable combination.

As people continue to return to church, let us remember the importance of sharing our faith and inviting people to attend with us.

This is not a time for God’s people to be timid. We must look for every opportunity to help others experience God and His mercy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wrayton Baring". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.