

## *Koinonia Christian Church*

What if we prayed how Jesus taught us to? Many of us pray with little heart. We mutter the usual and leave with little expectation. But is this how Jesus taught us to pray? The Lord's Prayer is a prayer according to God's will, a prayer that beckons heaven to crash into earth. Tied to the sure promises of God, it compels us to seek—and expect—His glory in every sphere. When one prays consistently, persistently, and boldly for the hallowing of God's holy name, big things happen. Radical Prayer gives us a glimpse of the transformative and explosive power of praying in God's will, a power that takes place internally and manifests externally. Whether your prayer life is strong or in shambles, Radical Prayer will compel you to a life of bold, persistent, transformative, and expectant prayer.

Christian Fellowship  
A Theological Study of Koinonia in the Local Church  
Koinonia  
A Place for Tough and Tender Love  
Gospel Advocate Company  
The Radical Disciple  
Three Pamphlets Inspired by Koinonia Partners  
Wipf and Stock Publishers

In *The Holy Spirit as Communion*, Leon Harris examines the pneumatologies of Colin Gunton and Frank Macchia. For both theologians, the doctrine of the Holy Spirit is foundational to understanding their doctrine of God, Christology, and ecclesiology. Drawing on the theme of communion, *The Holy Spirit as Communion* expresses the concept that the Holy Spirit is the person who perfects the divine nature and personhood of the Father and Son. It is the Holy Spirit who perfects the eternal communion within the divine Trinity, which is the source of the divine action that also perfects the communion in creation as an expression of the Father's will through Jesus Christ. *The Holy Spirit as Communion* explores the essentiality of the Holy Spirit through a unique approach to Spirit Christology: Gunton is represented by a radicalized version of Chalcedon Christology, and Macchia formulates his account through the overarching metaphor of "Spirit baptism." Therefore, the doctrine of God, Christology, ecclesiology, and eschatology cannot be construed without a proper account of pneumatology that takes into consideration the eschatological perfecting work of the third person of the Trinity—who perfects creation's koinonia as a gift from the Father through the grace of Jesus Christ.

A Candid Look at Ministry and Fellowship in the Body of Christ

The Role of Koinonia in the Christian Growth of Business and Professional Persons in the Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church

The Koinonia Principle: Fellowship for a Purpose

The Prodigal Heirs

Official Report of the Fifth World Conference on Faith and Order

Practicing Koinonia in Worship

Koinonia and the Church

Throughout my life, I've wrestled with the question, "How can I be free to be the 'me' that God created me to be?" If the title caught your attention, then chances are that you've been asking yourself the same thing. This book will take you on a journey that examines what true freedom looks like. Each chapter is partnered with a subsequent prayer and journal opportunity as we explore the circumstances and situations that I went through to become who I am today?which is free to be me.

How does the Holy Spirit guide the Christian community in its custodianship and interpretation of Scripture? How does the fact that the Spirit is characterized by koinonia impact upon this task? In light of this, do we read Scripture with too much of an individualistic mindset? In this new book, Dr Trevor Reynolds addresses these questions, seeking answers primarily from within Scripture itself. He explores in depth what Jesus and the New Testament community taught concerning the interpretive role of the Holy Spirit. How did they interpret Scripture, with the help of the Spirit? He highlights their corporate/Spirit-led hermeneutic, with its challenge to our individualistic approaches. The New Testament writers interpreted the Old Testament in a way that revealed communal methods of interpretation. These were informed by Jewish pneumatic and corporate solidarity notions, as reshaped by Jesus' own Spirit-given example and legacy. In this book, New Testament extracts are discussed which contain either specific examples of how Old Testament Scripture is interpreted by members of the New Testament community, with the Spirit's help, or speak of the Spirit's work of interpretation in a more general way. Trevor Reynolds seeks to uncover their implications for biblical hermeneutics, as well as for the doctrine, use and custodianship of Scripture in the life and witness of the church today. The book concludes by pointing to the wide-ranging implications that reading Scripture in the fellowship of the Spirit poses for today's church.

Discussion of the need and benefits of Koinonia.

Koinonia

Church as Communion

The Power of Being Bold and Persistent

The Koinonia of the Cross

Three Pamphlets Inspired by Koinonia Partners

Its Structures and Ministries

On the Way to Fuller Koinonia - Official Report of the Fifth World Conference on Faith & Order

Passover  
Feast of Unleavened Bread  
Feast of First Fruits  
Feast of Pentecost  
Feast of Trumpets  
Day of Atonement  
Feast of Tabernacles  
The Feasts of Israel, set by God, are not only commemorative in a historical context, but are also prophetic. The first three feasts in the 1st month point to the Messiah's First Coming; the last three feasts in the 7th month, to His Second Coming. The middle feast highlights the Church, in more ways than is generally recognized. Dr. Chuck Missler begins to reveal the rich background of these feasts with many surprises for the Biblical believer, and yet only scratches the surface. This book provides theological foundations for Episcopal collegiality in the Church of England, the worldwide Anglican Communion, and the wider ecumenical scene.

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Israel and the Church

The Myth of Persecution

The Koinonia Role of the Holy Spirit in Biblical Hermeneutics

The Book That Inspired a Return to the Church's Real Meaning and Mission

Radical Prayer

The Radical Disciple

*Has God abandoned Israel? Has the Church "replaced" Israel? What does the Bible say? As we watch the world events, it is clear that Israel is following her prophetic scenario, and a new chapter is about to be written—and there may be a big surprise on our near horizon!*

*This important document proposes new clarifications and pastoral steps that will serve the pilgrimage toward full unity. It provides the biblical, historical, and theological foundations for a common Catholic-Lutheran understanding of the church. The text carefully links the biblical doctrine of justification to the development of the church in the New Testament as a community of salvation whose structures and ministries serve the church's mission to the human family. A detailed exposition is given to the development of the ministries and structures in the church: councils, dioceses, parishes, bishops, presbyters, and the Petrine ministry. Book jacket.*

*This book explores how Seventh-day Adventists, like other Christians, can benefit from generating their own version of communio ecclesiology. It starts by offering a critical analysis of the status quo of the existing Adventist portrayal of church as remnant, and suggests potential ways of moving this tradition forward. To articulate a more rounded and comprehensive vision of the church's rich and multifaceted relational nature, this book draws on the mainstream Christian koinonia-based framework. Consequently, it provides possible solutions to some of the most divisive ecclesial issues that Christian communities face today regarding church structure, ministry, mission, communal interpretation, and reform. As it sets on a new footing the conversation between Adventism and other mainstream Christian traditions, the methodology of this book serves as a pathway for any Christian community to use when revisiting and enhancing its own current theologies of the church.*

*Releasing God's Government in the Earth*

*Koinonia in Christian Education*

*The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches*

*Small Group Guides for Prayer and Celebrating the Lord's Supper*

*Jesus Christ as Basis and Pattern for Unity in a Heterogeneous Christian Community*

*Christian Fellowship*

*En Cuanto A Mí Y Mi Casa... Un Diario de Discipulado Para Hombres*

***The theology of communion, or Koinonia, has been at the centre of the ecumenical movement for more than thirty years. It is central to the self-understanding of the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches, and has been prominent in the work of the World Council of Churches. This book, based on the 1996 Hulsean Lectures, examines the significance of Koinonia for contemporary ecumenical theology, tracing the development of contemporary understanding in critical engagement with the thoughts of Plato, Aristotle, the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, the Cappadocian Fathers and Augustine. In each case, reflection on community life is related to actual communities in which texts were produced. The importance of conflict and the place of politics for the Koinonia that constitutes the Christian churches is a major theme throughout. Communion is seen as a gift to be received and a discipline to be cultivated in the continuing practice of ecumenism.***

***If you crave richer relationships within the body of Christ, tie on your apron, grab a mixing bowl and read on. Something's cooking and you're invited to enjoy the feast!***

***This book can be a tremendous asset to pastors, church leaders, ministry volunteers and anyone else who desires to see their local church become more real, more enjoyable, more honest... more like the model of the early Church in the Book of Acts. A balance of spiritual truth, humor, practical application, and personal experience, Keith Hubbs takes you through scripture and history to examine the five-fold ministry of Ephesians 4, carefully describing its purpose and intent, its function, and its overwhelming absence in today's Church! It will challenge what you believe about the ministry and your call as a Christian. It will challenge what you think you know about the proper order of church government. It will challenge you to examine your own motives in ministry, and help you realize how YOU fit into God's plan for His Church!***

*The Church as Koinonia of Salvation*

*A Practical Theology of Small-Group Ministry*

*Creating Christian Unity in a Southern Rural United Methodist Church*

*Prayers for Weekly Empowerment for the Four Seasons of the Year*

*How Early Christians Invented a Story of Martyrdom*

*A Theological Analysis in the Context of the Korean Presbyterian Church*

*Is This What Church Was Meant to Be?*

From arrogant pimp to humble pastor. Cashmere is an urban fiction loosely based on the early life of Egon Settle.

The Glorious Throne is a prayer book that will set you on a higher position of glorious living in the four seasons of every year. Empowering you, your household, your church and every area of your life to come into divine alignment with the Word of God, also leading you in uprooting what needs to be uprooted and planting what be planted. It contains prayers for:• Being filled with the Holy Spirit of God.• The 12 months of the year.• Being a bundle of success.• Walking out of every Predicament bondage.• And many more.

The idea of koinonia has gained prominence in recent ecumenical discussions. Lorelei Fuchs proposes the theological concept of koinonia, loosely translated as communion, as the key to moving the fractured churches toward a future unity. Fuchs challenges churches to move beyond mere dialogue to apply their ecumenical insights at the local level. She begins by relating the exegetical meaning of koinonia to its ecumenical meaning, tracing the place of koinonia both within the churches and between the churches. She examines the concept in the extensive and fruitful dialogues that have taken place between Lutherans, Anglicans, and Roman Catholics, finally articulating a symbolic competence for communionality that provides a rich and workable way forward for church unity at all levels. Encompassing the latest in ecumenical thought within the Anglican, and Lutheran milieu, *Koinonia and the Quest for an Ecumenical Ecclesiology* provides a framework for moving closer to the reality of Christ's prayer that all men be one.

The Lost Formula of the Early Church

The Music of Jesus

The Church and the Crisis of Community

Collegiality in the Service of the Koinonia of the Church

Cumulative List of Organizations Described in Section 170 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

The Holy Spirit as Communion

A Recipe for Authentic Fellowship

**What God Intended for the Body of Christ Fellowship among believers is more than just talking over coffee after church service. Biblical fellowship in New Testament times—or koinonia—had rich and varied meanings, including covenant relationship, partnership in the gospel, communion with God and others, and the sharing of earthly possessions. In True Community, bestselling author Jerry Bridges guides you through koinonia and its implications for today's church. With discussion questions at the end of each chapter, this book will help you dig deeper into what Christian community in the twenty-first century should look like. You will come away with a new appreciation for fellowship, the church, and what God intended the body of Christ to be. With a discussion guide for personal or group use.**

**The Radical Disciple invites the followers of Christ to take seriously the scriptural mandate to love God and neighbor. The cost of contemporary discipleship is just as high now as it was in the early days of the Christian church. But the sharp edge of the gospel mandate has been watered down. The hard passages of the Bible have been ignored by a church that has become too comfortable with the economic and political status quo. But when a disciple sidesteps the call of God to radically embrace the poor of the world, then that disciple also sidesteps the comfort and the inheritance that God holds for God's faithful people. We Christians represent a radical alternative to the greed, complacency, and violence of our age. The promise for us is the promise of community and celebration, joy and peace. But we must follow the way of the cross, which is just as relevant and compelling for us as it was for Jesus two thousand years ago. So we have set before us in these pages a prescription for the servanthood that is required of us. By assuming the yoke of a servant, we claim joy and purpose for our lives. Read this book and gain insight into the meaning of these words for Christians and the church today.**

**In The Myth of Persecution, Candida Moss, a leading expert on early Christianity, reveals how the early church exaggerated, invented, and forged stories of Christian martyrs and how the dangerous legacy of a martyrdom complex is employed today to silence dissent and galvanize a new generation of culture warriors. According to cherished church tradition and popular belief, before the Emperor Constantine made Christianity legal in the fourth century, early Christians were systematically persecuted by a brutal Roman Empire intent on their destruction. As the story goes, vast numbers of believers were thrown to the lions, tortured, or burned alive because they refused to renounce Christ. These saints, Christianity's inspirational heroes, are still venerated today. Moss, however, exposes that the "Age of Martyrs" is a fiction—there was no sustained 300-year-long effort by the Romans to persecute Christians. Instead, these stories were pious exaggerations; highly stylized rewritings of Jewish, Greek, and Roman noble death traditions; and even forgeries designed to marginalize heretics, inspire the faithful, and fund churches. The traditional story of persecution is still taught in Sunday**

**school classes, celebrated in sermons, and employed by church leaders, politicians, and media pundits who insist that Christians were—and always will be—persecuted by a hostile, secular world. While violence against Christians does occur in select parts of the world today, the rhetoric of persecution is both misleading and rooted in an inaccurate history of the early church. Moss urges modern Christians to abandon the conspiratorial assumption that the world is out to get Christians and, rather, embrace the consolation, moral instruction, and spiritual guidance that these martyrdom stories provide.**

## **Body Life**

### **Towards an Adventist Version of Communion Ecclesiology**

### **Cumulative List of Organizations Described in Section 170 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954**

## **Remnant in Koinonia**

### **A Theological Study of Koinonia in the Local Church**

## **True Community**

### **Koinonia and the Quest for an Ecumenical Ecclesiology**

The Book of Acts covers about 30 years: Chapters 2 and 3 of the Book of Revelation cover the next 2,000. This study will explore the seven letters by Jesus Christ to actual historical churches and the church ages they represent. These letters describe, with amazing precision, the unfolding of all church history in advance. This chronicle fills the gap between the 69th and 70th Week of Daniel. We will also find many insightful personal applications as we apply each letter to ourselves.

This book innovatively explores the notion of koinonia for understanding the nature and function of the Church. Since the Scriptures assert that the Church is the Church of God, God's communal mode of existence is looked at namely, God who is a communion of three hypostases relating to one another in an interpenetrating koinonia of infinite love as a way of understanding the very being of the church as communion. Such a notion of koinonia, far from having anything to do with socio-political understandings, suggests that it is a foundational gift bestowed from above to the world as the solution par excellence to the impasse of isolationism. More often than not, however, such an ecclesiology of communion has not taken seriously the historical reality of the Church living within the fallen world along with its ceaseless temptations, divisions and even sins in history. In this way, it becomes apparent that a dialectic needs to be acknowledged in the notion of communion as both foundational gift from God, and yet one still to be fully realised. Accordingly, this work shows that the Church is not only as the gift of God's miraculous presence here on earth. The Church is also constantly striving to exist epiclestically until such time as it will fully experience the final consummation in God's eschatological kingdom. An examination of this double dimensionality of the Church is undertaken in order to assess if this is in line with the Scriptural witness of the ekklesia. Having established the gift-goal dialectic in the notion of koinonia in the New Testament Church, the study then traces the trajectory of this dynamic approach to koinonia in the Church's worship and authoritative structures. This promises to cast both a deeper light on, and a more realistic solution to ecclesiological problems within the life of the Church today, allowing for the Church's constant renewal. Contemporary society is in crisis, its structures broken and fragmented, and its people overstimulated, overstressed, and thirsty for true communion with the sacred and with one another. Yet although more than eighty-five percent of congregations in the United States conduct small-group ministry, too many of these groups begin with no clear sense of purpose, structure, or spiritual focus and end by veering away from Christian tradition and unknowingly settling for shallow versions of popular Christianity. In *The Church and the Crisis of Community* Theresa Latini lays out both a theoretical groundwork and a practical guideline for successful small-group ministry. Examining the latest sociological research and the real-life practices of small groups in six congregations, she shows how well-developed groups those with mission statements, leadership training, and solid organizational structure can be a truly effective tool in the church's work of transforming broken and shallow forms of community into life-giving, life-sustaining relationships with God and others.

From Foundations Through Dialogue to Symbolic Competence for Communionality

From Composition to Koinonia

Bishops in Communion

Experiencing Koinonia Together

The Glorious Throne

Friends of Norwalk Christian Church

Colin Gunton's Pneumatology of Communion and Frank Macchia's Pneumatology of Koinonia

*Ray Stedman shows you how to recapture the vigor and authenticity of the early church—a radical body of enthusiastic believers who spread the Word of God throughout the world! This book—considered a classic by many—brings you challenging questions that make Body Life both personal and practical. Body Life is a groundbreaking book inspiring churches and disciples to return to New Testament Christianity. Using principles from Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4, Stedman helps you discover the dynamic purpose of the church and the exciting role you have to play in the body of Christ.*

*This book explores the relationship between Thomas F. Torrance's doctrine of the Trinity and his ecclesiology. Tyler utilizes the integrative motif of koinonia (communion) in order to unfold how the Church is correlated with the Triune communion of love, and how this shapes the Church's visible existence in the world.*

*This book examines four large questions: Do we need a theology of music? (And if so, why?) What is the place of art music ('classical' music)*

*in a postmodern world? What are the characteristics of 'the music of Jesus'? How can this music be manifested in the Christian community? Each question is addressed on the basis of building a consistent Biblical worldview which includes adequate respect for the powerful force of music. Although the book focuses on the role of composers, its aim is to encourage serious musical examination, support, and action from within the entire evangelical Christian community, with an eye to affecting the culture at large. The author asserts that in the area of music the Church has become a cultural follower rather than a leader, adopting the dangerous postmodern tendency to define musical choices as matters of mere personal preference rather than seeking to define them on the basis of what God has revealed in the Word, by the Son, and through the Spirit. Specific suggestions are made by which the contemporary Christian community may resist such a tendency, even while building a dynamic, new, Christ-centered musical practice which can flourish in our postmodern world.*

*She's Free!*

*A Place for Tough and Tender Love*

*The Biblical Practice of Koinonia*

*True Fellowship*

*On the Way to Fuller Koinonia*

*Koinonia Class Cook Book*

*Ecumenism, Christian Origins and the Practice of Communion*

"Every church leader needs to read this book. I praise God for my brother Duane-a "miner" who searches for God's jewels of wisdom. I honor Duane as one of God's living giants." Eugene Harder B. Th. Retired pastor "A valuable book for elders and pastors to read and study. It will help get us back to basics." Cliff Stalwick, Founder of Living Faith Bible College, Caroline, AB "Duane is a gifted teacher who presents an insightful analysis of government and those who carry it. The principles taught provide a secure foundation as well as a set of boundary markers. His book is a treasure of insights." Dr. Michael L. Hastings, Professor, Lethbridge College, Pastoral Team Leader, Northside Christian Fellowship, Lethbridge, AB "For over twenty-five years, my wife and I have walked in relationship with Duane. His understanding of Kingdom government has been influential in my life; shaping my thinking and my behavior. These truths have helped shape teaching and counseling materials I have developed and taught in numerous countries. May the truths of this book touch the whole of your life." Graham Bretherick, Registered Psychologist, Author "Healing Life's Hurts," Lethbridge, AB "Duane's love for the truth of God's Word and his godly character has greatly impacted my life for over twenty years. It is an honour to call him my friend and a father in the faith." Steve Fleming, Pastor, Koinonia Christian Fellowship, Waterloo, ON "Duane Harder's book addresses how the church is to reign in the earth. With wisdom and grace he leads you through God's view of government as it relates to the interconnectedness of: self, family, business, and civil government, with a special emphasis upon church government. Every Christian would profit from this book." Erik Vander Ahe - Technology Executive SVP Products and Services, Waterloo, ON

Experiencing fellowship together is what church life is meant to be. This booklet describes the experiences of ordinary people as they sought to experience life in the Spirit together. Their efforts were well worth it and lives were changed. This guide contains valuable advice on how to meet together as the body of Christ in real time.

The Gift and Goal of Koinonia

Reading Scripture in the Fellowship of the Spirit

The Ecclesiology of Thomas F. Torrance

The Feasts of Israel