

## DEPENDING ON GOD

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When we fill out our taxes every year we have to tell the IRS how many dependents we have. They want to know how many people depend on us for their physical needs. Our dependents are supposed to be the people who need us and rely on us for aid and whose sustenance and livelihood would be impossible without us. Basically, they can't get by without us.

Shouldn't this describe our relationship with God? Jesus said this much in **John 15:5** **"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."** If he is the vine then that means he is the source of our sustenance. It means that we are to totally depend on Him for everything. He is so essential to our sustenance that apart from Him we can do nothing. Your level of conviction of this truth will determine how much you depend on God.

Even Jesus, who was equal to God (**Philippians 2:6**), would not do anything without his Father. It says in **John 5:19**, Jesus gave them this answer: **"Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."** He goes on to say in verse 30, **"By myself I can do nothing..."** He even depended on the Father to give him the words he was to say: **"For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."** (**John 12:49-50**).

If Jesus depended on the Father for everything he did and said, shouldn't we also depend on God for everything we do in our daily life? Yet, we often rely on ourselves and show more confidence in our flesh without even knowing it. That's because we are so used to being self-sufficient in our everyday life that we do not even think about asking God to help us and sustain us with things that we are accustomed to handling at home, at work or at school. As it says in **Psalms 20:7** **"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God."** Those chariots and horses can take the form of other people, our own wisdom or our own abilities.

However, we need Him even more than we think. He is the one who gives us the ability to do what we do well and He is the one who perfects us with His grace in areas of weakness. It says in **Hebrews 13:20-21** **"Now may the God of peace... equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."** We simply can't get by without Him. We truly are dependent upon God for everything. His word completely equips us for every good work (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**).

If Jesus needed the Father and relied on Him for everything, we too have to rely on Him completely. Apart from Him we can do nothing, but in Christ we can overcome.

“As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” Joshua 24:15

## FAMILY MATTERS

### “BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS (DAUGHTERS) OF GOD”. (MATT 5:9 ESV)

Ladi A. Davies

We have just concluded an extremely busy yet encouraging college year (Sept'13 through May'14) as a Ministry and we give our great God the glory for His workings among and through us. This past college year we have seen 8 Stony Brook University Students come to our Lord Jesus Christ, one of them a wayward disciple finally returning home, our brother Dan Turcan. It has been so encouraging to see these young men and women commit their lives to the LORD especially in this difficult age and truly pray God may endow us with His wisdom, patience and love to continue to effectively 'raise' them in our Lord Jesus.

We have also been blessed to see the growing unity and zeal of the current crop of disciples now spanning 7 Universities across Long Island and NYC, along with a fostering of stronger bonds between some of our High School teens and their older counterparts in College. One of our hopes is to continue to initiate forums (such as our monthly BRIDGE fellowships) to better 'bridge' the gap between our High School and College students, prayerfully leading to more of our present youth choosing in future to stay local for college and assist our LORD's mission work here. Please join us in prayer: for the students, especially the new disciples to stand firm in their faith over the summer months; for the vast number of others who were reached out to this past year to soon yield to our LORD's call; and for our continued outreach during Stony Brook's summer class sessions to bear much fruit all to our LORD's glory. We thank God for your continued prayers and support!

“And the Lord added to their number” Acts 2:47

## BAPTISMS

Amanda Catherine May, 2014  
Judy Jarrett May, 2014  
Jason Fontaine May, 2014  
Amanda Plompen May, 2014  
Luis Hernandez May, 2014

Ian Wall April, 2014  
Stephanie Durgaprasa April, 2014  
Savannah Bullinger April, 2014  
Mateo Rengifo April, 2014  
Chris Pimentel March, 2014

“They gave themselves first to the Lord” 2 Corinthians 8:5

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Time Period	Weekly Attendance (Average)	Weekly Contribution (Average)
April 2014	263	\$10,137
May 2014	275	\$9,521
June 2014	283	\$8,890
<b>Weekly Averages for Q2</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>\$9,468</b>

**Weekly Budget: \$9,000**

## **“KNIT TOGETHER IN LOVE”**

**Rebecca G. Young**

Togetherness is something that can be unappreciated and even taken for granted. As women, we may feel like we need a break from all the people in our lives or maybe feel a little weary from all the church gatherings. There is a worldly phrase that says “familiarity breeds contempt”. This phrase implies that the more we know someone & the closer we get in association with them, the potential for losing respect for them greatly increases. I am not sure why this is so, but one thing I do know is that this dynamic in relationships is worldly and unspiritual. God uses togetherness to build us up and strengthen us as a church family as well as individual families or households. Throughout the Scriptures of the NT, especially in the book of Acts, we read examples of how the First Century Christians gathered together often. In **Acts 2:1**, **“all the believers were together in one place.”** In **Acts 2:44**, **“All the believers kept meeting together, and they shared everything with each other.”** In **Acts 2:46**, **“The believers had a single purpose and went to the temple every day. They were joyful and humble as they ate at each other's homes and shared their food.”** God brings His people together with the purpose to be strengthened. In **Acts 14:22**, Paul and Barnabas traveled around **“strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith.”** In **Acts 16:5** it says that the churches were **“strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily”** because of the great work done by the disciples. All this work happened in a certain place where the believers were gathered together. And yes, ladies, these gatherings were often in the Christian's homes and when it says they **“ate at each other's homes”** it did mean more work for the women. Opening our homes regularly for Saints to gather & be strengthened may not be an easy task, but it is an honorable one. In this we have an opportunity to be used by God to fulfill His good plan and purpose! It is an opportunity to help further the gospel & grow disciples.

Jesus came to this earth and sacrificed Himself for us with the purpose of bringing His people together, unifying us & joining us to His Father & to one another. In **Colossians 1:16-17** it says, **“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him, and he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”** Jesus holds us together! He holds everything together! From the beginning of time God had a plan, and we, the church, were always a part of that plan. Praise God! God's plan and purpose is to bring us together & build us up, strengthening us to carry out His will on earth. As He brings us together, He binds us together with love, & knits us together like a strong garment. As women, we play a big part in this plan. Committing to church gatherings and being hospitable provide opportunities for hearts to be knitted together in love. In **Colossians 2:2**, Paul's hope is for the believers **“that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love”**. **Colossians 3:14** encourages us to **“above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”** God brings us together so we can give and experience love knowing that love is what will nourish our faith and bind us together with Him and one another. **Colossians 2:19** says that we are nourished from the Head, Christ, and **“knit together through”** the body's (the Church's) joints and ligaments, producing growth **“that is from God”**. Instead of allowing familiarity to breed contempt in us as it does in the world, let's appreciate this perfect plan God has established to unify us and strengthen us. Let's grow in our respect for God's plan & respect for one another. Let's be eager to continually gather together with the Saints & open up our homes for fellowships knowing that it is God's will & good purpose we are fulfilling. The more time we spend together, the stronger our faith will be, the tighter our bonds will be, thus giving Satan less opportunity to divide us. Think of how you can impact the church by just being among the believers consistently and using your home as a place for encouragement and strengthening. Togetherness...Let's not take it for granted. God bless!

**“Good works, which God prepared beforehand” Eph. 2:10**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- † Off Bible Class Dates: Jul 16<sup>th</sup>, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, Sep 10<sup>th</sup>
- † Devotional Service Dates: Jul 11<sup>th</sup>, Jul 25<sup>th</sup>, Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, Aug 22<sup>th</sup>, Sep 5<sup>th</sup>, Sep 19<sup>th</sup>
- † City Women’s Fellowship: July 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00am -12:00pm at Zoraida Rengifo’s Residence
- † LICOC BBQ: July 19<sup>th</sup> 11am – 5pm at the Belmont Lake State Park
- † VBS: August 4<sup>th</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm – 9:00pm at the Chapel
- † Men’s Order of Service Meetings: Jul 20<sup>th</sup>, Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, Sep 21<sup>th</sup>
- † Children’s Ministry Meeting: Sep 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:45PM
- † Children’s Ministry Supervisors’ Meeting: August 31<sup>th</sup> at 3:45PM
- † Keep up with all church events by joining LICChurch Space! Go to [www.licoc.org](http://www.licoc.org) and click the LICChurch Space link!
- † All announcements should be submitted to David Luhrs.
- † Address/telephone changes can be sent to [directory@licoc.org](mailto:directory@licoc.org) or posted in the Directory Group on LICChurch Space.
- † **Parking reminder** - Public Safety has issued a statement requesting that all church members and visitors **refrain** from parking on any **grass areas** beyond the parking lots surrounding the chapel. Thank you for your cooperation!

**“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel” Mark 16:15**

**MISSION WORK**

- † Apologetics Press.....International
- † We Care Ministries.....West Monroe, Louisiana
- † Ron Clayton.....India
- † Queens & Long Island Harvest Campaigns.....Central Islip, NY

**“Watch your life and doctrine closely” 1 Timothy 4:16**

**BIBLE CLASSES**

**Long Island Ministry**

**Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm**  
Arthur Shlesinger (631) 293-0632  
New York Institute of Technology Chapel  
Carleton Avenue  
Central Islip, N.Y.

**City Ministry**

**Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm**  
Pedro Gelabert (347) 732-2101  
St Luke’s Baptist Church Laurelton Sr Center  
133-21 232nd Street  
Jamaica, NY 11413

**College Ministry**

**Thursdays 7:20pm-8:20pm**  
Ladi Davies (631) 413-5863  
SAC Room 308 at Stony Brook University  
100 Nicolls Road  
Stony Brook, NY 11790

**Spanish Ministry**

**Tuesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm**  
Charlie Gómez (631) 772-2889  
New York Institute of Technology Chapel  
Carleton Avenue  
Central Islip, N.Y.

**Sunday Bible Classes**

**Grades 2-12 and Adults**  
**Sundays 12:30pm-1:15pm**  
Pedro Gelabert, Robert Young  
New York Institute of Technology Chapel  
Carleton Avenue  
Central Islip, N.Y.