

Refrigerator Notes 27 September 2015
Unity (Family and Friends Day)
Psalm 133 and Romans 8:8-13

1. Key scripture, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when Brothers (sisters) dwell in unity."
2. I proposed three questions that I thought the congregation may consider. Do you believe in the 'Butterfly Effect'? Have you used your personal 'sphere of influence' for the good of the church or have you damaged your church? Do we owe each other our love?
3. The above questions were proposed to promote 'Unity at DPC' and the Universal Church of God.
4. *Scripture – Deuteronomy 20:19 compares a man to a tree. A tree's primary components are the roots, which anchor it to the ground and supply it with water and other nutrients, the trunk, branches and leaves which comprise its body, and the fruit which contains the seeds by which the tree reproduces itself. The spiritual life of man also includes roots, a body, and fruit. The roots represent faith, our source of nurture and perseverance. The trunk, branches and leaves are the body of our spiritual lives. The fruit is our offspring and our ability to bring others to God.*
5. The scientific 'Butterfly Effect' – It takes only one stone to create a ripple that can be felt around the world, have your ripples created the building of Unity in DPC?
6. Although we are physically related and connected to each other as human beings, our blood relationships to one another are less than six degrees, throughout the world. Do you truly know your roots and who you are related? What type of cohesiveness have you built in your own family tree (your fruit)?
7. One's 'Sphere of Influence' – family and friends can be as great as three percent (3%) or as little as one per cent (1%), how have you used your personal influence to build and foster the 'Unity' in the Body of Christ' here at DPC?
8. We have the power to make others believe Dulatown is a church that truly worship and love God or our negativism can be used to kill the Body of God at Dulatown.
9. Which do you prefer to do?
10. My first point for the morning was that we can influence those in our inner circles of life not to lay siege with an ax to our church (it's relational).
11. The second point was that we need to rebuild, repair, restructure, and recreate (our foundation) the loving atmosphere that this church was once known!
12. The third point was – John 15:13-14 **13** "Greater love has no one than this that one lay down his life for his friends. **14**"You are My friends, if you do what I command you."
13. There are very few people willing to give their lives for another person, but the real question is "Are you willing to love even those who have irritated or hurt or offended you in the church?"
14. Do not compromise yourself, do not attack and clearly remember that the way of the Lord is the way of love and peace and gentleness.
15. If we have a relationship with God then we can be more than relational in our church. Do you love God? Then we need to follow God's and Christ' commandments for our spiritual lives depend on us following Christ!
16. Know that your Pastor loves you DPC!