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**WELCOME!** ***Let us know you are here! Please text “CHECK” to 601-853-1090.***  We are excited this morning to be worshipping with you on campus and in your homes. We have many new opportunities for your family to participate in, as well as additional opportunities to serve the church.

To our guests, we welcome you and are glad you have joined us. It is our desire to share with you about Ridgecrest opportunities that promote our vision to ***Know God, Serve Others, and Reach Our World***. Please visit our website at ridgecrest.net. We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

**Refresh My Heart – Philemon 8-16**

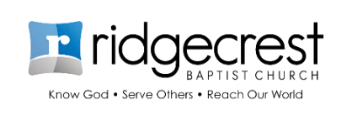
**Making the Appeal to Reconcile**

1. **We are appealing to act in harmony. (v. 8)**
   1. **The Greek word for the phrase “what is required” is the word *aneko*, which can mean “that which is harmonious”.**
   2. **The definition of harmony is the combination of simultaneously sounded musical notes to produce chords and chord progressions having a pleasing effect.**
   3. **Paul is asking Philemon to act in such a way as to bring about harmony between Paul and Philemon, between Philemon and Onesimus, and between Philemon, Onesimus, and the church meeting in his house.**
2. **We are appealing to act out of love and through liberty. (v. 9-14)**
   1. **The Greek word for love here is *agape*, which is God-love, a self-giving, self-sacrificing love.**
   2. **Paul is asking Philemon to lay down his rights regarding Onesimus and to receive him back into the household.**
   3. **More than that, he wants Philemon to see Onesimus as Paul sees Onesimus, as a child of God.**
3. **We are appealing to act in accord with God’s providence. (v. 15-16)**
   1. **Patience and forgiveness grow well in the soil of God’s providential overruling of human sin and folly. – N.T. Wright**
   2. **The clearest example of this is the story of Joseph. Only after Joseph looks back in retrospect can he see the workings of God through the suffering he faced at the hands of his brothers.**
   3. **Perhaps through God’s providence, Onesimus is “no longer” to be seen as a slave but as a brother forever.**

**GIVING** As we continue to ***Know God, Serve Others, and Reach Our World*** during this time when we are not all gathering together, we continue to rely on the generosity of the church to support the ministry of Ridgecrest. **Giving is not payment for activities conducted at the church, but an act of worship conducted by the Church** as overflow of what God has provided us. We encourage you to give online, on our church app, or by texting the word "GIVE" to 601-853-1090. For those worshipping on campus, giving stations are available as you exit the building. Thank you for your faithful, continued support!

Come and help us celebrate with a drive-by baby shower for Nikki and Jon Waide! This Sunday, June 13th, we will set up at the front circle drive from 2:00-3:30pm. Join us!





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