



## FELLOWSHIP LINK

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### From the President

#### "Wedding Pictures"

With our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary right around the corner we have been looking at our wedding photo album. My what changes have taken place in 25 years! Also my attention has been drawn to Ephesians 5:21-33. I must be honest and say that I have not always lived up to these commands. Many times these verses are taken out of context and we men like to remind our wives about their needing to submit themselves to us (v 22). But men, do we love our wives even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it (v25)? Do we love our wives as our own bodies (v28)? For the context of these verses we need to go back to verse 1 and be reminded that we need to be "followers of God." We are also told in this chapter to watch how we **walk**. Notice verse 2, "walk in love", verse 8, "walk as children of light", and verse 15, "walk circumspectly" or very accurately and

carefully. We need to "understand what the will of the Lord is" verse 17, and what is the will of the Lord? Verse 18 tells us to "be filled with the Spirit." Therefore a married couple that is filled with the Spirit will naturally "Submit themselves one to another," verse 21. This is impossible to do without the Spirit's filling, we have all proved this. I am reminded of a message I heard at one of our sweetheart banquets here at PIBC. The preacher said the wife was to:

1. Submit in all (v 22)
2. Stand in awe (v 23, 33)
3. Study and aim (v 24)

While the husband was to:

1. Love (v 25, 28-29)
2. Lead (v 26)
3. Lift (v 27)

We are told in verse 32 that this is a great mystery. The Bible uses marriage as a picture of the relationship of Christ and His church. What kind of picture does the world see when it looks at your marriage?

Dan Boyce

### Around the FFBC

#### Pine Island Bible Church

Dan and Sandy Boyce will be celebrating 25 years of marriage on Feb. 5. Pastor Gary Myers will be the guest preacher as the Boyces renew their vows during the Sunday service, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. A cake and coffee reception will follow.

*If the church or pastor is celebrating a special year, please let me know.*

#### NY Pastors

Some of our FFBC men from NY met in Jan. for a time of fellowship, food, prayer and challenge from the Word. It was a time of great encouragement and we have already seen some answers to prayer.

#### Executive Committee

Please mark your calendars for Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>. Our Executive Committee meeting will be at Bethel Bible Baptist Church in Carneys Point, NJ. Officers will meet from 10-12 am, then lunch for the officers from 12-1 pm. The Executive Committee will meet from 1-5 pm (*please note the time for those who need time off from work*), and the South Jersey TSBC Banquet will be that evening in the Carneys Point area. I would encourage **all** our

Executive Committee members to attend the TSBC Banquet as an encouragement to the TSBC staff. If you need overnight accommodations please contact Pastor Whitehead about staying in the mission house.

### TSBC News

Chris informs me that summer staff is needed. Please announce from your pulpit that if you are a high school or college student 16 years of age or older to contact Chris for an application.

#### Couples Retreat


Also, get those registrations in for the Couples Retreat which will be February 8-9; this year's speaker is Dr. Jim Binney.

#### Banquets

South Jersey TSBC Banquet  
Friday, March 7  
(location to be announced)

North Jersey TSBC Banquet  
Friday, March 28  
(location TSBC)

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