



Communion means “fellowship.” Communion is an opportunity for believers to experience rich fellowship with each other and with our Lord through symbolic practices.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN “COMMUNION?”

Anyone who has personally received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. People do not have to be members of the Orrville Grace Brethren Church. We encourage parents to sit with their children and explain the different parts of the service to them.

HOW IS “COMMUNION” CELEBRATED AT OGBC?

We design our Communion Service in light of the pattern and commands of the New Testament concerning Communion. During the last night that Jesus spent with His disciples, He instituted one practice with three distinct parts in order to teach great truth:

1. Washing believers’ feet (John 13)
2. The love feast (The Lord’s Supper) (1 Cor. 11:33)
3. The bread and the cup (Eucharist) (Matt. 26:26-29)

Each part of this one service is significant and portrays a vital ministry of our Lord Jesus in symbolic fashion. Communion pictures our salvation in symbol. The feetwashing symbolizes

sanctification; that is, we have ongoing fellowship with our Lord Jesus Christ through the cleansing of our lives. We have no fellowship with Jesus unless He cleanses us (John 13:8). The love feast symbolizes glorification; that is, when we are free from sin and with the Lord. The bread and cup symbolize justification; that is, through the death of Christ on our behalf, we have peace with God.

HOW CAN I PREPARE MYSELF FOR THIS SERVICE?

We encourage you to spend time in prayer and meditation before you ever come to Communion. You might want to study the following passages alone or with your family: Psalm 150; Matt. 18:15-20; Matt. 5:21-24; 1 John 1.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP PREPARE FOR COMMUNION?

You may assist by helping to set up tables, prepare food, lead in foot-washing service, coordinate clean-up or help with childcare. If you are interested in ministering to others by assisting in preparation, please contact Pastor Ike.

SHOULD CHILDREN PLAN TO PARTICIPATE?

Child care is provided for any child who has not yet made a decision to trust Jesus Christ as Savior. We encourage young children to participate in Communion if they have made this personal commitment.

WHAT IF I HAVE NEVER ATTENDED A THREEFOLD COMMUNION SERVICE?

You are welcome to attend and observe. If you are a believer, we encourage you to participate.