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Dear Family,

With Easter just behind us and Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day quickly approaching, I'm struck by the amount of celebration to be shared in honor of people who give so much—including those who gave it all.

When you hear the word giving, who is the first person that comes to mind? Jesus? I think we'd all choose Him. Maybe your mom or dad, an aunt or a friend's parents?

The word giving immediately draws me back to my days in youth group and memories of my youth leader (because of confidentiality, I'll refer to her as MSG). I joined the group right before my 16th birthday. Like many teenagers, I was a bit awkward, angry, and sifting through my inner juxtaposition of wanting complete autonomy and yet needing to be held tightly. I was a teenage mess. Then enters MSG. She gave. At first, I thought she was a bit weird and it caught me off guard. She brought hugs and laughter and encouragement. She fed me when I was hungry. For all of my questions, doubts, fears, and pains, she gave me Jesus. Ultimately, I learned how to give because she gave so well.

She once told me that she learned to give because her mom is a giver and, after getting serious about her faith, was encouraged to give because of the life of Jesus, who gave all. She would often tell me that I, too, would grow into a giver one day. I'm still not sure how she knew, but today I really do love to give. Perhaps it's because I've been given so much.

My prayer for our Center for Biblical Unity family is that we would remember those who have generously given to us and, in turn, would choose to be generous in our giving to others. May we continually live out Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 9:6-9:

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

Blessings family,

C. Monique Duson
Founder and President
The Center for Biblical Unity

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RECONCILED CURRICULUM

Feature

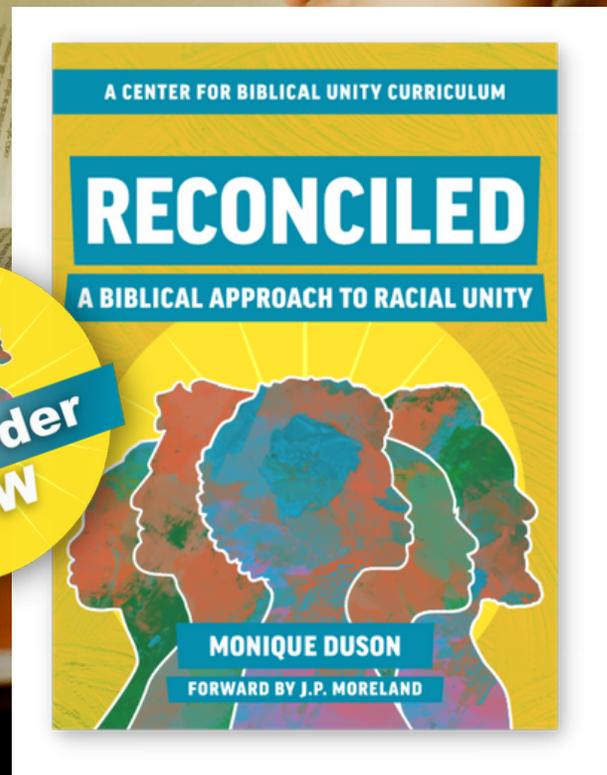
By Monique Duson

I am excited to announce that the Center for Biblical Unity's curriculum, Reconciled, is available for pre-order now!

Reconciled is a 6-week small group study where we will dig into God's word to understand what it means for the Church to walk together in unity.

Writing ***Reconciled*** was a beautiful and challenging process. It required that I dig deep into Scripture and be diligent in prayer as I sought to understand God's vision for unity within the Church. With tons of help from Krista, I believe together we have crafted a timely and very needed resource for the Church.

Thank you for your prayers, words of encouragement, and generous financial support throughout the last 9 months as we've worked to craft this curriculum. ***Reconciled*** is truly a family accomplishment.



“...TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORIOUS GRACE

which he has freely given us in the One he loves.” Ephesians 1:6b

A few months ago we received an email from one of our faithful CFBU supporters, Jacob, who shared how the gift of God’s redemption in his life delivered him out of a dark past of drug addiction and incarceration. **Today, Jacob is a champion for CFBU’s message and it is an honor to be able to share his testimony—a story filled with God’s abundant forgiveness and grace.**

“I learned over time that a lot of my past ‘acting out’ and self-destructive behavior was rooted in shame... The last 20 years of walking with Christ has varied from over-achieving/border line legalism, trying to prove that I am good enough, followed by self-loathing, dark depression, and self-destructive behaviors...until Christ intercedes and reminds me again (and again) that His grace is enough.”

A year and a half ago Jacob and his wife became involved in a church where the focus quickly became the cultural narrative fighting against “white privilege” and “white supremacy.” **As the woke conversations ramped up at the church, Jacob couldn’t help but feel torn down and ashamed when others talked about “those white men,”**

because he fit the profile—based solely on the fact that God created him as a white man.

It wasn’t enough that he had spent most of his early life living in the margins. Even as one of the church’s Bible study leaders, his voice didn’t seem to matter. Jacob knew he wasn’t racist, but confused about where his place was at the church, he recalls those days being some of the darkest and spiritually confusing he’s experienced in a long time.

After stumbling upon one Monique’s YouTube videos, today, Jacob is uplifted by the CFBU’s Christ-centered message of unity. He shares,

“Your ministry has really helped me gain a better understanding of the conversation and how much I still must learn...**it would not be an exaggeration to say that your ministry has saved my life and has helped to put my faith back on solid ground.**”

Now, Jacob confidently lives in the truth that who God made him to be is nothing to be ashamed of. Because we can be reconciled in Christ, there is no work left to be done. Truly, there is no sweeter gift!




Will you consider making a one-time gift or establishing your monthly gift today to further the transforming work of Christ through CFBU?

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to give as you feel led.

CHICAGO TRIP

Monique and Krista took the CFBU message on the road to the Chicago area this past March and were busy with several speaking engagements! One conference they participated in was titled “Biblical Unity in a Fragmented World.” This conference was hosted by Community Fellowship in West Chicago. The conference was attended by 150 people in person and many more via the online stream. Krista’s talk in particular shared about “Christian Parenting in an Age of Woke Culture.” Of course, some of the common questions attendees asked were about Critical Race Theory and how to safeguard their children in our culture today.

If you would like to invite Monique and Krista for a speaking opportunity in your community or church, please email your inquiries to info@centerforbiblicalunity.com!

