To know HIM and to make HIM known

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Service Times

Sunday: Adult Bible Study...... 9:45 am Fellowship Breakfast... 10:00 am Worship Service 10:45 am

LifeGroups Hannigan Denham Reynolds Morris	5:30 pn 6:00 pm
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Wednesday: Bible Study...... 7:00 pm Weekly Newsletter of the Kanawha City Church of Christ March 5, 2019

I have always enjoyed the movie series "The Mighty Ducks." These movies chronicle the lives of teenage hockey players as they progress through their local hockey league, then they play in the Junior Goodwill Games, and the last movie is about their college hockey team. In all three of theses movies their team is, at some point, known as the ducks.

Throughout the series, their team is known for using some very unique plays. However, their most well-known play is "The Flying V." The whole team gathers behind their own goal and then skate up the ice in the form of a "V." They are mimicking the flight pattern that is often seen of ducks and other migratory birds. It is a play that emphasizes teamwork.

In a very real sense, these migratory birds are a tremendous example of teamwork. They are also a great example to us on how we should work together in the church. Here is what I have found on why these birds fly in a "V" pattern. The article is about geese, but it is true of ducks and other migratory birds, as well.

In both fall and spring, geese often can be seen migrating, flying in a beautiful V-shaped formation. Such a pattern may appear to us to be a thing of beauty. In fact, it is aerodynamically brilliant.

At certain intervals, relative to the strength of the headwind they are encountering, the lead goose who does the most work by breaking the force of the wind - drops back and flies at the end of the formation. A goose next in the V takes its place. Scientists who have studied the V-formation have calculated that it takes up to 60 percent less effort for the geese to fly this way. The flapping of wings creates an uplift of air, an effect that is greater at the rear of the formation. In essence, the geese are taking turns "uplifting" one another. After a turn at the point of the V, the lead goose is allowed to rest and be "carried" by the others until it has an opportunity to regain its strength, move forward in the formation, and eventually take its place in the lead role again. (God's Little Devotional Book for Students, pg. 26-27)

The way that these birds gracefully fly through the air can be a tremendous example to us as to how we should work together in the church. At times we are taking the lead and at other times we are letting others lift us up; but we are always working together for the good of the body of Christ. I think this is a wonderful illustration of a passage that we have referenced quite a few times lately. "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." - (Hebrews 10:24-25) Though our roles will change from time to time, let us always be working together to lift each other up.

Love you all! Stephen



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