

Wildwood Baptist Church

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- Be gentle.
- Be patient.
- Bear with one another in love.

The church is **connected** together with a bond of peace cemented through love.

Colossians 3: 14; John 13: 35; Romans 1: 29-31, 29b-30a

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Maintaining Unity

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James 1: 26; Ephesians 4: 29; 1 Peter 3: 10

Maintaining Unity

Step #2: Don't **listen** to any gossip.

Proverbs 26: 20

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Matthew 6: 14-15; Colossians 3: 12-14

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