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"that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete." 1 John 1:3-4 (ESV)	<u>Prayer Wall</u>
Dear Fellow CPFI Members and Friends, One of the four words in our organization's name is <i>Fellowship</i> . As I read 1 John 1:1-4, I thought about the passage in light of CPFI's mission and purpose. Does fellowship simply mean we get together occasionally to have some fun and get our pharmacy CE hours, or is there a deeper meaning to the word? John tells us that as believers in Jesus Christ, because of whom Jesus Christ is and what he has done for us, we can enter into fellowship with both God's people and God Himself. The word fellowship comes from the Greek word <i>koinonia</i> , which means "sharing in common". In other words, it is a sharing, loving relationship with another where all the resources of one are available to the other. Verse 4 tells us that this type of fellowship is possible between us and God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. God desires for us to have an intimate relationship with Him. He wants to share all of His resources with us. His grace is sufficient! I think this is the key to having godly, intimate fellowship with other believers. John challenges us to ask ourselves, "Do I have a personal relationship with God?" When we know the grace and goodness of God, we want to have fellowship with Him daily. We want to share His grace and goodness with others which results in "fullness of joy". Real joy is based on God, not circumstances. When others see this type of joy in us, it attracts them to Christ. So it is through fellowship that, as CPFI members, we bring others to Christ. But, it all starts with each of us having a personal, daily fellowship with God. That is my challenge for each of us. Let us be cleansed with the blood of Christ daily so that we can have Biblical fellowship with God and with others. Daniel Spadaro, Pharm.D. Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences CPFI Board Member	Outreach Opportunities CPFI Leadership: Officers Board Looking for a job? Visit the <u>CPFI Job</u> Board
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