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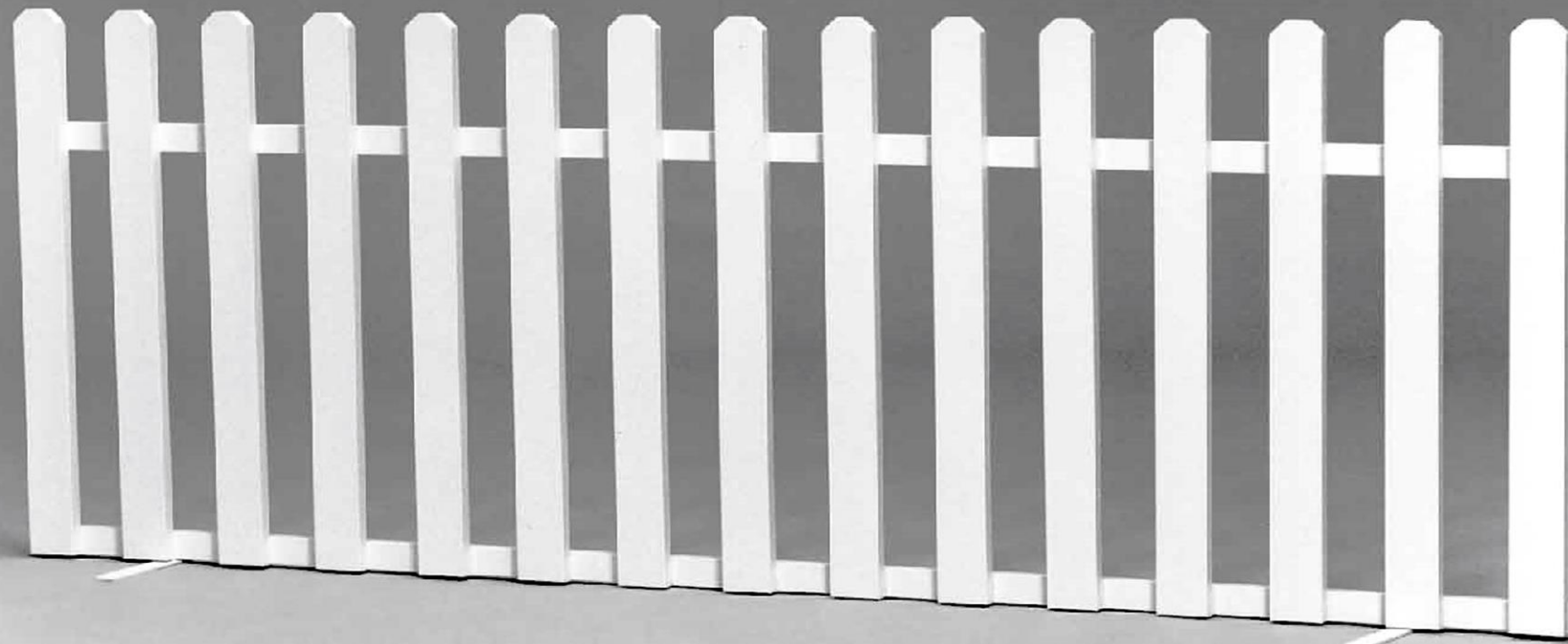
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## *Projected Aim*

*Help people identify the important role  
community plays and the subtle ways we  
sabotage it.*



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*If we intend to love our church the way God wants us to, then we have to:*

- 1. Know that Jesus crashed the fence.*
- 2. Allow others into your yard.*
- 3. Enjoy the company.*



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# *1. Know that Jesus Crashed the Fence.*

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*19 And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.*

*20 By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.*

*21 And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house,*

*Hebrews 10:19-21*

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*Let us go right into the presence of God  
with sincere hearts fully trusting him.  
For our guilty consciences have been  
sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us  
clean, and our bodies have been washed  
with pure water.*  
*Hebrews 10:22*



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*Because Jesus is our Great High Priest and has crashed the fence, the veil separating us from God, we are able to confidently draw near to Him.*



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*Crashing the fence is as easy as admitting we need Him, we can't live life on our own, and we'll never make it into His presence with a fence separating us.*

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## *2. Allow Others into Your Yard.*

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*And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

*Hebrews 10:25*

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# *Community Means:*

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- *We don't build fences*
- *Authentic Relationships*
- *Sharing of ourselves with others*
- *Standing in someone's yard and allowing them to stand in mine*



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# *3. Enjoy the Company.*

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*23 Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.*

*24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.*

*Hebrews 10:23-24*

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# *Points of strategy for all of us as a church family:*

- *Have healthy expectations*
- *Realize baby steps are okay*
- *Take some ownership*



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