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*The  
Mission  
of  
FBCWR:  
To present the Lord Jesus  
Christ: His work  
on the  
cross  
and  
His in-  
dwelling  
power  
to meet  
man's  
needs.*

*We urge you, brethren,  
admonish the unruly, en-  
courage the fainthearted,  
help the weak, be patient  
with everyone. See that  
no one repays another  
with evil for evil, but al-  
ways seek after that  
which is good for one an-  
other and for all people.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:14-15*

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## Lessons from Geese

Most folks observe geese only when a flock soars overhead. But insights from these fascinating birds can teach us powerful lessons about life. Do you know why one side of their V-shaped flight formation is often longer than the other? Because there are more birds on that side.

But seriously, take a gander at these facts and lessons from the goose:

**Fact #1:** As each goose flaps its wings it creates an "uplift" for the other birds that follow. By flying in V-formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone. When a goose falls out of formation, it feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

**Lesson:** *Is it surprising that God asks us to "fly" together? Read 1Thessalonians 5:14-15, which is printed in the column to the left of this article.*

**Fact #2:** When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies to the point position.

**Lesson:** *No one person has the strength to be the point person in all the different areas of the church. We all have to step up and play some part in making our church strong. We are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities, and unique arrangements of gifts, talents,*

*and resources.*

**Fact #3:** The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those in front to keep up their speed.

**Lesson:** *We need to make sure our "honking" is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. Think of the home field advantage in sports. Is our goal to find what is good in each other or to pinpoint each other's faults?*

**Fact #4:** When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then, they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.

**Lesson:** *We all struggle and we all need each other's help. The reaction of some people to other's troubles is, "Glad it's them and not me". But Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:26— "If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it". If you stub your big toe, your whole body knows it, doesn't it? Are you tuned in to help alleviate the pain in the body of Christ at FBCWR?*

Let's form a "V" here at FBCWR.

-Joe Fornear