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Are you a Member?

People love to be members. We are members of everything from the public library, to Kroger club, to the NRA, to the jelly of the month club (“that’s the gift that keeps on giving all year long”). All of these organizations expect someone to be a member in order to receive deals and perks that they offer. How many memberships do you have in life right now?

Have you ever been asked if you were a member of the church? Paul in **I Corinthians 12:27** tells Christians “you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” We are members of the body of Christ! Ephesians 1:23 tells us that the body is the church. So what does it mean to be a member of the body (church) of Christ? I believe that memberships in the world have confused many people when it comes to the topic of who is a member of the church.

During the next two months I am going to be preaching a series to try to answer a number of questions on this topic. I also hope to challenge each of us to look deep into God’s word to see what it says about being a member of His body. We will look at misconceptions about membership that leads to problems. We will also ask a number of questions including: Who is a member? How do I become a member? How should members act? How can I better fill my role as a member? Please pray for this series and invite your friends and family to come be a part of our study and we consider God’s word as it addresses this topic.

John

What Is The Motivation?

Galatians 2:12 Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group.

Do you ever act one way in the presence of some folks and differently in the midst of another group? How does a student act in front of a teacher verses in front of a substitute? How does an employee act in front of fellow workers verses in front of the boss? How does a child act in front of his/her parents verses left all alone? The Apostle Paul confronted the Apostle Peter due to his two-faced behavior. Peter was in the midst of Gentile Christians and he treated them as brothers. He was in their homes; he ate with them and worshipped with them. When James came to town along with some other Jewish Christians, Peter became worried about what they thought. Peter withdrew from the Gentiles and stayed away from them. He let the thinking of others change his approach and thinking. He was afraid of what they might think, say or do. His approach was drastically changed because of this fear.

Have you ever stopped doing something right because of what you thought others might think? Not only was Peter wrong but he also led others to do the same thing. This was a poor influence. Christians need to know what is right and pleases God. This behavior must be used at all times. If we are criticized for doing right, so be it. Our chief goal is to bring honor and glory to God and his Son, Jesus Christ. Embarrassment should not change this. Fear should not change this. Even persecution should not change this. Let’s always stand firm on the doctrine of Jesus Christ and follow it at all times and in all circumstances.

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:
OUR MEMBERS**

- Iris Anderson - undergoing chemo
- Mike Andrews
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress - NHC Hillview, Rm. 218B
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 122-B
- Ed Johnson-back surgery (at home)
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Libby Moss - NHC Place, Rm. 1210
- Rita Pace - broken wrists
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 137-A
- Elaine Pope - NHC Columbia, Rm. 150-B
- James Ed Pollard - NHC Hillview, Rm. 206
- Jimmy Quirk-radiation treatments
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101B
- Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Melissa Stutts - undergoing chemo
- Brennon White-broken leg (at home)
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody - home, Dora Bolton - mother of James - 201 3rd Ave. Mt. Pleasant, JoAnn Anderson - mother of Katherine Nicholson MRMC Rm. 376, Eunice Oliver & June Crigger, Joe Huckaby - brother of Reba Jones, Ray Kuykendall - no cancer - another scan in 3 months, Jay Morgan - father-in-law of Kim, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton, Scott Brown - brother of Barry, Daniel Harrington, Mike Primm -Vanderbilt, Darrell Brown, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Joan Hermsdorfer - aunt of Robin Weaver - Home, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, Evan Rector, Lou Miller NHC Columbia Rm 152, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Doris McKennon - sister/Edna Hardison, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Allen Brown, Ronnie Springer-leukemia, friend of John & Debbie Massey, Stormy Lyle - 1305 Old Mill Road, Moore, OK 73160, Claude Crowe - Debbie Massey's dad, Richard Johnson - cousin of Ed Johnson, Josh Jones, David Luther, Kyle Skelley

WORSHIP LEADERS NOVEMBER 1, 2015

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Kevin Mick
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Barry Cross
 Rhett Heflin Sonny Hargrove
 Bill Fuller DeWayne Hickman
 David Gray Ed Johnson
 Bobby Daniels Cheyenne McNeese
 Read: I Corinthians 12:12-13.....Jerry Ballard
 Sermon: Membership 101John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Trent Hill
 Read : Matt.21:23-27.....Jacob Pollard
 Sermon: The Authority of Jesus.....Joe Macer
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Byran Farris
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Gary Boyd

Daylight Saving Time Ends . Set clocks back 1 hour Sat. night, Oct. 31.

Ushers: Tommy Hight, J.W. Gilliam, Corey Massey
 Greeters: Ed & Jessica Hargrove, J.B. Hickman, Linda Rochelle
 Audio/Visual: Chase Thomason

Security Team: A.M. Greg Lusk, Corey Massey P.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton

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 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Linda Kuykendall, Diane White
 P.M.....Elizabeth Hargrove, Connie White

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2015 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderDennis Thomason
 Prayer.....Jerry Wilson
 Announcements/Sppeaker.....Mike Lyle