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## A Unified Body

*The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"<sup>22</sup> On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,<sup>23</sup> and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty,<sup>24</sup> while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,<sup>25</sup> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.*  
I Corinthians 12:21-26

This month as we focus on a biblical view of membership we will look at a number of characteristics of a healthy church and none is more important than unity. There are few things more damaging to the Lord's work than a division among God's people. One of the 7 things that God hates is "one who sows discord among brethren" Proverbs 6:19. That is why it is so important that we all work toward those things that lead to unity of the Spirit in a bond of peace Ephesians 4:3. I believe a greater understanding of our need for each other and our role within the body of Christ should always lead to a greater measure of unity within His church.

When Paul paints his picture of the Lord's church in I Corinthians 12, he points out a few things that will help us be better members of the body. First, we must realize we all need each other. Secondly, he emphasizes that every part is vital to the body. Finally he shows us that God is the one who has put the body together and that is why we must avoid divisions and show equal concern for each other. If we can do these things we will be a strong church for the Lord.

John

## A Little Advice

Ecclesiastes 5:1 Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.

What is your attitude as you enter the building to worship God? Solomon is delivering a message: If you are going to take the time to worship God, then make sure you are doing it correctly. Wise men seek to find out what God wants while a foolish man does not care but simply does what he wants. Guard your steps. Think about what you are doing. Solomon advised us to go into the house of God to listen. When songs are sung do we really hear the message? When the Scriptures are read do we really hear what God is saying to us? When the sermon is delivered do we take it personally? We are to have a heart that is seeking a message that will draw us closer to God and his will.

People often enter the doors thinking they are sacrificing their time, money and possessions to please God. They consider that a sacrifice makes everything right. Jesus talked on occasions about vain worship. Sacrifices made without proper attitudes and motives are not pleasing to God. Sacrifices made without knowledge and truth are repulsive as well. Often these individuals think they have pleased God and yet they are wrong. We would do well to listen to other words of wisdom from Solomon. The following verse concludes by saying, "God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few." Let's guard our steps when we go to worship.

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 - home
- 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, Eunice Oliver & June Crigger, Ginger Chesnut - cancer, 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, Josh Jones, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts., Mary Blocker, NHC Hillview Rm. 106

**WORSHIP LEADERS NOVEMBER 8, 2015**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Richard Farris  
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick  
 Prayer.....Joe Macer  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jim Pollard  
     Danny Lasater                      Jason Kelley  
     John Massey                         Barrow Brown  
     Larry Nicholson                    Terry Burgess  
     Duane Allen                         Gary Boyd  
 Read: I Cor. 12:12-20.....Blake Daniels  
 Sermon: Membership 101 - I will find my job.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Sam Quirk  
 Prayer.....Blair Keeling  
 Read: I Cor. 12:22-27.....John Allen Thomas  
 Sermon: Coming Together.....John Thomas  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Charlie Willis  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Donnie Davis

**5th Sunday  
Contribution  
November 29  
Goal - \$24,000**

Ushers: Benny Bolton, Brennan McNeese, Jason Kelley  
 Greeters: Tommy & Jadonna Hight, Bill & Peggy Jones  
 Audio/Visual: Jerry Thornton

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.....Alice Williams, Debbie Massey  
 P.M.....Sharon and Jennifer Davis

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2015 - 6:30 P.M.**

Song Leader .....Sam Quirk  
 Prayer.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Speaker.....Jody Pritchett