

Appreciating Our Membership Romans 12:4-8

# Today, On This Lord's Day, We Celebrate Our Members

- This is something that is rarely, if ever, done (this is not a Pastor's appreciation event)
- The Idea to do this came from one of our Elders/Pastors/Bishops just before the Pandemic hit this country
- But the idea stuck with the leadership, and even more so, since the consequences of the disease have swept the nation (your response of resiliency, as a church, has been used as a blueprint for other congregations)
- This membership's response to the effects of Covid has been "part of the testimony" of who we are
- How do we take care of the body spiritually, when it is physically challenged?

# Why Appreciate the Membership? Head Only

Without members/parts, a body looks like this; a head only (some churches are like this)

How would it travel?

How would it get food?

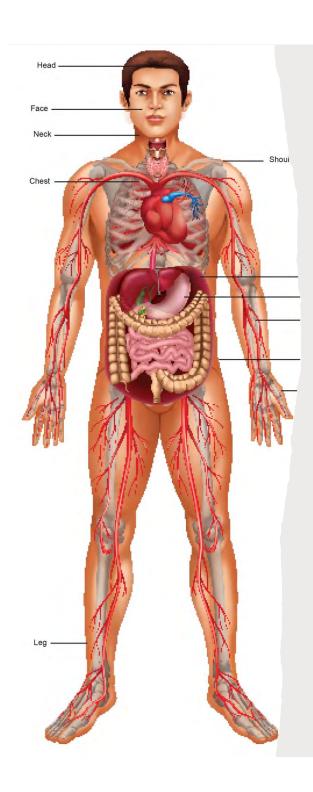
How would it remove eye irritants?

How would it cover itself in the rain?

How would it scratch an itch?

How would it reproduce itself?

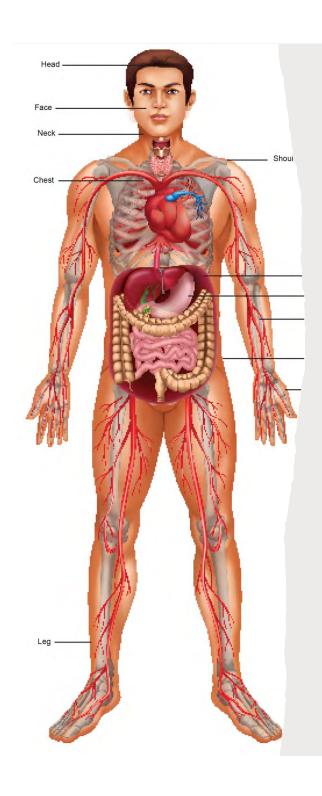




This Was Paul's Argument of Why a Fully Functioning Body of Members/Parts Was Needed (Like we have)

Our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where He wants it. How strange a body would be if it had only one part. Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. 1 Corinthians 12:18

- Your heart does some things your feet can't perform
- Your kidneys perform functions your eyes can't perform
- Your fingers perform functions your brain can't perform
- W.P.C.C. has a fully functioning body (Bishops, Deacons, Members)
   Philippians 1:1 (mature)



We Are Appreciative of These and Other Membership Ministries for Sustaining Us!

Baptismal Zone

College Van

Community Action

Education Deaf

Personal Evangelism

Information Technology

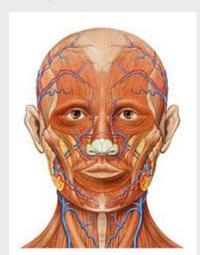
Health Choral

Grief Recovery Bible Bowl

Children's Learning Center

Singles Married Couples

We Get In Where We Fit In!



# We Are Appreciative of the Scriptural Integrity of Our Membership

- It has been said that, "good preachers make good churches."
- I believe that the opposite is true:

  Good Churches Make Good Preachers!
- Good Churches require of its preachers, teachers, and members, that they preach, teach, and live God's message in their lives!
   2 Timothy 4:1-2
- Our leaders appreciate the Christian "lifestyle" lived by its family members, Matthew 5:16
- Remember Peter's response to Jesus during a mass desertion, John 6:68 "Lord to whom?"

### We're Appreciative That Our Members Have Given Themselves To the Lord

 Paul's commendation to the Macedonia Churches of Christ is significant here and I believe is true of you, especially during adversity

Paul says that they helped his own personal ministry by this motivation:

- "... they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God." 2 Corinthians 8:5
- Paul says the Macedonian churches were able to help him by giving themselves to the Lord first! (faith, speech, knowledge, love, 2 Corinthians 8:7)

#### Woodland Park Church Members

Thank You for Serving the Body of Christ in Such an Exemplary Way!

### The Plan of Salvation

**Hear the Gospel** 

**Acts 15:7** 

**Believe the Gospel** 

Acts 15:7

**Repent of Sins** 

Acts 17:30

**Confess Christ** 

Acts 8:37

**Be Baptized** 

**Acts 8:38**