



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Finding Our Place in the Body

The body of Christ is a place where everyone should have a sense of belonging. When people are added to the body of Christ, there should be a common bond that ties us all together which is the blood of Jesus Christ. Each member who has been cleansed by the precious blood of Christ should have an indebtedness to Him for providing a new way of life through forgiveness of sins. Every member should be working toward the same goals when entering into the spiritual body of our Lord; preparing the soul for heaven, preparing other souls for heaven, and glorifying God through the life that we live.

Paul, when writing to the church at Rome, made it clear to them that once entering the body of Christ, each member had a responsibility to become "living sacrifices" (Rom. 12:1). Being a living sacrifice is not about self-satisfaction, but it is all about doing what is holy and acceptable to God. Paul later explains there is one body, but many members in the one body who have differing gifts. These differing gifts should be used to help members be living sacrifices and be pleasing and acceptable to God.

He lists several gifts that were given; prophesy, ministry, teaching, exhorting, giving, ruling, and showing mercy. (Rom. 12:6,7). All of these gifts should be used to ensure the body of Jesus is operating to its fullest capacity. Many times members say they do not know what they need to be doing in the body of Christ. Romans 12 is a great place to start to see if there is an area in which I can work to help the body move forward.

Of course, many of these gifts were given to members of the body during that time through miraculous means, but many of those same gifts now

can be developed through study and through a love for the Lord and His cause. We need to be taught how to properly minister, teach, exhort, give, rule, and show mercy. It is not up to the members of the body to create ways in which to fulfill these duties, but it is the responsibility of each member study the word of God and learn and be taught what gifts are needed in order to help the cause of the body.

Today, much emphasis is put on pleasing the members rather than building the body as a whole. May God help us study His word so we can truly find our place in His Son's body. -K.A. Pugh

Biologists have discovered that certain living cells come with specialized portions called lysosomes that contain digestive enzymes to digest macromolecules. They act as a waste disposal system of the cell by digesting unwanted materials.

Tadpoles, for instance, as they turn into toads, no longer need their tails. The tail cells are programmed to die and the waste disposal system goes to work removing them. Hmmm! How did evolution work that out?

The LORD has made everything for its purpose
Prov 16:4 ESV

Assemble with the saints every Sunday to worship the One who made everything for its purpose. He is the Sovereign Ruler of all the universe, worthy of your praise and adoration. TLM

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