Encourage to Pray for our Pastor & his family \_\_ 2017-07-30 ~ GGCC, Sunday 10: AM

Open with PRAYER (NKJV) 1 Corinthians – written – 56 A.D.

Give Title: **‘Members in particular'**

(\*YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST!*)*

**Slide Show Order:**

1. **S#1** - Verse on screen = **1 Corinthians 12:27** (KJV)
2. **S#2** - Casting Crowns song – Stanza **‘But if we are the body’**
3. **S#3** – Pic of Diagram someone coming into the ‘Church Body’, **Eph. 2: 4 to 10, 8**
4. **S#4** – ‘One Body, Many Members’ **1 Corinthians 12:14 - 27**
5. **S#5** - Pic diagram ‘Where do you fit in the body?’
6. **S#6** - FAMILY
7. **S#7** - Many pics of our church body (Collage from Facebook) ‘G..G..MALTA’

**S#1** - Verse on screen = **1 Corinthians 12:27** (***KJV***)

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

<Grk> member <melos> = a member, limb: a member of the human body

**\*YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST!**

**WE ALL HAVE A PAST, REGRETS, ETC., DON’T LET YOUR IDENTITY BE IN YOUR FAILURES, LET IT BE IN CHRIST & WHO HE IS IN US!**

We NEED each other, someone here needs you, & You need someone here.

There are many people outside of the doors of the church, they NEED…you / us!

I want to think about this OUTside of the church & INside of the church!

Outside of the Body first: (Read Poem: ‘OTHERS’) (Most Fulfilling Jobs are Helping Others)

**S#2** - Read the words to the Casting Crown’s song, **‘If We Are The Body’**

**Let’s make this practical for our lives today:**

**EXAMPLE**: You are in the park in Saratoga playing Frisbee & the Holy Spirit lay’s it on your heart to speak to a group of teenagers hanging out at the Pavilion…what are you going to do?

**Balance / Context: EPH. 2: 4 – 10, 8 – Not Works, Salvation by Grace Through Faith!**

**S#3** – Diagram of someone getting saved & coming into the church ‘Body’ & Scriptures

UNITY & DIVERSITY in ONE BODY

**S#4 -** **1 Corinthians 12:12 –** Read to 27: For the body is not one member, but many.

**Romans 12: 4-5**

Inside our Body: (Universal church, Corporate church, Local church)

**S#5** – Where do you fit? (Example: Kitchen – we will come back to this in a few moments)

Name (Ref. ORG. Chart) the areas / Ministries in our Church

**S#6 –** **FAMILY** **Ephesians 5:30** (KJV) - For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

\*Let’s park here & address our heart for just a moment. (You are **NOT** damaged goods!)

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**S#7** - Many pics of our church body, Name areas / ministries of our church

In reach & Outreach: Ushers, Greeters, Counters, Cleaners, Administrator's, Elders, Deacons,

Missions, Mens & Womens Ministry, C.R., Our Building, Family Fun, Music, Prayer, Bible College

**Kitchen**, Evangelism, Nursing Home, Sunday School, YOUTS, Teens, Young Adults, Etc.

\*TALK ABOUT A FEW AREAS BRIEFLY & BUILD UP!

Words in middle: **'GREATER GRACE MALTA'**

**\*YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST!** GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU!

Closing: **1 Corinthians 12:27** – ‘Lord USE ME’

Amen & Pray (quote John 3:16) (\*Salvation Prayer, Media)

**AFTER CLOSING: Announce**

**Looking for Pictures that could be used in a church Video & Slide Show**

**Pictures Approval**

If We Are The Body
Casting Crowns

Lyrics
It's crowded in worship today
As she slips in trying to fade into the faces
The girls teasing laughter is carrying farther than they know
Farther than they know

But if we are the body
Why aren't His arms reaching?
Why aren't His hands healing?
Why aren't His words teaching?
And if we are the body
Why aren't His feet going?
Why is His love not showing them there is a way?
There is a way, there is a way

A traveler is far away from home
He sheds his coat and quietly sinks into the back row
The weight of their judgmental glances
Tells him that his chances are better out on the road

But if we are the body
Why aren't His arms reaching?
Why aren't His hands healing?
Why aren't His words teaching?
And if we are the body
Why aren't His feet going?
Why is His love not showing them there is a way?

Jesus paid much too high a price
For us to pick and choose who should come

And we are the body of Christ
But if we are the body
Why aren't His arms reaching?
Why aren't His hands healing?
Why aren't His words teaching?
And if we are the body
Why aren't His feet going?
Why is His love not showing them there is a way?
Jesus is the way
Jesus is the way
we are His hands
We are His feet
We are His body
Jesus is the way

**“Others”**
By Charles D. Meigs (written sometime between 1890 and 1902)

Lord help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayer shall be for – Others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true
And know that all I do for you
Must needs be done for – Others.

Let “Self” be crucified and slain
And buried deep; and all in vain
May efforts be to rise again
Unless to live for – Others.

And when my work on earth is done
And my new work in heaven’s begun
May I forget the crown I’ve won
While thinking still of – Others.

Others, Lord, yes others
Let this my motto be
Help me to live for others
That I may live like Thee.