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.