

## We Need Each Other!

There is an indelible and universal truth as it pertains to the church. We need each other. In fact, the Bible is adamantly clear that without the contribution of each member, the church does not properly function. Thus is the substance of Paul's discussion in **1 Corinthians 12**. The church in Corinth struggled with supremacy. There were those who possessed the most coveted and thereby most respected spiritual gifts, and to those they bestowed greater honor. Within the church, they were considered the most important. To dispel such a divisive notion and to promote unity, Paul makes some assertions. Notice what he says in **1 Corinthians 12:19-22**, *"And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you'; nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary."*

Why? Because truthfully, if we all possessed the same talents, the same abilities, the same strengths and even weaknesses; where would the body be? The answer is simple. It would be lacking what you can contribute whether great or small. You see brethren, the truth of the matter remains indelible. We need each other. Therefore, let us conclude that although you may not be able to do what others can; there is no gift given by God that is not both useful and beneficial to the grow and vitality of this congregation. So, by all means, contribute!

*Jeremy Tucker*  
*Dexter church of Christ*  
*Dexter, MO*

### MINISTERS

**Thank you for  
your prayers!**

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Brad Tolbert

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### Assemblies

**SUNDAY**  
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Assembly 10:30 AM  
Assembly 5:00 PM  
*Live on Facebook*

**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15*

**June 12, 2022**

## Lessons from Samson

The story of Samson can be found in Judges chapters 13-16. Samson allowed his lust to control his actions and made poor decisions based on impulsive thoughts driven by that same lust. What are some lessons that we can learn from Samson and his pursuit of a wife?

**1) Be teachable** – Always have a heart that's open to the opinion of those who love you and have spiritual maturity. Samson went against God's commands and tried to obtain a foreign wife. (**Deuteronomy 7:1-4**) Samson's father tried to encourage him to reconsider and choose someone from among his own people. We also need to be open to those who love us and are trying to help us.

*"Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.'"* (**1 Peter 5:5**)

**2) Don't marry just for looks** – I know attraction plays a part in who we choose but it is not a good gage of character and compatibility. If we are only looking at a person on the outside we will often miss seeing the ugly person they are on the inside. Samson seems to have never looked more than skin deep.

*"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."* (**Proverbs 31:30**)

**3) Don't be led astray by your desires** – When we go after the things of our flesh, we are living to please one person, ourselves! When we give our lives for Christ, we give up our lordship and ask God to be Lord of our life. We no longer live for ourselves, but for Christ.

*"Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."* (**Timothy 2:22**)

Samson followed his eyes and lustful nature and in the end the Philistines gouged out his eyes. *"And the Philistines laid hold on him, and put out his eyes"* (**Judges 16:21**). When we follow lust and the desires of the flesh in our own lives we will soon find ourselves far from God and in trouble. Many choose lust instead of choosing a "Godly Spouse" to spend the rest of their lives with. ~Brad Tolbert

## Memory Verse

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

**Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)**

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## HEART-TO-HEART

Next Sunday will be **Father's Day**.

Let's continue to pray for the **Walker family** as they prepare to join us here.

Pray for those connected to the tragic wreck in **Dermott** this passed week, resulting in five fatalities and five injuries.

**Joseph Friend** as he undergoes oral surgery this week.

**Crystal Grimes**, who had back surgery last week.

**Kathy King**, who had knee replacement surgery.

The family of **David Wilkins**, who passed away last Monday.

The following is a corrected prayer request from the last bulletin. The correction is underlined:

**Opal Crow** has stage 4 lung cancer. He is a former superintendent at Tillar Schools and has been a member of the Dumas congregation for 25 years.

Tonight will be our **Second Sunday Singing** followed by the **Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship**.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

-Worship livestreamed at 10:30

-Singing at 5:00 followed by the Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Gary Crook... Roger & Margaret Harris... Ray Leonard... Joe and Peggy Moore...LaVerne Potter...Eddy & Suzette Russell.. Jerry Smith... Rita Stiles... The Walker Family... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

### Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

### Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis.. Noah Draper... David Foret... Taylor Koonce... Tucker Koonce...Matthew May... Justin Mills... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...

## SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Shannah Baker... Family of Keith Bates...Rusty Blanks... Naomi Burrow...Candice Carter... the church in Ukraine... Eliane Clay... Alli Cooper... Opal Crow... Tommy Haynes... Bertha Henry... Kenny Hudgens... Deane Johnson... Francis Jordan... Gary Light... Jay Light... Jim Looney... Kathryn McDonough... family of Gene Kemp... Rick Naron... Brent Newton... Mason Ingram... James Perry... the family of Brenda Peterson... Robbie Pettigrew... Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice... Tori Roberts... Turner Roberts... Winnie Roberts... Leah Rye... Janice Sawyer... Sue Thomas...Sissy Tucker...James Walton... Mark Wyers... Daisy and Lily Wilkerson... Sue Woodard...

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



Today!	12	Allie Collins
	20	Joshua & Jessica Pettigrew
	21	James Miller
	23	Beau & Jamie Beard
	24	Seth Baker Jailen Miller
	27	Joe Sponaugle
	28	Karla Rice
	30	Gwen Ellis Reid Smith
July	1	Timothy Cook Mamie Meier Becky Rice Joshua Tolbert Olivia Wilson

### Daily Bible Reading Schedule

12	Psalm 38-41
13	Psalm 42-45
14	Psalm 46-50
15	Psalm 51-54
16	Psalm 55-58
17	Psalm 59-62
18	Psalm 63-66



## Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be on **Saturday, June 18th at 6AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Change for Children** fundraiser for **Paragould Children's Home** is here again. If you would like to participate, there are cans available in the foyer. The deadline to return the cans will be in late **August**.

The **Cullendale church of Christ** in **Camden** is having a "**Gospel Singing**" on **Friday, June 17** from **7-9PM**. A flyer for the event has been posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

If you have borrowed the following **Truth for Today** commentaries from the church library, please return them: **1st Half of Acts, 1st and 2nd Peter**.

The **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** will not be meeting during the Summer. It will start back up in the Fall.

Please take time to **thank all those** that volunteer their time to teach **Bible classes**.

The **Fellowship Hall** has been reserved **June 20-22** for the purposes of being used as a **polling place** for the runoff election.

### Attendance

Bible Class ..... 80  
Sunday AM Worship... 105  
Sunday PM Worship ..... 73  
Wed. Evening ..... 54  
Contribution ..... \$4,756.31

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### MISSIONS

Truth for Today  
In Search of the Lord's Way  
Ghana Radio

### NURSERY

### Communion Preparation

June 12 Regina Dunn  
June 19 lone Easterling  
June 26 lone Easterling  
July 3 Gwen Ellis

### Ladies June Duties

Cards: Barbara Dyson  
Food: Sara Newton  
Jill Curtis