

Mindful Monday August 25, 2025

Sunday's Sermon was titled, "Parts Knit Together", the Scripture was 1 Corinthians 12:14-26, with the key verse being verse 14.

Pastor Doug related the parts of the body in the same way that a church is a body. If the eye says to the ear, "I am more important than you because I can see. You can only hear". If the leg would say to the foot, "I am more important than you are because the body stands on me". The head may be the head of the human body, but Jesus is the head of the body of Christ, the church.

How do the parts of the church work together? Is the pastor more important than the secretary? Is the Elder more important than the person sitting quietly and reverently in the pew?

In writing to the church at Corinth, Paul says, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit, we are all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many". There are many parts, but only one body.

Why is Paul so emphatic? Because the church can never function as God intends with an appreciation for each member and every diverse gift of God's grace. In fact, we are to treat "Some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important" as "the most necessary. And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care...God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to the parts that have less dignity". (1 Corinthians 12:22-24". \* We should remember the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

We were informed of the passing last Saturday, August 17th, of JoAnne Rieman. We pray for her surviving family during this time. Her celebration of life will be Wednesday, September 3 at Hamilton's Southtown Funeral Home, from 3-5 PM. The address is 5400 SW 9th Street, Des Moines. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family in memory of JoAnne. We also remember and pray for other church family members who have recently lost loved ones and those dealing with medical issues.

Our prayer list this week includes: George Barlow, The Fink Family, Jerry & Bea Gilland, Judy Helm-Burns, Craig Horrigan, and Floyd & Dona Seiberling.

Pastor Doug will be in the office on Wednesday afternoon. Please call his cell phone, 515-720-0689 if you would like to schedule an appointment to see him.

There are the following special dates to note. Next Sunday, August 31st will be Luau Sunday at the church. September 7 and 14th Pastor Doug will not be preaching. We will have a guest pastor on the 7th. On the 14th there will be a joint service in connection with Thomas Mitchell Days.

On September 12th we will be hosting an ice cream social at city park to coincide with Thomas Mitchell Days. The hours will be 5-7 PM, volunteers are needed to help set up and serve.

WOW will be starting for the year on September 17th. It will be held on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7. Volunteers are needed. We follow the SE Polk school calendar for breaks and inclement weather.

- Reference GotQuestions.org