



We Are Necessary



There are several places in the New Testament where we can see a clear picture of church membership. One of the more voluminous sections is in 1 Corinthians 12 to 14. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul explains the metaphor of the church being a body with many members. In 1 Corinthians 13, he established love as the central attitude and action all members should have. And in 1 Corinthians 14, he returns to the messed-up church at Corinth that has the concept of membership all wrong. Some Church leaders and members view membership as a modern business or organization concept, so they reject the label as unbiblical. Membership, to the contrary, is very biblical. The Bible explains “members” differently than secular culture. For example, look at the term in 1 Corinthians 12:27-28: *“Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it. And God has placed these in the church.”* Do you get the difference? Members of a church comprise the whole and are essential parts of it. The apostle Paul would carry the body metaphor further and explain that members are individual parts of the body. Some are eyes; others are ears. Some are feet; still others are hands. That is why he concludes: *“For as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many are one body---so also is Christ”* (1 Corinthians 12:12).

With a country club membership, you pay others to do the work for you. With church membership, everyone has a role or function. That is why some are hands, feet, ears, or eyes. We are all different, but we are necessary parts of the whole. Each part, therefore, must do its work, or the whole body suffers. There is a beautiful diversity in the midst of unity in church membership. The Bible makes it clear that if one part does not do its job, the whole body does not function well. But, if one part does its job well, the whole body rejoices and is stronger: *“So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it”*. (1 Corinthians 12:26)

Until next time, Pastor G

The School Scoop by Wydette Ackerman

There has been very much excitement around NWCA this week. Spirit Week is always a lot of fun for the teachers and students. We have enjoyed Tacky Day, Camo Day, Blast from the Past, and Sport's Day. We have also participated in the National School Choice Week. Many thanks to the senior class and Mrs. Johnson for Spirit Week, Mrs. Renz for National School Choice Week, and Mrs. Hanna for our Pep Rally. Our teachers are always busy with school events as well as teaching responsibilities. We love and appreciate them all.

We are still busy with the accreditation process. Thanks to everyone who is diligently working on this event. Teachers are working at home, on Fridays, and sometimes meet during the work week. Mrs. Hutto, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Sullivan, and Mrs. Polesnek are also working to help achieve accreditation for NWCA. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We are working on teacher certification also.

We are working on plans for emergency evacuations such as a fire or a shooter on the premises. We cannot be naïve about any possibilities that could occur on this campus. We pray for God's protection daily for our students and faculty. God hears and answers our prayers. It is such a blessing to know that He will never leave us or forsake us. Hebrews 13: 5 -6, “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do to me.” God bless us all.



Teaching Children to Make a Difference.



February 2	6:30	Deacon Visitation
February 5	8:45	Deacon Meeting
February 5	10:00	Super Bowl Sunday (Children Dept.)
February 6	6:30	WOM Meeting
February 9	6:30	Deacon Visitation
February 11	6:00	Valentine Banquet
February 12	11:00	WMU Focus Sunday
February 12	7:00	Church Council Meeting
February 13	6:30	Men's Ministry Meeting
February 14		
February 14	6:30	Deacon Visitation
February 15	6:00	Star Wars Bible Study (Children Dept.)
February 21	6:30	Deacon Visitation
February 27	2:00	Veteran's Victory House Singing

The Driven Youth will be having a Valentine's Day Banquet on Saturday, February 11th at 6:00pm. Celebrate Valentine's Day with us dressed as your favorite celebrity. There will be a costume contest and prizes for the best one. Dinner will be served. (\$10.00 for adults & \$5.00 for children 5 years and younger). Proceeds will go towards Driven Youth Ministries Summer Mission trip & activities. Thanks for your support.

Church Council Meeting 2.12.17

From the Associate Pastor...

Good February everyone. I pray that this note finds you all having a wonderful day. I am so excited about what God is going to do in 2017 with North Walterboro Baptist Church. There are so many opportunities for service and growth coming throughout the year. I pray that you will want to be engaged and be a part of what God is doing here.

Driven Youth Ministries:

The youth had a wonderful spiritual retreat at the Big God Conference. Some of them were here this past Sunday to give a report. If you missed it, there were many speakers there that preached wonderful relatable messages. One of the speakers preached a message entitled "The Four Chairs". This message helped us determine where our relationship with God stands. We all need to be in the first chair serving and on fire for the Lord every day. I pray that you are in the first chair today.

There are many things on the calendar for Driven this year and more will be forthcoming. I would encourage all our 7th-12th graders to get involved. Don't miss out on a blessing from the Lord.

Music:

Plans are already being made for our Easter program coming in April. I am in the process now of choosing a musical. I also want to make plans to use our choir more often by singing some other anthems on Sunday mornings. Stay tuned to the bulletin for practice dates. The praise team is busy learning some new songs as well. I am so thankful to have such dedicated folks to work with.

Sunday School:

Folks, let me encourage you to be in attendance for Sunday School. There is a class for all of you. From nursery through senior adults, our teachers are prepared every week to teach and discuss a relatable lesson that will help you to be more grounded in the word of God. Also, Sunday School is a great way to build relationships and have fellowship with God's people. Don't miss out on these opportunities for spiritual growth as well as times to be able to grow your friendships. Doing life together is important and Sunday School is a great place to start.

As usual, I am available to you. If you need me, don't hesitate to call.

I love serving the Lord and I love serving Him with you.

Pastor Steve



On **March 17th & 18th**, we will have a Pictorial Directory Make-up day for those who were unable to make the original photo sitting. More details to come....

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
Sunday School @ 10am
February 5th

K'MOTION KIDZ

We have another great lesson planned for you! Come learn how God can help you overcome challenges in your life! Parents - plan to have your kids at church on SUPER BOWL SUNDAY at 10am for Sunday School!!

CHAMPIONS

WMU Focus Sunday, February 12th

WMU "Focus" is an opportunity for our Women on Mission to clarify what the WMU does for our community, our state, our nation....all over the world! We hope you will pray to find your place in all the opportunities available, and especially for God's call for you to come into

STAR WARS
inspired Bible
Study & Glow Party!

Wednesday, February 15th @ 6-8pm
Pizza will be served!

K'MOTION KIDZ

JESUS REBEL FORCE

Valentine's Banquet
February 11th
at 6:00pm

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