

Care Ministry

Mobilizing our members to care for first time attenders, as well as our regular church members!
Laws of the body of Christ: 1 Cor. 12: 12-17

1. Law of Unity: vs. 4-7; 11-18, 20, 25

Unity must not just be organized but exercised!

First, everyone should be a member of a local, Bible believing, Baptized Baptist church.

We are not members of some seminar or seminary; movement (promise keepers), club (PTL); or camp. We understand that Christ did not die for a convention or a denomination. He died for the church! We are a local, autonomous body of believers.

We don't just go to church... We are the church! Nothing gets done around here unless we do it!

You need to be a member to be in ministry.

We must be together! Behind and supportive of the decisions and the direction of the leadership of this church.

Our membership ought to "please Him" vs. 18

David said: *Ps 122:1 I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.*

2. Law of Diversity: vs. 20-22,

I need you to understand each other a little bit! We are not clones of each other or of God.

There might be a few of you I would like to clone and a few of you I'm glad God threw away the mold when he was done.

"It takes all kinds to make a world" Song by Roger Miller (Men, women, children, young and old, rich and poor, talented and untalented, gifted and not so gifted, educated and uneducated, people who look forward to and celebrate Christmas and others who have strong convictions against certain holidays of the year.

Gal 3:26-29 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

3. Law of sympathy: vs. 23-26 "Same care one for another."

Handicap folks, children (Maybe the next D. L. Moody or C. H. Spurgeon, Billy Sunday, Lester Roloff; "Comfort the feeble-minded" Lady in Groton, NY pray for matilda (cat) Few fries short.

Gal 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

James 2:1-4 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. 2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; 3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: 4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

Prov 25:19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.
There are two ways that a church grows:

EXTERNALLY: Through soulwinning & evangelism. (Acts 2:47)

INTERNALLY: By caring for the people that God sends our way.

Luke 10: 30-37 "had compassion on him" "took care of him" "Go and do thou likewise"

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Are you an asset or a liability? Will you today determine to be a working, contributing member or a pain in the neck?

4. Law of Activity: My pastor always said: “Anything dead ought to be buried!”

Eph. 4 11-16 “Effectual working” def. (producing the desired or intended effect.)

The church is the place to “grow up & mature”

It means fulfilling your function, your purpose in this church.

Vs. 18, “As it hath pleased Him”

We are to be fitly joined together like well oiled gears producing synergy in the right direction.

Vs. 14-17, 27 Ever have a gear slip, or missing a tooth?

5. Law of Authority: *Col 2:17-19 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. 18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.*

The purpose of the body is to hold up the head! (Christ is the head of the church)

John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

We are not here to “lift up” individuals or even me the pastor. “We have the greatest pastor, just wait till you hear him preach, wait till you get a chance to meet him, wait till I show you his family...”

We are to tell others about Jesus Christ! He is the one that will make a lasting difference in their lives for all eternity!

The Lord has put me, His under shepherd her to rule over this church, to lead you, guide you, to love you, and to feed you.

What I want to do with this ministry is to train faithful people, to be faithfully carry on the things they have been taught by me.

2 Tim 2:1-4 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.