

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

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⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.
—ACTS 2:42-48 ESV

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A Common Identity

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A Connected Community

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A Compassionate Ministry

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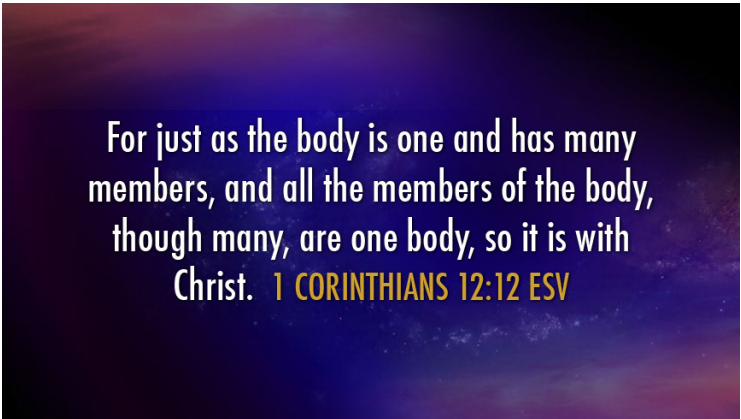
Church exists to express the compassionate ministry of Jesus Christ—to make His love and grace known to people.

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I. We are Called to Compassionate Ministry

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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. **1 CORINTHIANS 12:12 ESV**

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II. Our Ministry is Enabled through Diversity

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For the body does not consist of one member but of many. **-1 CORINTHIANS 12:14 ESV**

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Gifts

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SPIRITUAL GIFT:

"...an ability or enablement through which the Holy Spirit ministers through you to people around you." (1 COR. 12:7)

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THREE PRIMARY PASSAGES:

Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and God of all comfort...
—2 CORINTHIANS 1:3 ESV

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III. Our Diversity is Designed for Unity

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Unity is not unison.

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Unity is not uniformity.

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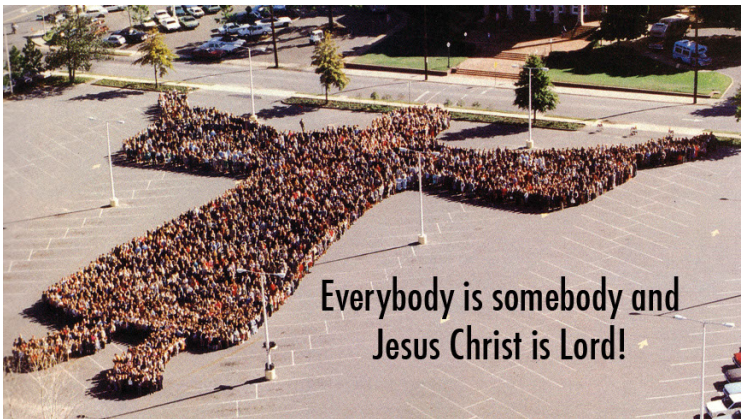


Unity is not union.

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Everybody is somebody and
Jesus Christ is Lord!

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IV. Our Unity is Maintained through Maturity

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¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

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¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.
—I CORINTHIANS 12:14-18 ESV

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V. Maturity is Focused on God's Glory

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Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. —I CORINTHIANS 12:27 ESV

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...¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ... —EPHESIANS 4:12-13 ESV

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III. Our Diversity is Designed for Unity

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