

## **A FUNCTIONING CHURCH**

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I confess: I am competitive. Church life is **not** about competition/winning. Jesus said that the first will be last and the last first. I encourage you to read the book, **I Am A Church Member**, by Thom S. Ranier. I Cor. 12:27, **“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”**

### **1. Connect to the body of Christ (the church)! How? I Corinthians 12:13**

- Whose invited? Everyone. “Jews or Greeks, slaves or free...” John 3:16
- Repent and invite Jesus into your life. John 1:12 “Jesus is Lord.” 12:3
- You receive the Holy Spirit and become part of the Body of Christ. 12:13

### **2. Members do their part (unity in diversity)**

- **I am a part of the Body of Christ. I am saved to serve.**
- **What is your spiritual gift or function in the church?**
- Overcome insignificance – “If the foot should say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body...’” I Cor. 12:15-19
- Overcome superiority – “The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you...’” I Cor. 12:21 **WE NEED EACH OTHER!**
- Honor one another – I Corinthians 12:23
- Care for one another – I Corinthians 12:25-26
- Serve in love. I Corinthians 13:1-3