News And Information For Perry Hill Road Members And Friends

Perry Hill Road Church Of Christ

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A Place For Everyone!

The Bible deals with persons , individuals. No where in all the divine directive is there an activity enjoined which does not require personal action. Some activities require joint participation between individuals, some assignments can and must be done alone; but in all cases it is the individual who is the unit of function. This necessarily implies that every individual is important. He is important, first of all, for the performance of those responsibilities which are to be done independently– by himself; but he is also important to the fulfillment of those obligations in which he is necessarily involved with others, or what may properly be described as collective activity.

To be a part of something is to sustain some sort of relationship to the whole. Since a share is given to the whole by being a part, only as every part functions properly does the whole do its job well. The is precisely the point of Paul's observation in Ephesians 4:16, "...from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Every joint supplies for the benefit of the whole; every part helps to make increase for the entirety.

In this connection, may I suggest that:

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Everyone has a part. That's every one. This is a simple statement, but one not often as recognized as it should be. It is a fact that each person in the local church has a part in that local church. It should be obvious, then, that every part is important and no one single part unimportant. When any part of something fails, the whole suffers. And while I would certainly not subscribe to the idea that the church is only as strong as its weakest member, I would definitely warn that any local church is only as strong as the members which comprise it. You see, the local church only functions as well as the parts of which it is constructed, and if this local church is not doing all it should, it is because some of its parts are not functioning as they should.

Every part must be in its place. No one in his right mind would put a clothes hanger in a light socket even though both these things are useful to carrying on a functional household. Many of the problems in churches today are caused by the desire of some to be involved in places where they have not the ability or qualifications to function well. Because of their envy for someone with admirable talent in a certain area, they tend to "get out of place." They have the notion that because they are not the hand they are not of the body; or because they are not an eye they serve no useful function to the body. Such foolishness! Paul deals with this same proclivity in I Corinthians 12:2. Says he, "If the whole body were the eye, where were the hearing? If the whole body were the hearing where were the smelling?" What every person should do is seek to find his own place, then do the best job he can wherever he is.

One part can't be every part. There are some people who have been greatly blessed with an immense amount of native talent. Two things often happen because of it. First, they themselves come to feel so superior that they somehow forget that they are still only a part, not the whole. Or it may be that others who recognize their special amount of ability tend to assign to them more than their logical part. In either case, trouble will ensue because no person, no matter his talent, can comprise the whole. I certainly do not intend that this talented individual is not vital and helpful in his connection with others, but I do intend to say that no man should ever pompously assume more than his own responsibility, nor should he be charged with more than his own ability will allow him to accomplish. You see, it takes all the parts–and "if they were all one member, where were the body?" (I Corinthians 12:19).

Every person is important. There are no unnecessary organs in the body of Christ. There are no big Christians and little Christians–only a fellowship of forgiven sinners, each related to the other in Christ Jesus. Every person should try to find his own place and how he relates to the whole. Then, being content with his own assignments, do the best job possible so that he helps the whole body function efficiently and to the glory of God. We have a need for one another, so let everyone do his part. Be who you are and serve, that's the message. *Dee Bowman*

"Stengelese"

"Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace" **Proverbs 17:28**

Casey Stengel was a longtime major league baseball manager whose unique way with the English language became known as "Stengelese." He once said, "I've always heard that it couldn't be done, but sometimes it don't always work." That's typical Stengelese.

Casey held a position on the board of directors for a California bank. According to a story that originally appeared in the *Wall Street Journal,* Casey described his duties this way: "There ain't nuthin' to it. You go into the fancy meeting room and you just sit there and never open your yap. As long as you don't say nuthin' they don't know whether you're smart or dumb."

What Casey said about his boardroom behavior is reminiscent of Proverbs 17:28. If a fool keeps his mouth shut, he doesn't reveal his ignorance, and he's even considered wise. That's not the whole story, of course. He may still have a heart full of foolishness. But why advertise it if you don't have to? That's smart!

Smarter still is the person who is slow to speak so that he can listen and learn to become wise. As Proverbs 18:15 states, "The ear of the wise seeks knowledge."

Many seek and strive for wisdom

But find folly in disguise;

All too few seek first God's wisdom

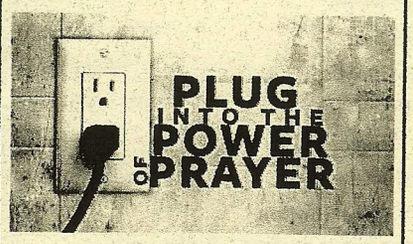
Only this can make one wise. —Anon.

IT'S BETTER TO BE QUIET AND APPEAR A FOOL THAN TO OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND REMOVE ALL DOUBT.

Keep In PRAYER

As of Fri Feb 19 [When you have updated data, please call John Burch-202-6518]

Colton and Keri McDaniel .. In Fiji as a strong Typhoon passes.
Mildred Allmon– Linda Lashlee's mother . Under Hospice Care.
Keith Hollis– Back issues
Ray Suggs – Hospice Care at home. Good days/bad days.
Cameron Williamson, son of Doug and Marsha Williamson, deployed to the Middle East
June Smith (Neal & Barbara's sister-in-law) - Terminal cancer
Stephen Guy - Stage 3B Chronic Kidney disease; plus other health problems
Becky Keith – Had her final radiation treatment last week!!
Clyde Thatcher... Marsha Williamson's dad.
Todd Thayer's mother – Diagnosed with Lupus
Jan Russom - Health issues
Alicia Leverett—Chemo treatments for breast cancer.
Bonnie Johnston Hull– Connie Howe's sister ...upcoming colon surgery.
Bill Knighten's niece, Patricia Beverley, passed away last week.



Coordinators: Chris Lloyd / Jim Keith
Ushers George Smith / Paul Puckett
Sound System: Gary Smith

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements: Neal Smith
Scripture: Doug Williamson
Lead Singing: Ron Kochik
1st Prayer: Daniel Jones

Communion

Craig Sims Darrell Puckett
Kenny Roberts Jim Keith
Mike Howard Paul Puckett

Sermon

Marshall McDaniel

Closing Prayer: Mel Ott

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements: Neal Smith
Ushers George Smith / Paul Puckett
Scripture: George Smith
Lead Singing: James Powell
1st Prayer: Keith Hollis
Sermon Marshall McDaniel
Lord's Supper: Bill Knighten
Closing Prayer: John Demas
Sound System: Harold Mustin

LORD'S Supper Preparation

02/21 Janis Hart 02/28 Michelle Hensley 03/06 Pam Howard 03/13 Karen Ingram

Wednesday Bible Study

Coordinators Chris Lloyd / Jim Keith
Ushers Curt Williamson / Blake Boren
Announcements: Neal Smith
Lead Singing Mike Howard
Opening Prayer Daniel Jones
Invitation Bob Trefethen
Closing Prayer Jim Keith
Sound System Ragan Ingram

Count Contribution

Bud Porter / Paul Puckett / Kerry Lashlee

To our visitors:

- The people who assemble at Perry Hill Road are simply a group of Christians who belong to Christ and are devoted to serving God.
- Our aim is to glorify God by following the Bible, His inspired word, which is our only guide in worship and service.
- Our commitment is to preach Christ, who is man's only hope for eternal life, and live in such a way so that others may see Christ in us.
- We encourage an open study and discussion of the Scriptures in all our Bible classes and extend to all a sincere welcome.
- Personal studies are available upon request.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes	9 AM
Worship	10 AM
Evening	5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Classes	7 PM

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
February 14, 2015
Attendance

Sunday Bible Class..... 85
Sunday Moring Worship 116
Sunday Evening Worship..... . 91
Wednesday Bible Study 77
Contribution ..$5,242

Care Groups
Get Connected Today!

Care Group 2 meets tonight after services

Care Group 2 members ....Burch/ Howard / Porter / Keith / Lashlee / Mcdonald / Blake/ Burkes / Guy / Hensley / Hollis / Howe / Kent / Kochik / Morgan / Murry / Painter / Thayer / Watson / Watson / Wheatly / A.White / D. Williamson