

Thank you, Alexis Brown...
...for being our speaker for today!

October Birthdays

5 Flor Diaz
9 Esmeralda McCollum
16 Elizabeth Carrillo
27 Paulo Prado
28 Allan Brown

October Anniversaries

8 Elizabeth Carrillo and Al Diaz

*"Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you
speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one
of another."*

Ephesians 4:25

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*"Trust in the Lord with all
your heart and do not lean on
your own understanding."*

Proverb 3:5

- *"Fight the good fight"*
- *"Keep the faith"*
- *"Finish the course"*

Many Members, yet one body

By Jay Buck

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. The mornings are crisp with a shadow of things to come, the mums are out, the apples are in, the days are shorter, soon the leaves will be changing and, yes, Football is in the air! Ok, we all have our own traditions but for me football and crock pots full of chili are among my favorites. Speaking of football, I was reminded recently of a quote that was famously used by a coaching legend to help inspire his team. (Bonus points if you guess who it was without googling, and plus I'll know you read the bulletin!)

It goes something like this... "It's the name on the front of the jersey that matters most, not the name on the back!" It's such a great message because it conveys a spirit of unity, a common purpose and a reminder there is a bigger goal that far outweighs any individual contribution.

I think we can make a spiritual application here as well. We too are working together, in unity, striving for something bigger than individual glory. We share a common purpose, a higher calling, and it defines us to our very core. It centers us throughout this life, it shapes who we are and it certainly

requires individual effort, however collectively if we each give our best the result is something far better than anything we can achieve on our own.

Paul in his letter to the Corinthians stresses a similar concept. He uses an analogy of a body with many members, functioning as one.

1 Cor 12-14 reads: *“For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. Later in the same chapter 1 Cor 14:26: “And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it”.*

The takeaway here is that we each have a role to play. We each have talents, and we each have something to offer and every member is vital to this body. We are connected one to another in the most important way possible; in Christ. Sometimes we win together and sometimes we lose together; but either way we go through it together and it makes us stronger.

I don't know about you, but I have been so energized by the collective effort taking place and the work being done here in Fishers. It's made me better, I believe it's made us better, and I hope it's made you better and I know there is so much more we can do. Oh, and let's never forget... when we suit up the name we wear is CHRISTIAN and to God be the glory forever!

“I Can Be a Christian Without the Church”

By Jay Linus

Many folks today take the view that they can be believers, even Christians, without participating with the church and

her functions. They claim that the church has become “institutionalized”, caring only for its million-dollar buildings that are filled with hypocritical members. But truth be known, a person who makes such a statement is probably seeking justification for their personal decision not to participate with the worship and work of the body of Christ. To those who make such assertions, we offer the following scriptural guidance:

* Jesus died for the church, He purchased it with His blood. (Eph. 5:25; Acts 20:28)

* Jesus Christ is the Savior of the church (the body). (Eph. 5:23)

* The Lord adds the saved to the church, to be separated from the church is to be separated from the saved. (Acts 2:47)

* The Lord provides spiritual nourishment to the church and He treasures her. One who has nothing to do with the church will miss this. (Eph. 5:29)

* God gave Jesus Christ to be the head of the church. (Eph. 1:22; Col. 1:18) If one is not in the church, one is not under the Headship of Christ.

* God seeks worshipers to worship Him in spirit and truth. (John 4:24)

* Praising God takes place by singing collectively with the church. (Heb. 2:12; Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19)

* Believers must meet together (Heb. 10:24-27). If one purposely neglects meeting with other believers, there's no longer a sacrifice for sin.