

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – May 15-20
Doing Life Together – Body Works Pt 1

MONDAY: Psalm 8:6, 1 Corinthians 15:27, Colossians 1:18

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 1:22,23

OBSERVATION: The Body of Christ, like all bodies, is comprised of many parts. There are limbs, organs, and various members that, when left alone, are useless, but when assembled make up the entire body. There is organization to the body of Christ, as described in Ephesians 1:22-23, "And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way."

TUESDAY: 1 Corinthians 10:17, 1 Corinthians 12:7

KEY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

OBSERVATION: God calls and places each member individually in the Body where he or she can best grow and serve for the benefit of the entire Body.

WEDNESDAY: Revelation 19:7, 1 Corinthians 11:3

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 5:23

OBSERVATION: Christ makes the church grow, feeds it and cares for it, gave himself up for it. He is the Capstone (Matt. 21:42), He holds the church together, builds it up, edifies it. He is also the one by whom "all things were created", and this is the point where the metaphor cannot be completely perfect, since men didn't create anything. In the context of Ephesians, where the subject is marriage, Christ as Head in terms of authority or supremacy is never mentioned. It is only in the context of Christ giving himself up for and nourishing the church that the husband is the head, as Christ.

THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 12:12-28

KEY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-28

OBSERVATION: To do the work God has given it to do, the Church is organized to function as a unit. In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul compared it to a human body made of many different parts with different functions, each being necessary for the smooth functioning of the whole

FRIDAY: Ephesians 2:21, Ephesians 1:4,

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 4:15,16

OBSERVATION: These serving responsibilities were given for the benefit of the whole Church, to help equip, edify and unify the Body. A person ordained to such responsibilities is generally called a "minister," a word that means servant. In the Scriptures they are also referred to as elders.

SATURDAY: John 13:15, Philippians 3:17

KEY VERSE: 1 Peter 5:1-3

OBSERVATION: Following Christ's example of service would prevent the misuses of power that occur naturally in human governments (Matthew 20:24-28; Luke 22:24-26). Leaders in God's service are commanded to work for the benefit of those they serve in an atmosphere of mutual love and respect.