

# **“Membership Matters Part 1”**

**(Romans 12:4-5)**

# Introduction

- We live in an individualistic WORLD.
- Many folks professing faith practice an individualistic RELIGION.
- Christianity is built upon and demonstrated by RELATIONSHIPS.
- We are MEMBERS of one another!!!

## **Church in the UNIVERSAL sense.**

- All who belong to Christ are members of his body (Mt. 16:18).
- Christians everywhere are a part of the ONE body. (Eph. 4:4)
- Jesus is HEAD of the BODY, the CHURCH (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22-23)

## **Church in the LOCAL sense.**

- Christians residing in the same area.
- Who agree to join together in **FELLOWSHIP**. (Acts 9:26)
- Who worship in a common **ASSEMBLY**. (1 Cor. 11:18)

## **Church in the LOCAL sense.**

- Who work out of a common  
TREASURY. (1 Cor. 16:1-3)
- Who submit to a common  
OVERSIGHT. (Acts 14:23; 20:28)

# **Our Membership Matters as we assemble...**

- We assemble to **WORSHIP** (Acts 2:42-47; 4:23-31; 20:7)
- We assemble to **ENCOURAGE** (Hebrews 10:23-25)

**“The church needs  
me, and we need each  
other!”**

# Take away

- The TOGETHERNESS of the early church (Acts 2:42,44,46; 4:23-24)
- The NEED to be part of something BIGGER than myself!!!
- Are you a MEMBER of the BODY of Christ?