## June 5, 2016 <u>"Shall We Waddle Or Fly?"</u> (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

Whenever anyone from our fellowship drops out, we are hurt in our \_\_\_\_\_\_ to be all God means for us to be.

The church was not born full-grown. It needed to grow in its self-\_\_\_\_\_.

They could have patterned their church life after the \_\_\_\_\_. The Temple was \_\_\_\_\_\_. It was clergy dominated.

They could have patterned themselves after the \_\_\_\_\_\_. Synagogues were led by \_\_\_\_\_\_.

The church could have remained as simply an informal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with no formal organization.

Ultimately the church came to understand itself as the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

We \_\_\_\_\_ the body of Christ!

We can't afford to take any part of the body for \_\_\_\_\_!

3 things to draw our attention to:

#1.- We are the body of Christ and that means each of us has a \_\_\_\_\_ role to play.

Just as the body needs its eyes, ears, stomach, and toes, so the \_\_\_\_\_\_ needs ALL its different parts to be what God has called us to be!

There are many people who don't want to get \_\_\_\_\_. They want only a \_\_\_\_\_\_ relationship with the church.

Casual attendance at worship is not enough. Your church needs your

## #2.- The fact that you are a member of the church means that your \_\_\_\_\_\_ are needed – your abilities, your talents.

It's not enough to simply \_\_\_\_\_\_ a pew, or a seat, each week.

In the kingdom of God, all of us are \_\_\_\_\_\_ important. If any of us fail to do our part, the church is \_\_\_\_\_\_ for it.

Each of us is essential to the task of \_\_\_\_\_ with God to bring in His kingdom!

You cannot be \_\_\_\_\_; you are uniquely made and gifted by God to fulfill a \_\_\_\_\_ place within the Body of Christ.

#3.- That is how God means to establish His Kingdom in this world, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_through each of us, doing our part, giving our

It's not enough for us to simply sit in our seat each week and \_\_\_\_\_\_ attentively.

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In the illustration of the "duck church" the gift the ducks were given was \_\_\_\_\_\_ with which to fly!

**Mother Theresa:** "Christ has no body now but yours...No hands, no feet on earth but yours...Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world...Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good...Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world...Yours are the hands...Yours are the feet...Yours are the eyes...You are His body!"

You are His \_\_\_\_\_. You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. It's time to lift up our wings and fly!

You have been gifted with a unique and special gift!

How are YOU going to use your gift?