

Sunday
10:45 am Hebrews 10:25 Group
10:45 am Adult Sunday School

Monday
6:00 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm OES

Tuesday
6:30 am Men's Bible Study
11:15 am Women's Bible Study
4:30 pm Prayer Gathering
5:30 pm Outreach Team

Wednesday
10:00 am Sisters In Christ
7:00 pm Charge Conference at
Decatur First UMC
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday
9:30 am UMW-Rebekah Circle
11:00 am Women's Bible Study
5:00 pm Children's Ed

Saturday
9:30 am Packing Bags for Police



Flowers are
provided today
in honor of
Pastors
Sig & Beth,
given by SPRC
and the Grace
congregation.



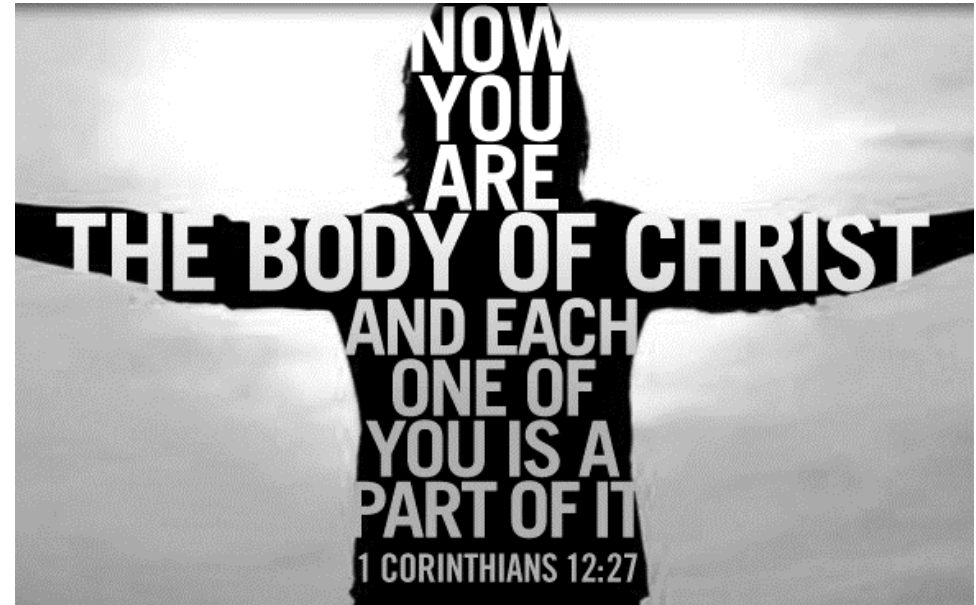
FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Giving Income: \$27,884
YTD Operating Income: \$476,666
YTD Operating Expenses: \$591,817

Discussion Questions Read I Corinthians 3:10-23

- 1.) What new insights did you gain from the message this morning that help you understand this Scripture we just read?
- 2.) Is there anything you would add to those five truths of our faith that unite us as the one temple of the Holy Spirit?
- 3.) How will you live out this picture of the Church as the temple of the Holy Spirit?
- 4.) What personal agenda or understanding do you hold that you think the Spirit may be calling you to lay aside so you can listen for Him?
- 5.) How do you feel about the divisions evident in the Church today (denominations, racial divisions, divisions over practices like Baptism and Communion)?
- 6.) Do you think some things are important enough to divide over in the Church? Why or why not?

“A Called Community”



DECATUR *Grace*

October 3, 2021

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *We Sing Glory to God*

Praise and Prayer

***Call to Worship**

***Hymn of Praise**

UMH #547 *O Church of God, United*

Congregational Prayer

Prayer Anthem *Spirit of God*

Invitation to the Offering

II Corinthians 8:7

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #328 *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

Hearing and Responding

Scripture & Message

*I Corinthians 3:16-17

“A Called Community: Called to the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit”

Rev. Beth A. McLaughlin

Holy Communion

Communion Anthem *Till He Comes Again*

***Hymn of Commitment**

UMH #539 *O Spirit of the Living God*

***Benediction**

Postlude

*Congregation please stand as able

Liturgist: Sig Bjorklund

Choir Director/Organist: Arlis DeJaynes

**A Called Community:
Called to the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit**

I Corinthians 3:16-17

The _____ of the Church is our _____.

The core of our faith that unites us:

1) We must _____ the _____.

2) We must hold confidently the _____ of God
as _____.

3) We must affirm the _____ of Jesus
and live in the power of His _____ and _____
_____ through the Holy Spirit in us.

4) The Church _____ under the _____ of
_____ and the _____ of those He has
_____ and _____.

5) We gather around the _____ – the _____
and _____ of _____.

How do we live into this picture of the Church?

- We repent of _____, _____
and _____.
- We actively reach out to _____ divisions and _____
_____.
- We _____ for a common _____.
- We _____ personal _____
and let the _____.

Congregational Prayer

(Time for personal prayer.)

Glorious God, the skies and the highest heavens cannot contain you, much less temples made with human hands.

Yet you have chosen to live in us as the Body of Christ and to fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Praise you, Lord, for your faithfulness to us and your willingness to inhabit the praises of your people.

Fill this temple of your people with your Holy Spirit so we may show forth the love of Jesus Christ as a bright light in the darkness of our world.

Accept the praise of our lips, the songs of our hearts, the adoration of our spirits, that in all things we may glorify you and enjoy you forever.

Respond to every prayer uttered aloud or in secret, reminding us that you are always faithful to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Help us grow in our love for your Word, written and living, and build our life together on you.

Reveal yourself to us today as we your people gather around the Communion table, desiring right relationship with you and with each other.

Loving Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit, reconcile to yourself and to us those who feel estranged from you and from the Body of Christ.

Holy God, teach us how, as brothers and sisters in Christ, to rejoice with those who rejoice and to mourn with those who mourn.

Sanctify by the work of your Holy Spirit all that we are, all that we have, all that we shall become, and make us wholly yours.

Glory, majesty, power, and authority be unto you, our blessed Savior, forever and ever! In your holy name we pray. Amen.

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