

BILENE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

In essentials **UNITY**; In non-essentials **FREEDOM**; In all things **LOVE**

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THE BODY

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"The Body" A few months ago, I lost the use of a finger on my right hand. A carpet knife accident sent me, and my finger, to the ER for stitches. My finger was stitched and wrapped and unusable for the better part of a week. I was shocked at how hard it was to finish installing carpet without one little member of my body. I figured, "I have nine more fingers so this should be no big deal!" I learned that my body functions best when all it's members are present and functioning, and when one member is not, it makes everything more challenging. The Apostle Paul describes the local church like ours as a "Body." The Body of Christ. We are made up of many members, each with an important role. And just like our physical bodies, when a member of our body suffers, the whole body suffers. Throughout July and part of August, I invite you to join me in a study from some of Paul's New Testament writings that speak to our membership in the Body of Christ. As members, what is expected of us? How can we be the best member possible and why is it so important?

For the Cause of Christ - Jason