

October 11, 2026



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WATERFORD



Follow along with Pastor Michael's sermon today on page 1019 of the pew bible.



Welcome, we are glad you joined us today!  
If you are visiting, we'd love to connect with you. Please visit our connection center and pick up a welcome packet.

Children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church, which begins after the music. A fully staffed nursery and pre-kindergarten classroom is available throughout the service for infants and toddlers up until Kindergarten. Middle school students have a Bible study the second and fourth Sundays of the month after service in the teen room until noon.

Join us as we seek to become and make disciples who love and serve Jesus Christ.

## TODAY:

9:30am | Cafe

10am | Service

11:20 am | NT Casket Empty Class

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Prayer Meeting: Mon. | 7:30pm | Online

Men's Bible Study: Tues. | 8pm | Online

WOW Bible Study: Thurs. | 10:30am | JMH



Prefer to tithe online? Use the QR code OR go to the GIVE section on our website

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you so much for the generous love offerings for the Dennisons and Jonathan Templeton during their visits!

The Children's Ministry needs at least 6 more workers each Sunday, especially more teachers. Contact Amy Mooradian or Jeanne Reed if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

Interested in Church Membership and/or Baptism? Please contact Pastor Michael for more info.



# SERMON NOTES FOR 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31

## OVERVIEW AND KEY THEMES

- In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul argues that the Holy Spirit gives different spiritual gifts to different people as He chooses, for the benefit of the body of Christ, so the local church can be equipped to carry out the work of the ministry.
- No matter our socioeconomic, cultural, or racial background, we are all one in Christ. The many parts of the body must be united in one Spirit in Christ (Gal. 3:26-28).
- A body in good working order requires every part to function properly. God made the body with all its intricate parts so we could work together and carry out the calling the Lord has given us.
- God wants people to care for one another. As we care for ailments in our physical bodies, so we care for members of the body of Christ.
- Being able to rejoice and suffer together, and to love one another in good times and bad, shows unity and shows the world how Christians live.
- Paul wants the church in Corinth to remember that not all parts function the same way. The Corinthians should seek out and use the spiritual gifts the Lord has given them to edify, encourage, and comfort others in love.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHURCH MEMBER?

- 1.) Because the body of Christ functions best as a team, a church member knows that he or she must be unified with the rest of the body, for he or she cannot be the body by himself or herself.
- 2.) A church member knows it is NOT primarily about what they can get from the body, but about what they can give to the body.
- 3.) They actively cultivate a love for God's Word and God's people. That is, they want to pray, read, and study God's Word; be mentored and discipled by another member of the body; and grow in their faith so they can be equipped to make disciples as well.
- 4.) A church member knows, lives out, and shares the Gospel with others, and prays for their welfare.
- 5.) A church member knows that, as a member of the body of Christ, they represent Him to and for the world.
- 6.) None of this is possible unless members of the body of Christ commit to meeting regularly with one another (Hebrews 10:23-25).
- Christ asks his followers for more than the bare minimum. There is an expectation that you will continue to grow and develop your faith alongside the other members of the body.

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FROM THE SERMON

|                  |         |                       |                   |
|------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Ezekiel 36:26-27 | Acts 2  | 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 | Philippians 2:1-4 |
| Joel 2:28-29     | Acts 18 | Galatians 3:26-28     | Hebrews 10:23-25  |