

**SERMON NOTES**  
**I Corinthians 12-14**  
***“One Body, Many Parts”***

**Intro:**

- *What’s this all about? Why this sermon on spiritual gifts? Why the corporate prayers following the service? What’s going on?*
- *About a year ago we embarked on a journey of seeking God’s will as to what He was calling us to be and to do over the next 3-5 years*
- *A vision team was formed – representing a cross-section of our congregation – some selected by the Deacons, some by our Purpose Teams, and some volunteers*
- *Normally churches come to God with their agendas and their plans and their programs and say: Lord, please bless our plans and make them successful*
- *We are not doing that*
- *Our vision team is seeking the Lord without any preconceived ideas or plans or personal agendas*
- *Lord, we want You to write the script for our future – change what you need to change // make us the kind of church You want us to become // show us where You are at work and how we can join You // reveal to us what You want us to become and do in the next 3-5 years*
- **“Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening”**
- *We are learning that with God, being often precedes doing – who we are is just as important as what we do – and He needs to work in us before He can work through us – He needs to make some changes in our church body before He can enlarge our territory and impact for His Kingdom*
- *God-sized assignments can only be accomplished with God’s power*
- *Sin blocks the free flow of God’s love and power and guidance and blessing – in individuals and in churches*
- *There has been evidence of God’s increased blessing upon our church in the months following the service of cleansing and repentance on March 8*
- **God is not finished with us yet**
- *In recent vision team meetings, the Holy Spirit has strongly and repeatedly focused our attention on the issue of spiritual gifts*

- *If some of our people are ignorant of spiritual gifts – or are not exercising their gifts in ministry – or feel that their gifts are not welcome in our church – or feel stifled rather than encouraged in using certain spiritual gifts – then our church will not be able to fulfill its ministry potential*
- *Spiritual gifts are not an end in themselves – rather spiritual gifts are God's provision for building up the body of Christ so as to be empowered to carry out the ministry of Christ in the world today*
- **Every member of the vision team will back up this statement: *This sermon – and this worship service – and the prayers concluding this service – are NOT about resurrecting a past ministry – rather today is all about opening ourselves to the working of the Holy Spirit so that we will be equipped to carry out a future vision***
- *Today is about looking forward – not looking back – seeking God's direction by looking through the front windshield – not through the rear-view mirror*
- *And if we open ourselves to the leading and working and gifts of the Spirit – what will become of us?*
- **We don't know – God knows – and He hasn't told us yet**
- *Today is about being obedient to what God has shown us thus far – the future is in His hands, and He will make His will known to us in His timing*
- ***What does seem to be clear thus far is that God is calling us to be a church that is strong in the Scriptures, strong in the Spirit, and strong in service***
- **This message on spiritual gifts fits right in with that emphasis**
- **This message is not about changing us into a more charismatic church – other than in the biblical sense that a charismatic church is simply a grace-gifted church and Cornerstone already is a grace-gifted church**
- ***I preach the Word of God in order to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus and in order to lead our church into closer alignment with the Scriptures and the NT vision of the body of Christ***
- **Today's message is a convergence of this week's NT readings from I Corinthians 12-14 in the One Year Bible converging with God's working in the vision process**
- **The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts:**
  - I. **TO DIFFERENTIATE (12:4-11, 14, 27-31)**

**I Corinthians 12:4-7** Now there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. <sup>5</sup>There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving. <sup>6</sup>There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us. <sup>7</sup>A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church.

- *If there is one thing we can learn about the nature of God by studying His creation – it is that **God loves diversity***
- Diversity of plants and flowers and trees and insects and fish and animals – *and snowflakes* – and human beings
- **He doesn't make us all the same – He makes us different and unique**
- **Same in the body of Christ**
- *Even in areas of ministry where we all have responsibilities (giving, witnessing, praying, serving, showing mercy, teaching and exhorting and encouraging one another) – **God gives some believers special abilities in those ministries that He doesn't give to all believers***
- All believers are commanded to give generously to the Lord's work and to the needs of others – *but Scripture also mentions a spiritual gift of giving*
- All believers are to show mercy to the hurting and needy – *but Scripture also mentions a spiritual gift of mercy*
- All believers are to study the Bible and share what they learn with others – *but Scripture also mentions a spiritual gift of teaching*
- All believers are to pray for the sick – and James 5 teaches that the elders of the church are to anoint the sick with oil and pray in faith for healing – *but Scripture also mentions spiritual gifts of healing and of faith*
- **We do not all have the same abilities and roles and functions within the body of Christ**
- *Our spiritual gifts differentiate us from one another – our spiritual gifts differentiate eyes from ears, and hands from feet, and stomachs from lungs*

### **God enriches and strengthens churches through diversity**

--God builds up the body by adding new members with different gifts and different passions and different needs and different personalities and experiences

--**God has been doing this at Cornerstone**

- *The Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts – God-given desires and Spirit-empowered abilities -- to every member of the body in order to enable that body to carry out the assignments He gives them*

- Every listing of spiritual gifts in the NT is different from every other listing – there is no one official, comprehensive list

**--I Cor. 12 gifts:**

*The gift of wisdom (word or message of wisdom – or knowledge) is the special insight the Holy Spirit gives to speak just the right word in a specific situation to meet a need or to give advice or solve a problem or to understand God's will*

The gift of faith goes beyond the saving faith of every believer and is that special ability to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purposes of God for His work, and to believe in God's ability and willingness to do extraordinary works today

Gifts of healing and miracles manifest God's supernatural power and enable the body to continue Christ's ministry of curing illnesses and casting out evil spirits

*--these gifts bring freedom and health and deliverance from physical, mental, psychological and spiritual afflictions*

**-- My family can testify that the gift of healing is very much alive & active today**

The gift of prophecy is the proclamation of a message given by God – whether receiving and communicating an immediate message of God through a divinely anointed utterance – *or through Spirit-filled, Spirit-directed and Spirit-empowered preaching of God's Word* – declaring God's will to His people

*--NT prophecy has some similarities and differences with OT prophecy – one difference being that NT prophecy is to be tested and evaluated by the church, implying that even messages given by believers with genuine gifts are not infallible*

*--just as a genuine gift of teaching does not make every interpretation and application of the Bible by that teacher inerrant, so also a genuine gift of prophecy does not make every message inerrant – hence the need to test and evaluate*

*The gift of discerning or distinguishing between spirits is the special ability the Holy Spirit gives to know with assurance whether a certain behavior or message or work purported to be of God is in reality divine, human or Satanic*

***--this gift enables certain believers to test the spirits behind words, gifts and works, to discern the presence and activity and specific kinds of evil spirits, and to know what specific strongholds in a person's life need to be dealt with in order to be set free -- this gift is very useful in counseling, healing and spiritual warfare ministry***

The gift of speaking in tongues is the special ability to speak to God in an unlearned or unknown private prayer language and/or to receive and communicate an immediate

message from God to His people through a divinely anointed utterance in an unlearned or unknown language

*--tongues spoken in public during a gathering of believers must be accompanied by interpretation*

*--the gift of interpretation of tongues is the special ability given by the Holy Spirit to make known the meaning of a message spoken in tongues*

- Other spiritual gifts mentioned by Paul later in I Cor. 12 include:
  - teaching is the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by making clear the truth of the Word of God with accuracy and simplicity so that others can learn*
  - helps is the special ability to invest one's talents in the life and ministry of other members to enable them to increase the effectiveness of their own ministry gifts*
  - administration is the special ability to understand clearly the immediate and long-range goals of a church body and to devise and implement effective plans for the accomplishment of those goals*
- *Notice that in verses 28-30 Paul lists gifts of healings and miracles and tongues with helps and administration while making no distinctions between supernatural and nonsupernatural gifts or temporary and permanent gifts*
- Those kinds of distinctions are man-made and not biblical
- I Corinthians 13:8-10 gives examples of gifts that will cease when “the Perfect” comes – at which time we will all have perfect knowledge and see the Lord face to face
- Some equate the coming of the Perfect with the completion of the NT – *but is it true that with a completed NT that we now see face to face and know fully as we are fully known (verse 12)?*
- *The coming of Perfection almost certainly has to refer to the Second Coming of Christ and our glorification in resurrection bodies at that time – which is how the early church fathers and majority of contemporary scholars interpret the passage*
- The Holy Spirit gives different spiritual gifts to different members of the body in accordance with His purposes for the body
  - your spiritual gifts determine how you see the needs of others, how you relate to other people, and which kinds of needs you are most likely to notice and be motivated to meet**
  - other members, with different gifts, will see different needs and be motivated to serve in different ways*

***Understanding the characteristics and diversity of spiritual gifts helps us to accept one another with our differences rather than expecting others to be more like us***

## **God doesn't make us all the same**

*--one of the purposes of spiritual gifts is to differentiate us from one another, to distinguish our individuality one from another, and to increase the diversity of the body so that we can more completely reflect the fullness of Christ*

## **II. TO UNITE (12:4-6, 11-13, 20, 25-27)**

- Some churches find their unity in their sameness – but God's plan is for churches to find their unity in the Head of the Body, Jesus Christ, while serving the Lord together with different kinds of people with different kinds of gifts

**1 Corinthians 12:11 - 13 (NIV)** <sup>11</sup>All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. <sup>12</sup>The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

- **The purpose of spiritual gifts is to differentiate – but not to divide**  
*--for all these different kinds of gifts and different kinds of service have the same source – all these are the work of one and the same Spirit*

**1 Corinthians 12:7 (NIV)** <sup>7</sup>Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

*The Holy Spirit gives one or more spiritual gifts to every believer*

*--if you have received Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, then you have been given one or more spiritual gifts*

*--each of these different gifts is a manifestation of one and the same Holy Spirit*

*--our unity is a unity of the Spirit that results from our common baptism by one Spirit into one body at the time of our spiritual birth through faith in Jesus Christ*

*--the same Spirit who indwells all of us as believers is the One who gives all of these different gifts in accordance with His will and purpose for each church body*

- If you have the gift of teaching, you need to see that the gift of healing is the work of one and the same Spirit  
*--if you have the gift of encouragement, you need to see that the gift of discerning of spirits is the work of one and the same Spirit*  
*--if you have the gift of mercy, you need to see that the gift of prophecy is the work of one and the same Spirit*

*--if you have the gift of serving, you need to see that the gift of tongues is the work of one and the same Spirit*

*If we think that faith or healing or tongues or discerning of spirits is a more spiritual or important gift than serving or helps or mercy, then our unity will be threatened*

*--or if we treat the gifts of prophecy or tongues or healing or discerning of spirits with contempt or fear or mistrust while welcoming only gifts such as teaching and serving and giving and mercy, then our unity will be threatened*

***--our unity depends on recognizing the work of one and the same Spirit behind all of these different gifts***

**I Corinthians 12:18** <sup>18</sup> But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

- It's not about consumer choice
- *It's not about birds of a feather flocking together*
- *Rather, it's about God placing you in a church body of His choosing in accordance with His purposes for your life and for that church's ministry*  
*--we grow in spiritual maturity not just by hanging out with people who are like us*  
*– but by learning how to love people who are different from us*

**It is not different spiritual gifts that cause unity problems in churches – it is lack of love that causes unity problems in churches**

*--That's why Paul inserts the love chapter (13) right in the middle of his teaching on spiritual gifts*

How do we grow in unity and maturity?

*Don't be selfish. Seek the good of others even at your own expense.*

*Don't be critical and tear people down with your speech. Be an encourager. Build people up.*

*Forgive each other like Christ forgave you. Don't let any root of bitterness remain between you and another. Get rid of anger, bickering, quarreling, and slander.*

*Die to self daily and submit to one another. Do this in reverence for Christ who submitted Himself to death on the cross for you.*

*Be patient with each other, even when you have been mistreated or offended. Forgive even the worst offenses like God does. Love one another.*

### III. TO CREATE INTERDEPENDENCE (12:14-26)

- Just as your physical body needs every part in order to live a normal and healthy life, so the church needs every member – and their gifts  
**--No member can say of any other member, *I don't need you.***
- **I Cor 12:14-21** – two wrong attitudes:
  - (1) (vss. 15-17) *My spiritual gifts are inferior and unimportant, and the body can get along fine without me – I am a nobody and I have nothing significant to contribute to the church*
  - (2) (vs. 21) *My gifts are superior and self-sufficient. In fact, I really don't need the rest of the body. I can serve the Lord effectively alone. I can become spiritually mature without the church. I can live a life well-pleasing to the Lord apart from the church. I know I need the Lord, but I really don't need the church to be a good Christian.*

Emo Phillips: *I used to think the brain was the most wonderful organ in my body. Then I realized which part of my body was telling me this.*

- ***Spiritual pride is one of the greatest dangers with spiritual gifts***
- In Corinth, some of the believers with the gift of speaking in tongues were elevating that gift above all others – *regarding that gift as the mark of superior spirituality and intimacy with God*
- Today as well – there are some Christians who regard the gift of tongues as the special sign of being baptized or filled with the Spirit – *believing that those who do not speak in tongues cannot experience the fullness of the Spirit as much as tongues-speakers can*
- This unbiblical attitude is one of the substantial barriers dividing charismatic and noncharismatic evangelicals
- *Spiritual pride is totally out of place with respect to spiritual gifts*
- The Greek word translated spiritual gifts is ***charismata*** – *from which we get the word “charismatic”*
- The singular form is “*charisma*”
- And it comes from the root word – *charis* – meaning “***grace***”
- **All spiritual gifts are in reality “grace-gifts”**

- *There can be no boasting about a gift that is received by God's sovereign grace*
- By the way – in that biblical sense – we are all charismatic Christians because every Christian has been given at least one “grace-gift” by the Holy Spirit
- *The idea that charismatic believers should exercise charismatic gifts in charismatic churches segregated from noncharismatic believers exercising noncharismatic gifts in noncharismatic churches is a totally unbiblical concept that is directly contrary to the NT vision of the body of Christ as one body with many parts exercising many different grace-gifts as distributed by the Holy Spirit*
- Perhaps if charismatic and noncharismatic believers alike gave up some of their spiritual pride and prejudices and stereotypes and fears and mistrust – we could unite in our common faith and love for Jesus Christ
  
- ***We need each other to become mature in Christ***
- On a baseball team, if a starting pitcher goes down with an injury, the manager can't just throw a third baseman into the starting rotation in his place
  
- ***In the body of Christ as well, the parts of the body are not interchangeable***  
 --the gift of teaching is not interchangeable with the gift of discerning of spirits  
 --the gift of giving is no substitute for the gift of encouragement  
 --a few additional gifts of mercy will not make up for the loss of the gift of prophecy  
 --strong gifts of administration will not make up for a dearth of gifts of evangelism  
 --if you withdraw your gift of serving from the body, we cannot compensate with someone else's gift of wisdom
  
- ***Members of the body need every other member of the body.***  
 --the ear cannot do the work of the eye / the feet cannot do the work of the hands
- ***You and your gifts are necessary to the healthy functioning of the body***  
 --when one member is missing – or her gifts are not being used – or her gifts are being stifled -- the body is weakened
  
- *Our ROCK Center capital funds campaign was successful because of good participation by many members of our church body – but surely we have had people quietly exercising the gift of giving these past 7 years as well*
- Without them – we would not be in the strong financial condition we are in today – and we would not be just a matter of months from paying off our mortgage
  
- Not all spiritual gifts show up on the bottom line as obviously as the gift of giving
- *But the church body is weakened just as surely whenever any of the gifts is being stifled or neglected*

- *A church needs all the members – and all the gifts -- God has given the body.*

**God made each of you to function as part of the body. Every one of you needs the body. The body needs every one of you.**

#### **IV. TO MANIFEST GOD'S PRESENCE, WORKS, WORD & WILL (12:6-10; 14:25-31)**

**1 Corinthians 12:6 - 7 (NIV)** <sup>6</sup>There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. <sup>7</sup>Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

*Each different gift is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit*

**--Each gift reveals something of the nature of God and of Christ**

*--the gift of mercy conveys God's mercy as the gift of prophecy does not*

*--the gift of healing reveals God as a Powerful and Loving Healer as the gift of leadership does not*

*--the gift of giving conveys God's generosity as the gift of tongues does not*

*--the gift of teaching conveys God's truth as the gift of serving does not*

**If any of the gifts is squelched in a church body – then something of the nature of God and the ministry of Christ will be missing in that church**

**--all of the gifts reveal some aspect of God's nature and carry on some aspect of Christ's ministry and are manifestations of the one and only Holy Spirit**

*The body needs gifts of wisdom, knowledge, discernment and faith to understand God and His will and His ways*

**--the body needs gifts of teaching and preaching and exhortation and prophecy to understand God's Word and its relevance to the present situation**

*--the body needs gifts of healing and tongues and miracles to demonstrate God's supernatural power*

*--the body needs gifts of mercy and serving and helps and giving and hospitality to demonstrate God's love and care in a personal way*

*--the body needs gifts of evangelism to reveal God's heart for the lost and unsaved*

*--the body needs gifts of leadership and administration so that God's purposes can be accomplished in a coordinated way through all the other spiritual gifts*

#### **V. TO EDIFY THE CHURCH BODY (12:7; 14:1-5, 26-31)**

**1 Corinthians 14:26 (NIV)** <sup>26</sup>What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church.

- *The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to every member of the body in order to strengthen and equip and build up that body to carry out the assignments He gives them*
- When the eye sees, it is not for the eye's benefit. Eyesight is for the rest of the body. Sight is not for the eye's sake so he can say, "*Thank God I have the gift of seeing. I wish all the rest of you did, too.*"
- **NO** -- Sight is for the body's sake. All the other members of the body depend on the eye to tell them what the eye sees.
- *If you are not using the spiritual gifts God has given you for the good of the church and the other members of the body, then you are either wasting or misusing what God has given you -- and are thereby hindering the body from fulfilling God's assignments*
- Cf. If an offensive lineman misses his blocking assignment, the quarterback or running back will pay the price, and the whole team will suffer
- *Every believer has a God-given assignment to fulfill in the body of Christ // the Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts enabling every believer to fulfill his or her God-given assignment for the good of the body*
- **CLASS 301 – Blueprint for Ministry – Tues. Sept. 1 -- helping you discover how God has uniquely shaped you for ministry -- equipping you to fulfill your God-given assignment for the strengthening of our church body**
- You have your gifts not so much for your own sake as for the sake of others.  
**--In order for us to be able to receive and carry out God's vision for our church, we need to be a fully functioning body with all members and all gifts contributing to the strengthening and upbuilding of our church body**
- We're a good, healthy church – but we're not there yet
- *Part of the problem is that some of our members have not discovered or are not using their gifts to build up our body*
- But there's another problem as well – namely, that some of our members do not feel free to use – or even talk about -- certain of their spiritual gifts in our church
- *If a person wanted to develop and use their gift of serving or mercy or teaching or evangelism or intercessory prayer or giving or encouragement – we would be glad to assist them and encourage them to cultivate those kinds of gifts*

- **They wouldn't need to be secretive about using their gift of serving or teaching**
- But what about some of the gifts mentioned in I Corinthians 12?
- *How are we encouraging and developing and cultivating the use of gifts of healing or knowledge or prophecy or tongues or discerning of spirits or miracles?*
- In many cases, we're not
- *With no biblical justification, we discriminate between certain gifts that we welcome and other gifts that we discourage or stifle or wish they would just go away or stay hidden in a closet*
- The Apostle Paul was well aware of the problems that could arise due to the misuse of certain spiritual gifts or due to elevating certain gifts in importance over other gifts or becoming puffed up with pride and a sense of spiritual superiority due to having a certain extraordinary gift
- *Particularly problematic in Corinth was the gift of tongues*
- Paul very easily could have decided that the gift of tongues was doing more harm than good and should just be banned
- *Instead, this was his conclusion to the matter:*

**1 Corinthians 14:39 - 40 (NIV)** <sup>39</sup>Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. <sup>40</sup>But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

- *The biblical solution to misuse is not prohibiting use but rather proper use*
- **There is no biblical justification for squelching or stifling any of the spiritual gifts mentioned in I Corinthians 12 or Romans 12 or any other Scripture**
- All of us who are members and regular attenders must take responsibility for sinful attitudes, words and actions that have created a climate in our church such that some of our members do not feel free to develop or use – or even talk about – some of their spiritual gifts
- *The vision team has identified some sins in our church body that are hindering the use of some of the spiritual gifts that God has given to our body*
- This is not to say that every one of us has committed all of these sins
- *But these sins are present in our church body to a degree sufficient to hinder us from becoming all that Christ wants us to be*

**(Show the slide of each sin as I mention them)**

**MISTRUST** – of our church leaders // of believers with certain gifts // and of the Holy Spirit Himself

**UNBELIEF** – limiting God’s power and responding with skepticism to testimonies of God’s miraculous activity in the lives of others

**INTENTIONAL IGNORANCE** – failing to seek the truth about spiritual gifts with a teachable attitude // failing to learn how to instruct others in cultivating their gifts

**FEAR** -- fear of change // fear of losing control // fear of how the Holy Spirit might choose to manifest His presence and power if we gave him full control of our church

**CLINGING TO CONTROL** – wanting to regulate and manage the Spirit’s activity rather than allowing Him to be Lord of our church

**CYNICISM** – becoming jaded and suspicious and negative and closed toward spiritual gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit due to negative experiences in the past or reports of abuses in other churches

**GIFT PROJECTION** – expecting others to see needs and ministry and church life through the lenses of our spiritual gifts, and being suspicious of those who experience God’s activity differently than we do

**SQUELCHED** – by squelching or stifling or discouraging certain gifts, we have been a stumbling block to the spiritual growth and fruitfulness of some members of our church who have not felt fully accepted for who they are in Christ // we have weakened our church body by not encouraging the use of all the gifts the Holy Spirit has given to us

- *We will be confessing these sins in a few minutes, but I want to close with some personal pastoral remarks to help us move forward as one body with many parts*
- **I believe a NT vision of the church calls us to love and accept one another – and worship and fellowship and serve the Lord together – as one body with many parts – with charismatic and noncharismatic believers humbly accepting and respecting one another and working together to fulfill Christ’s mission**
- *I desire Cornerstone to be a NT church in this sense of one body with many parts*
- In order for that to happen – I propose acceptance of these principles:

**(1) *No spiritual gift – including tongues – will be regarded as a mark or criterion for any special spiritual status or condition***

--speaking in tongues is a spiritual gift given to some but not all believers – and speaking in tongues has absolutely nothing to do with spiritual maturity or being filled with the Spirit or being fruitful in serving the Lord  
 --*claiming any special status by virtue of speaking in tongues – or not speaking in tongues – is prideful, unbiblical and divisive*

**(2) *No spiritual gift – including tongues or any other miraculous gift – will be dismissed as illegitimate or prohibited or treated with contempt, suspicion or disapproval***

--we will support the proper, biblical, Spirit-directed use of any genuine gifts of the Holy Spirit given to Cornerstone believers that are used in accordance with God's Word and under the oversight of the church leadership

**(3) *Though we may openly discuss our differing views on spiritual gifts, those with a particular gift that has blessed them – such as tongues – may not attempt to persuade or recruit other people in the church to try to speak in tongues***

--we will allow the Holy Spirit to distribute grace-gifts as He determines

**(4) *Given the nature of our church body, we will not foster or encourage regular tongues-speaking in Sunday morning worship services***

--occasional speaking in tongues followed by interpretation will not be forbidden, but we share the Pauline preference for intelligible communication and preaching of the Word in worship services

--*respecting Cornerstone's history, identity, culture and membership – we will not attempt an extreme make-over of our corporate worship*

--we do not want any one gift to become a distraction from the intended purpose of releasing all of the spiritual gifts to be more freely exercised in building up our church body and equipping us for ministry and outreach

**(5) *We will all submit to the Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ and to the Sovereign working of the Spirit in our church body***

--*We will welcome all believers and all gifts that God adds to our church body and we will seek to help every member of our church become mature in Christ and to use their spiritual gifting freely and fruitfully for the good of our body*

## **Pastoral Prayer**

**Brent Bullock**

**"Fill Me Now" CD / Altar Call**

**Vision Team**

***Prayer of Corporate Confession & Repentance***

***Prayer of Consecration for Spiritual Gifts***

**Worship Team – *“I Surrender All to You”***