

From the Family Room

**Church of Christ at Creekwood
Mobile, AL**

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Making the Most of Our Talent *Being a Functioning Member of the Lord's Body*



Let your light shine like that in the sight of men. Let them see the good things you do and praise your Father in Heaven. Matthew 5:16

As the human body, which has many parts, is a unity, and those parts, despite their multiplicity, constitute one single body, so it is with the body of Christ. For we were all baptized by the Spirit into one body, whether we were Jews, Gentiles, slaves or free men, and we have all had experience of the same Spirit. Now the body is not one member but many. For if everything were concentrated in one part, how could there be a body at all? The fact is there are many parts, but only one body. So that the eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" nor, again, can the head say to the feet, "I don't need you!" I Corinthians 12: 12-14

This past December, many members of Creekwood volunteered to work part of three days/nights to provide food to the community. The pictures above give some idea of the scope of this project. Our fellowship hall was filled with food that had to be unpacked, checked for damage and expiration dates, and then sorted. It was then packed into the boxes seen in the pictures. Each family received all of the food on one table. Then when the doors opened, the food had to be carried out and packed into the car of each family. This took many man-hours to complete, clean the fellowship hall, and set the tables and chairs up for Bible class the next morning. Hopefully the good things done for others glorified God.

What we saw on that weekend is just one example of what happens on a regular basis at Creekwood. Whether it is meals-on-wheels twice each week, serving at worship, teaching in a Bible class, taking food to the sick, giving blood in our blood drives, contributing on Sunday, sending out cards of encouragement, visiting those who cannot assemble with us, preparing communion, and in many other ways, we have many opportunities to glorify God by using the talents He has given to each of us.

God has placed us just where we need to be in the body of Christ so we can serve most effectively. Please know that we should accept responsibility for our God given talents. We must also recognize our limitations. We must accept the talents of others that are different. Our good works and our service are evidence of our love for God and our faith in God.

We are thankful for those who have contributed their talent and time to serving God in many different ways. We pray that each of our members will be a minister by serving according to their talent. Most of us are very busy these days. True consistent servants are created from the inside out. They serve because they first love God. Listed on the back are many opportunities for us to use our talents in service to God and our fellow man. **Right now there is an urgent need for Bible class teachers for our children. If you would like to serve in this manner, please see Glen or Holly Hall.**

Remember, there is no "they" - there is only "us."

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- ☐ Greeter ☐ Welcome Center ☐ Nursery
- ☐ Communion Preparation & Clean-up
- ☐ Lead Singing
- ☐ Lead Prayer
- ☐ Make Announcements
- ☐ Serve on the Lord's Table
- ☐ Scripture Reading
- ☐ Preach on occasion
- ☐ Control Room ☐ Sound & Recording ☐ PowerPoint
- ☐ Attendance & Records
- ☐ **Camp Creek** (Children's Bible School for Elementary)
 - ☐ Teach at least 1 or 2 classes each month
 - ☐ Be a substitute (a person to fill in when other teachers need to miss)
- ☐ Visitation to Visitors and others
- ☐ Home Bible Study
 - ☐ Teach
 - ☐ Assist
- ☐ Prison Ministry
- ☐ Mission Work
- ☐ Benevolence
- ☐ World Bible School
- ☐ Prepare meals with Meals on Wheels Team
- ☐ Deliver meals with Meals on Wheels Team
- ☐ Assist with Blood Drives
- ☐ Driver for Van Service AM Worship
- ☐ Count Contribution
- ☐ Widows Program
- ☐ Involvement Ministry
- ☐ Assisting with serving older members/shut-ins (visit, prepare meals, take to doctor or other needs, etc.)
- ☐ Routine Maintenance (Inside) i.e. light bulbs, filters, thermostats, paint, drywall repair, etc.
- ☐ Routine Maintenance (Outside) power wash, minor routine inspection and repair, etc.
- ☐ Baptistry Maintenance (John Sims)
- ☐ Maintenance of church vehicles
- ☐ Maintain Closets and Cabinets
- ☐ Help Organize Fellowship Activities and Events
- ☐ Set up Tables for Fellowship Meals
- ☐ Clean Up after Activities
- ☐ Help Decorate for Fellowship Activities
- ☐ Help Cook (Wednesday Night Meals, etc.)
- ☐ Assist with visitation (shut-ins, hospitals, etc.) _____
- ☐ Help with moving (load/unload moving truck, etc.)