# Winning Teams Have Confidence… 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Cornerstone Christian Church

June 2022 Confidence Rooted In Christ!

(Hebrews 3:6)

For the last several articles, we’ve looked at various terms in the original language of the New Testament that describe the confidence all Christians should enjoy. We’ve seen the resilience, the ability to withstand pressure, and the hope for the future that Christian confidence brings to our daily experience. But there is one thing we must never take for granted when considering confidence- the church!

We live in a time when the church is often taken for granted or shunted aside as just another organization or “institutionalized religion.” There are those who, to their own detriment, fail to see that the church is a living expression of our position in Christ- that we are saved not to try to face life alone, but as a unified Body, with all the advantages and blessings to be found therein. Successful teams have group cohesion, commit to one another, keep morale high through mutual encouragement, and work toward goals bigger than the individual.

Our leader, our Head, is Jesus Christ. There is no authority in the church except Christ; all else is designed by Him to function under Him. Anyone who tries to undermine or redirect His stated will, found in the Scriptures, stands in defiance of God. In Him we find ultimate confidence, by way of:

His eternal presence- we are never alone or deprived of Jesus. He is present in the person of His Spirit

and our faith reassures us of His love (Romans 8:35-39; Ephesians 3:14-19).

His call to us to serve- being in the Body means being active! The purpose of any part of any body is to do…whatever that part is supposed to do! Every believer can live in the confidence that there is a purpose for them, that their life is not a random, meaningless thing (Ephesians 3:20, 21; 1 Peter

4:10).

His provision of a “team” on which to “play”- Romans 12:5 and 1 Corinthians 12:27 both shout out that as individuals, we are part of the Body. These passages, and others, are almost like cheers encour- aging us on to work harder for the Lord, and for one another- after all, we are members (parts) of both! We didn’t earn or purchase this great privilege- Jesus shed His blood on the cross to bring us into these relationships!

One thing is certain- the church is important. It is THE institution of God, THE Body of His Son on earth. Be

encouraged and confident. This team exists to serve our Master, and to carry His message to the world.

That’s what we’re a part of!

Blessed to be serving with you- Jay

***Communion Meditation:* 6/5– Wayne Nickols 6/12– Ken Crook**

# 6/19– Jack Jackson

**6/26– Loyd McBride**

*How June Shapes Up...*

Memorial Day Weekend Cookout– Sunday, June 5th at 3 PM. At the McKemey's, with food, fel- lowship, and swimming! The main course is provided (hotdogs and hamburgers), please bring your own drinks, snacks, and any sides you may want. Bring your bathing suit and a towel if you plan to swim.

Friday, 6/3 & 6/17– Cornerstone Quilters meet at the building. Interested in quilting for a purpose? Your talents are desired here!

Monday, 6/6- Elders meet at 4PM at the church building. See Jay, Jack, or Larry if you have busi- ness for them to discuss, of if you want to meet with them.

Wednesday Meals for February will be on the 8th and 22nd at 5:00 PM. The price is $5 per person, or $10 per family max. Please turn in a reservation, or let Sarah or Gladys know that you will be

attending.

Tuesday, 6/14– Ladies Bible Study at the building, 6:30 PM. Ladies– come join in. All are welcome!

The Men’s Group will meet Saturday 6/18 at 8 AM and will include breakfast. Plan to attend, men! Great fellowship, interaction, and devotional thoughts to help you sharpen your Christian focus.

Vacation Bible School at Cornerstone on June 20 & 21, 6:15-8:15 PM, for K5 to entering 6th grade. Want to help? See Andrea– she’ll be glad to have you on board!

Keenagers will meet Friday, 6/24 at the CCC Building, 12 noon. Please let Gladys know if you plan

to attend. The devotion will be brought by Loyd McBride.

