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A man in a cowboy hat and jacket looking off to the side against a sunset background. The man is wearing a dark jacket and a cowboy hat. The background is a warm, orange-hued sunset over a body of water.

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**Expecting things to change without putting in any effort is
like waiting for a ship at the airport**

Gladys was in the hospital," and J.C. was visiting. He was trying to stop smoking and was chewing on an unlit cigar when he got on the elevator. A lady said to him, "Sir, there's no smoking in here." J.C., said, "I'm not smoking." "But you have a cigar in your mouth," the lady said. "Lady," J.C. answered, "I've got on Jockey shorts, too, but I'm not riding a horse either."

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A man was lying in a hospital, covered in bandages from head to toe. The guy in the next bed said, "What do you do for a living?" The bandaged man replied, "I used to be a window cleaner." "Oh, when did you give that up?" "About halfway down."

If two people love each other, nothing is impossible. Except deciding where to eat.

If a zombie was walking through Washington DC looking for brains, he would walk right by most of the politicians

Oh my goodness. I can't believe my grandparents voted Democratic this year in Florida. They NEVER would have done that when they were alive.

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Others could be given a single weed and only see the wildflower in it.

Perception is a key component to gratitude, and gratitude is a key component to joy!

THE DANGEROUS THING ABOUT GOING OUTSIDE GOD'S WILL TO GET WHAT YOU WANT, IS THAT YOU HAVE TO STAY OUTSIDE GOD'S WILL TO KEEP IT.

DID YOU REMEMBER?

A married couple were enjoying a luxury South Sea cruise until their liner was shipwrecked and they were washed ashore on a desert island, the only survivors.

Day after day, they looked hopefully out to sea in the hope of spotting a passing vessel but none came. As boredom set in, they started to think about their home back in Arizona.

The wife asked, "Did you remember to pay the final installment on the Chevrolet before we came away?"

"No, honey, I clean forgot. Sorry."

"Did you remember to pay the electric bill before we left home?"

"No, I completely forgot. Sorry."

"Did you remember to pay the gas bill?"

"Do you know, that slipped my mind, too. Sorry."

"And did you remember to pay the six-monthly tax bill?"

"I knew there was something important I had to do. I'm really sorry honey."

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"What's that?"

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"Boss can I have a week off around Christmas?"

"It's May..."

"Sorry. May I have a week off around Christmas?"

My wife doesn't believe that auto correct changed "Yes Dear." to "No I'm not picking your mother up at the airport at 1 am."

If politicians don't want foreigners involved in our elections, why do they think it's all right for illegals to vote?

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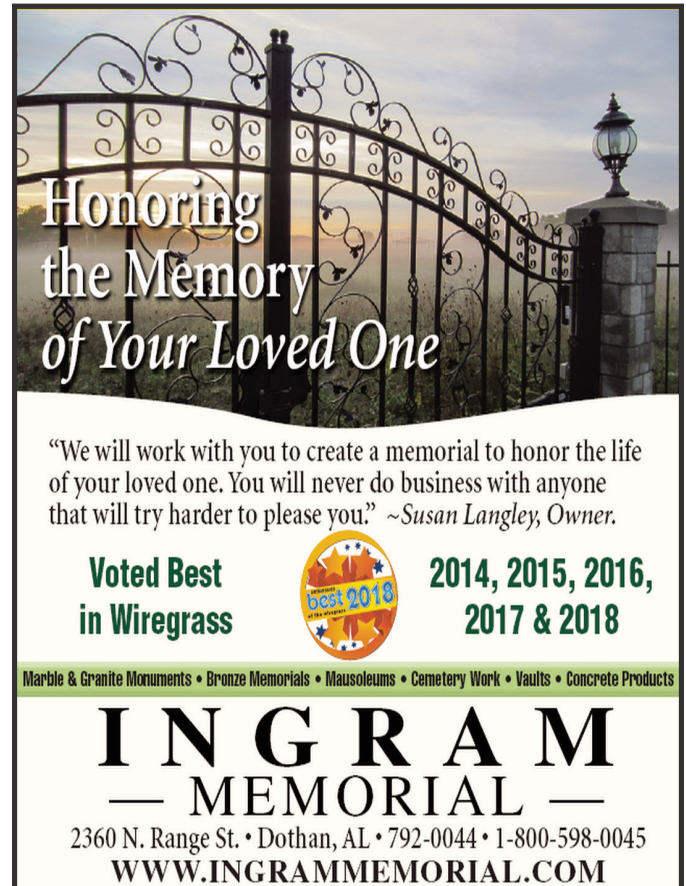
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**When I was little my mom
use to feed me alphabet
soup claiming I loved it.
I didn't really, she was
just putting words
in my mouth.**

**The only person that calls and checks on me everyday is the
guy from India who wants to discuss my car warranty.**

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MY MIND FOR ME?**

There once was a funeral for a woman who had often screamed at her husband, drove her kids half nuts, scrapped with the neighbors at the slightest opportunity, and even made their cat and dog crazy with her explosive temper. As the casket was lowered into the grave, a violent thunderstorm broke, and the pastor's benediction was drowned out by a blinding flash of lightning, followed by terrific thunder. "Well, at least we know she got there all right," commented her husband.

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TWO WATT BULBS

A man walks into a hardware store and speaks to the cashier.

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"Two what?"

"I thought you didn't have any."

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Not 30 minutes later I hear my neighbors screaming, so I go out and ask them what's wrong?

They tell me their rabbit died three days ago and they buried it but now it's back in the cage.

Most people don't think I'm as old as I am until they hear me stand up.

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Muggy July weather has also been stressful to our lawns, gardens and veggies, and August may bring more of it. One of the most beneficial organic products which has been around for centuries cures most fungal, disease and insect problems, and is available at most garden supply centers: Neem oil. A tablespoon or two per gallon of water (read the directions carefully!) as a spray or soil drench will have an almost immediate effect. It should be applied once every two weeks late in the afternoon, never in bright sunlight.

The Alabama Extension's SOW app says we can still plant cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, pumpkins, tomatoes and watermelon. The app's menu in the top left corner leads to other information such as where to find Farmer's Markets, gardening basics, finding your planting zone, and much more. Plus, if you click on any of the veggies in the planting list, you find more information on veggie varieties to plant for your area, tips and more.

Remember, the next Master Gardener Class to become a certified Master Gardener will be offered at the Coffee County Extension Office in New Brockton this month, beginning August 28th going through November 20th from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Wednesdays only. Call 334-894-5596 for more information and registration.

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Dee Gilbert
 Claybank Master Gardner



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If you know me, you will know that I use August as a starting. Maybe it is the youth minister side of me who would be getting ready for school to start and seeing the excitement in our students' eyes. Trust me, this was not excitement for the schoolwork, but for the opportunity, that this could be the year their friend surrenders their life to Jesus. As I have shared before August is normally a difficult month for me. It is a month that really challenges me. Craig Groeschel said, "If something doesn't challenge you, it won't change you." We see throughout scripture the trials that many believers face due to their convictions. I think of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men were taken from their home and forced to serve in the king's court. Their stories are known all over. Daniel was thrown into a den of lions because he continued to pray to God with his window opened, after a decree was sent out saying not too. Shadrach and his crew were thrown into a furnace because they refused to bow and worship the king's statue. These four men publicly chose a road no one else wanted to go down. These four men were challenged because of their faith and convictions. Jesus said in Matthew 7:13-14, **"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."** It is easy to follow the crowds in order to not make a scene. It's easy to quiet our convictions due to peer pressure. What would your life look like if you chose the path that was more difficult and challenging? Who would you become? Are you willing to go through the narrow gate? I want to leave you with an excerpt from Robert Frost's poem The Road not Taken. "I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.



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Aunt T's Kitchen

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GREEK BUTTER

Use on Shrimp

- 1 stick softened unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons finely crumbled feta cheese
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
- 2 teaspoons fresh oregano, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon grated garlic
- 1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

RED CURRY BUTTER

Use on Chicken

- 1 stick softened unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons red curry paste
- 2 tablespoons cilantro leaves, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon fresh lime zest
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

HONEY CARDAMON BUTTER

Spread on Biscuits

- 1 stick softened unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons of honey

COMPOUND BUTTERS

- 1 teaspoon of lemon zest
- 1/2 teaspoon of cardamom
- 1/8 teaspoon of salt

BLUEBERRY MAPLE BUTTER

Slather on Pancakes

- 1 stick softened unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup frozen blueberries, thawed
- 2 tablespoons of maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon blueberry preserves
- 1/8 teaspoon of salt

CHIMICHURRI BUTTER

Use on steak

- 1 cup packed parsley leaves and stems finely chopped
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- 3 tablespoons of Cilantro, finely chopped
- 1 Lime, zest and juice
- 2 sticks of Unsalted Butter, softened
- ½ teaspoon of Salt

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Use on Bread, Chicken, Steak, Seafood, or Veggies

- 1 Small Whole Roasted Garlic
- 2 tsp Finely Chopped Fresh Rosemary
- 1/2 tsp Sea Salt
- 1/4 tsp Freshly Ground Black Pepper
- 1 Stick Unsalted Butter, softened

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USE ON BREAD, CHICKEN, STEAK, SEAFOOD, OR VEGGIES

- 4 Tbsp Finely Chopped Fresh Italian Flat-Leaf Parsley
- 1 tsp Chili Flakes

- 4 Cloves Garlic, finely chopped
- Zest of 1 Lemon
- 1/2 tsp Coarsely Ground Black Pepper
- 1 Stick Unsalted Butter, softened

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USE ON CORN ON COB OR TO SAUTE BROCCOLI

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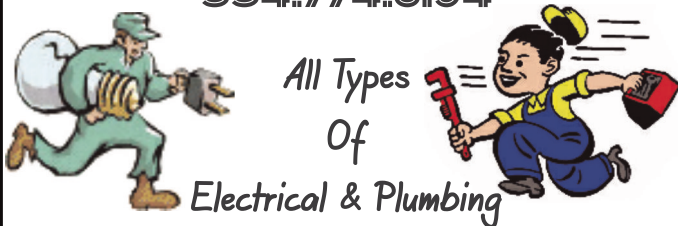


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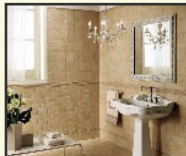
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approached him about it.
"Is it true?" the newcomer asked
incredulously. "You, a boat captain,
can't swim?"
"No I can't," the captain replied.
"Can pilots fly?"

We Are the Body of Christ

By Wallace Kennedy Jr.

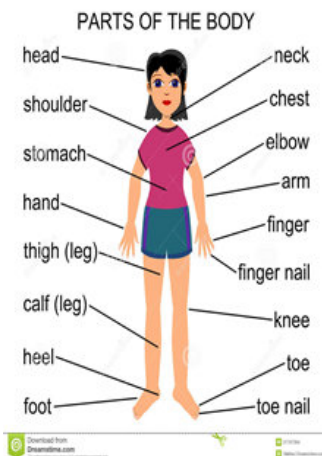


I would like to encourage you today that you are a valuable asset to the kingdom of God. A sense of belonging is a human need, just like the need for food and shelter. Feeling that you belong is most important in seeing value in life and in coping with painful emotions, troubles and the many challenges that we will face. Belonging promotes motivation, health and happiness. Without it we get lonely, diminished self-worth and may suffer loss of self-esteem.

God saved us because He loves us. He expressed that love by giving His only begotten Son as a love sacrifice so that you and I can be a part of His family. God has a purpose for saving us: *He has saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works, but by His own purpose and by the grace He granted us in Christ Jesus before time eternal. 2 Timothy 1:9*

We Are the Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. (Please read the entire chapter) see the image below:



You are important no matter what part of the body of Christ that you are. Every part of the body needs each other to be complete. Let's say that one day I bang my little toe really hard on the leg of a heavy piece of furniture and then my entire body shuts down until the pain eased away. Paul said: *And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. 1 Cor. 12:23* Well, needless to say my little toe was in charge for a short period of time. When we see someone hurting, they may not be the most important part, but remember: *...which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: 1 Cor. 12:22*

In Conclusion: You may be wondering what my role is or what part of the body am I. *But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 1 Cor. 12:17* God will confirm where you fit. Now hear this, the body of Christ has internal and external functions as a body of believers. It is easy to occupy padded pews with climate control. When you consider the spiritual condition of our society at large, there is a great need for us all to glorify God with convictions. Jesus said: *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. John 14:12*

Jesus was one person, we are many. He walked everywhere He went, and here we are riding in vehicles, and having access to many resources and tools to reach people. "The little pinky-finger can share their testimony and the blood of the Lamb" and make a lifesaving impact on the world around us. Every part of the body matters whether large or small, so never see yourself as insignificant but valuable and relevant to the body of Christ.

God bless you and keep you in His care!

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TO READ AND ENJOY LAUGHS AND LIFTS.

*My neighbor rang on my doorbell at 3 am...
can you believe it!?*
Luckily I was still up playing the drums.



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"And that helps?" J.C. asked.

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