Church Alive and Functioning

MAKEOVER SERIES

Tallgrass Prairie Health Requires Bison

You and Jesus' Church

- The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12 (NLT)
- How strange a body would be if it had only one part! 1 Corinthians 12:19 (NLT)

Together

All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT)

God Appointed Parts for the Church

Here are **some** of the parts God has appointed for the church:

first are apostles, second are prophets, third are teachers, then those who do miracles, those who have the gift of healing, those who can help others, those who have the gift of leadership, those who speak in unknown languages.

1 Corinthians 12:28 (NLT)

Go for the Best

- So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts. But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all. 1 Corinthians 12:31 (NLT)
- Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT)

Life Goals

Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy. 1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT)

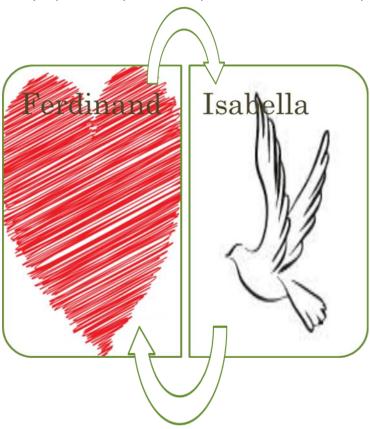
Helpful Spiritual Gift

But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them. 1 Corinthians 14:3 (NLT)

Gift of prophecy

Receives information from God which is for the good of one or more people in the church.

Holy Spirit Empowers Spiritual Relationships



Church Makeover

TRADITIONAL

- Do church for Jesus
- Do what attracts attendees
- Perform interesting music & messages
- Program according to age and interests
- Organize for authority and order
- Build buildings
- Collect funds
- Do good

TRANSFORMATIONAL

- Do church as Jesus leads
- Lift Jesus up and He will bring people
- Promote Jesus in music, messages teaching, training, & worship
- Spirit-led program
- Spirit-led organization to promote order
- Jesus directed building
- Spirit-guided giving
- Spirit-led benevolence and missions

Keep Going

I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he appears to set up his Kingdom: Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. 2 Timothy 4:1-2 (NLT)

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