

- **We all have different gifts, abilities, passions, and convictions but we are all part of one body and are to use the gifts we have for service in the church.**

- Romans 12: 3-5
 - o We are all parts to be used for the unification of one body as well as the one purpose of that body, which is the church. The churches function is to reveal the mysteries of the gospel to the people outside of the church and point people to God.

- 1 Corinthians 12: 4-7
 - o Common theme of unity with one Lord, Spirit, and God. All of our gifts are from God.

- We are all blessed in different areas and blessed with different abilities to be used in conjunction with each person in the church for the unity of the church and ultimately for the kingdom of God.

- Even though we all have different gifts, it does not mean we should be divided, but we should still have unity. [Example of our physical bodies [1 Corinthians 12: 12-31] – our bodies are made up of different aspects and different parts that have unique functions but they work in conjunction and unity with each other to make our body function each day as the way God intended it to].

- All these gifts are equally important [Romans 12: 3]

- We all have a role to play on this youth council and in this ministry and we need to find out what gifts and abilities we each have to be able fill those specific roles.
 - o Illustration about switching from cross-country team to basketball team at Guilford. Had to accept the roles which were needed to be filled on those teams and they happened to be quite different. Every athletic team I have ever been on functioned better when each player knew their role and stuck to that. We need to do that on this youth council because we are all on the same team with the same goal to see students become Christians and disciple them to be Godly men and women.

- **Scripture mentions several spiritual gifts that are needed in order for the church to function effectively and as God designed it to.**
 - o Romans 12: 6-9
 - v. 6 – Prophecy – speaking the things of God to others and pointing those people to Christ [teaching and preaching was also a part of this]
 - v. 7 – Service – serving other people
 - v. 7 – Teaching – helping students to learn how to be Godly women and men
 - v. 8 – Exhorting – giving advice to propel people to action

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- v. 8 – Generosity – giving of many things including time, money, gifts
 - v. 8 – Leading – leading through service, I understand this to be my role in this youth ministry
 - v. 8 – Showing of mercy – being compassionate and loving to people
 - v. 9 – Love – love is a very important spiritual gift
- 1 Corinthians 12: 8-11; 27-31
 - Many other gifts and abilities God has given His people.
- Some of my spiritual gifts:
 - Humor
 - Teaching with passion/Teaching in general
 - Understanding Scripture
 - Relating with students and children
 - Being gentle and compassionate
 - Being personable
 - **What gifts and abilities to you all have that can be used to bring unification to this youth council and this youth ministry? Can you name any that pop in your mind right now?**
 - Specific roles we need fulfilled in this youth ministry:
 - Reminder e-mails/facebook messages, phone calls to contact students about events as well as their parents
 - Prayer warriors
 - Encouragers
 - Visitation partners
 - Bringing ideas of being missional
 - Trips/Supervision/Counseling advice on youth outings when we have adequate numbers
 - Pick-up and drop-off system
 - Service in any area
 - Specific planning ideas for mission trips, retreats, family building trips, fun activities
 - Any others we can think of?
 - I would ask that each of you take a month, which is the time we have from now to our next youth council meeting and read Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12 and ask God specifically what spiritual gifts you have and how He would have for you to use those in the scope of this youth ministry.