

## Pastor's Perspective (Fall 2008)

### **Everyone Matters**

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts...they form one body (I Corinthians 12:12).

Sometimes folks see the church as the Pastor's responsibility. Sometimes folks see the leadership as those who are responsible for the work and ministry. But Paul says that the body is a unit. He goes on in that passage to say that everyone is important. If you get a chance, read the rest of the chapter.

In our body, everyone matters. Whether you have been here a long time or have been here only one week, you are an important part of this fellowship! My Pastor from years ago used to say, "The first day you come you're a visitor, the second time you come, you're in!" At NLF that is how we desire people to feel. You do not have to wait to become a part. Everyone is part of the unit at New Life.

I watch "The Unit" on television. It's a program about a special division that carries out underground military assignments. Although some have more authority than others, they only work well together when they all work as a unit. In a unit, many become one. Paul uses that terminology to describe us. We become one when you make NLF your own. You belong here, you are valued and you are involved. This is a body that NEEDS you. Say to yourself, "This is my NLF." Find your place or create one. Let me reiterate, we need you! Connect with a group, make a new friend, find a ministry - get involved. This is your NLF. I love you all and if ever you need any help, please call me.

Pastor Gene