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**Family Matters**

February 19, 2023

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**Lessons for Today**

**AM: Brian Mitchell**  
 "Understanding How the Church Grows—Expectation"  
 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

**PM: Brian Mitchell**  
 1 Corinthians

**Understanding How the Church Grows—Expectation**

After his team finished practice a basketball coach raised goals every day. Boys would shoot at the rising baskets cheering loudly for every made basket. One day the coach asked them why they did it. "Anyone can hit the goals when they are lowered, but champions hit them when they are raised."

The future of any congregation of the Lord's people will in some way be determined by the heights of its goals and plans. That is why every congregation ought to dream big dreams and make lofty goals for themselves. If you set your goals low you are bound to hit them. So the questions for this congregation are: what are our goals, what are our dreams and where do we want to be? We need to think about what we want to accomplish for the Lord?

We need to understand that every member of this congregation is in some way either helping to build this church up or keep it where it is. Which am I doing? How can each of us help to build up this church? That is what this lesson in our series will be about? It is about living in expectation and how that can have a positive effect on the health and thus the growth of this church.

What is expectation? To look forward to, believing that something specific is going to happen. What should we as a congregation, and individual members thereof, look forward to (expect)? What role do those expectations play in producing a healthy and growing congregation? We need to think not about "if we grow", but "when and as we grow"?

The early church saw growth as the natural result of being involved in the work of the Lord—1 Cor.15:58. They experienced periods of tremendous persecution and yet the one constant was faithfulness to God's Word which resulted in growth—Acts 2:41, 4:4, 6:1, 7, 11:21, 16:5. The early church did not just sit around and hope for growth they worked for it; expectation was mixed with effort.

If every member of this congregation will seek in all ways to fulfill the will of Christ on this earth, they should then expect to grow. God wants the church to grow; Christians can accomplish it, lost souls depend on it, and the health and future of this church depend upon it. **SO WE SHOULD EXPECT TO GROW!!!**

*Brian Mitchell*

**Worship Times**

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am  
 AM Worship: 10:00 am  
 PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

**For the Record**

Sunday Class: 79  
 Sunday AM: 140  
 Sunday PM: 62  
 Wednesday PM: 70  
 Contribution: \$4195  
 Budget: \$4831

**Think on This...**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

**Celebrating This Week...**

Birthdays

Landyn Walls: 02.19  
 Tonya Coleman: 02.21  
 Lindsey Luebbers: 02.24  
 Dawsyn Walls: 02.24  
 James Mitchell: 02.25

## Serving This Week

**Announcements:** Leonard Fulbright (AM)  
Larry Dowdy (PM/Wed)

### SUNDAY

**Greeters:** David & Inger Selvig  
**Ushers:** Patrick Kellett/Randy Seabaugh  
**A/V:** Zach Dowdy  
**Nursery:** Kim Spraggs  
**Lead Singing:** Seth Spraggs  
**Head Lord's Table:** Gary Ridenour  
**Scripture:** Greg Dowdy  
**Prayers:**  
**AM:** Kenny Simmons/Ben Allen  
**PM:** Kevin Bolen/Jerry Singleton

### WEDNESDAY

**Lead Singing:** Seth Spraggs  
**Devo:** Phil Singleton  
**Prayer:** Scott Watson  
**Elder Chair:** Gary Ridenour  
**Communion to Shut-Ins:** Nick Brown  
**Worship Organizer:** Scott Spraggs

## Daily Bible Reading

**February 19:** Leviticus 19-21  
**February 20:** Leviticus 22-23  
**February 21:** Leviticus 24-25  
**February 22:** Leviticus 26-27  
**February 23:** Numbers 1-2  
**February 24:** Numbers 3-4  
**February 25:** Numbers 5-6

## Continuing Prayer Needs

**\*\*Contact the office with updates\*\***

Ron Anderson	Allen & Juanita Hedge
Ginger Avery	Betty Jones
Esther Beck	Sid Naramore
Mark Blaylock	Carolyn Neese
Lee Brooks	Wanda Raper
Dalton Bryan	Susan Seabaugh
Reita Conley	Steve Simmons
Donna Cox	Lee Simpson
Bill Dillman	Don Tawney
Newt & Kay Gilliland	Chris Weaver
Jalonda Harris	



## Remember in Prayer

- **Newt Gilliland** was able to return home last week. He is doing better, but **Kay Gilliland** is not doing well.
- **Luke Selvig** is continuing to recover at home from a recent surgery.
- **Lorna Thompson** is awaiting results from her recent CT scan and is hopeful that the tumor removed was all pre-cancerous.
- **Carolyn Neese** was scheduled for some tests this past week and we are awaiting an update.

## Rejoice!

We rejoice with **Cierra Garland** and the entire Garland family as Cierra was baptized last Saturday. Please take time to pray for and encourage Cierra as she has committed her life to Christ and begins her walk with Him.

## News & Notes

- **Paragould Children's Homes** item of the week: **Chili Mix**
- Please pick up a new **Timothy Can** to help support Christian Family Services' Timothy Campaign. The goal for each can is \$75 and they are due back in June. Your small change can make a big difference for CFS and the children they serve!
- Volunteers are still needed to assist the **Security Team** by playing a role in their training this **Sunday, February 19** at 1pm. If you are willing to be here to help, please sign up or see Shawn Myers.
- A potluck lunch is scheduled for **Sunday, March 12** after morning services. Please mark your calendars and make plans to stay for a good time of fellowship with our family.

## Scholarship Opportunities

- **Sarah's Gift Scholarship** is open to any graduating senior attending college or technical school. Applications are available in the office and must be postmarked by **April 15**.
- **Curtis James Memorial Scholarship** is available to any student enrolled at a college or university affiliated with the churches of Christ. Applications are available in the office and should be returned by **May 1** to the office.

## Youth Corner

- **February 23-26:** **CYC** in Pigeon Forge...keep your ears open for updates on travel plans.
- **March 10-11:** **Inspiration 2023** in Dexter. **Lonnie Jones** will be speaking and the theme is "*Spiritual Campers in a Physical Campground*". Information is posted and each individual attending needs to use the QR code to register by **February 27**. Please also sign up on the bulletin board so we can make our plans.

FOR IT IS BY GRACE

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