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**Lessons for Today**

**AM: Brian Mitchell**  
 "Understanding How the Church Grows"  
 1 Corinthians 3:5-7

**PM: Brian Mitchell**  
 "The Revelation of the Mind of God"  
 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

**Understanding How the Church Grows**

One need only to browse through the local Christian book store or type in the words on a search engine to see that the subject of church growth is very popular in our day and time. In fact there are a lot of churches that are enamored with the idea of church growth, to the point that they will seek after it at any cost. Countless books have been written in order to attempt to instruct churches today on how they might grow.

Consider some of the following titles: "Grow your church from the outside in: Understanding the unchurched and how to reach them." "Surprising insights from the unchurched and proven ways to reach them." "When God builds a church; 10 principles for growing a dynamic church." Everyone one of these books that we could look at are concerned with the same thing and that is how the church today can grow.

Of course there is another book that we might examine if we are really interested in achieving the kind of church growth that God really desires—The Bible. Now I am not against books which attempt to share information concerning church growth; what I am against are books about church growth which do not have as their basis God's Word. Why? Because God's Word contains for those interested in real biblical growth the blueprint that we are to follow.

There is not a writer today that has anything to say about church growth that God has not already said and said better. Thus, if a book helps us to better understand how God says that His church will grow, then by all means let's use it. However, when a book suggests a means of growing the church that is quite contradictory to God's Word it must be rejected.

Herein lies the problem; so many churches today have such a great desire to emulate the so-called mega-churches of our time that they are willing to compromise biblical truth in order to do so and that is not real growth. Of the utmost importance concerning the subject of church growth God's way is the understanding of the fact that the church was intended to grow.

In his book the Purpose Driven Church, Rick Warren was right in suggesting that when it comes to church growth there is a right question to ask and a wrong question to ask. The wrong question is; what will make our church grow? The right question is; what is keeping or what are we doing to prevent our church from growing?

Why is the question "what will make our church grow?" the wrong question to ask? It is because of the fact that a church that is healthy is a church that is growing. The church is a living and active organism and all living organisms were intended to grow into maturity; that is just natural and healthy. There is nothing we can do to make the church grow; that is God's area of responsibility—1 Cor.3:5-7. However, there are some things that we as a church can do that create an unhealthy environment and thus actually hinder the growth of the church. It is these that will attempt to understand in this series of lessons.

A lack of growth is usually a sign of an unhealthy environment. When the human body gets out of balance and fails to develop properly it is usually because of the presence of some disease that is hindering proper growth and development. How does it grow again? By removing the disease that was hindering growth. The same is true of the church; it was intended to grow. If it does not it is most likely due to the fact that some unhealthy environment has been created leading to the development of a spiritual disease that is hindering proper growth.

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: 101  
 Sunday AM: 148  
 Sunday PM: 79  
 Wednesday PM: NA  
 Contribution: \$5113  
 Budget: \$4831

**Think on This...**

but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

**Isaiah 40:31**

**Celebrating This Week...**

Birthdays

David Selvig : 02.14  
 Jenny Newman: 02.16  
 Terri Bryan: 02.17  
 Juanita Hedge: 02.18

## Serving This Week

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

### SUNDAY

**Greeters:** Nate & Christi Crowden  
**Ushers:** Cody Naramore/Justin Simmons  
**A/V:** Greg Dowdy  
**Nursery:** Emma Seabaugh  
**Lead Singing:** Todd Newman  
**Head Lord's Table:** David Selvig  
**Scripture:** Seth Spraggs  
**Prayers:**  
**AM:** Phil Swiney/John McLain  
**PM:** Dan Silvers/Wally Eck

### WEDNESDAY

**Lead Singing:** Nick Brown  
**Devo:** Brian Mitchell  
**Prayer:** Doug Lester  
**Elder Chair:** Gary Ridenour  
**Communion to Shut-Ins:** Nick Brown  
**Worship Organizer:** Scott Spraggs

## Daily Bible Reading

**February 12:** Exodus 39-40  
**February 13:** Leviticus 1-4  
**February 14:** Leviticus 5-7  
**February 15:** Leviticus 8-10  
**February 16:** Leviticus 11-13  
**February 17:** Leviticus 14-15  
**February 18:** Leviticus 16-18

## 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	

IN THE LORD

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THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY,  
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- ISAIAH 40:31 (NIV) -

## Remember in Prayer

- **Luke Selvig** is recovering from a recent surgery.
- **Lorna Thompson** got a good report at her first visit this week. Tests showed PRE-cancer cells in the tumor they removed and she will have a CT scan on Monday.

## Sympathy

- Dan Silvers' brother, **Earle Silvers** passed away last week and his funeral will be on February 21 in California. His wife, JoAnne's address is posted if you would like to send a card or note.

## Thank You...

"Dearest Brothers & Sisters,

I thank you for the cards, condolences, and prayers for me and my family.

In Christian Love,  
Nick Brown"

## News & Notes

- **Paragould Children's Homes** item of the week: **Spaghetti Noodles**
- 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!
- Please return your grocery items to the **Helping Hands** closet by this **Sunday, February 12**. Items will be distributed this week.
- Thank you for the prompt response to the request to fill a need in our Helping Hands ministry...to those who made it happen and to Scott & Kim Spraggs for overseeing this effort. If anyone knows of a family within or without our congregation who have need of this ministry, please let Scott or Kim know.
- Volunteers are needed to assist the **Security Team** by playing a role in their training on **Sunday, February 19** at 1pm. If you are willing to be here to help, please add your name to the sign up list on the bulletin board.
- A potluck is scheduled for **Sunday, March 19** after morning services. Please mark your calendars and make plans to stay.

## Scholarship Opportunities

- **Sarah's Giff 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.
- **March 10-11:** **Inspiration 2023** in Dexter. **Lonnie Jones** will be speaking and the theme is "Spiritual Campers in a Physical Campground".