

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING US

God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8
God's Love and Mercy - Ephesians 2:4
Christ's Blood Shed - Romans 5:9-11
The Gospel - Romans 1:16

Our Response of Faith:

Believe - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16
Repentance - Luke 13:3
Confession - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for remission of sins -
Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
Be faithful, committed, walk in the
light - Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7

Prayer For Growth (from pg. 3)

is the power of the Holy Spirit living and working within each one of us and enabling with a power that is like dynamite inside us. We need to learn to depend on and trust in this power of God that is at our disposal.

Secondly in verse 17, I want you to notice that he prayed that Christ would dwell in their hearts. Paul knew that the Ephesians needed to not only know that Christ was within them but also being guided by it. He was praying that Christ would be their center, that he would be the focus of all that they did in this life. We too need to learn to focus on Christ and let him be the center of our life, the focal point of all that we do.

Third in verses 18-19, Paul prayed that they would be able to comprehend the truest expression of Christ love for them. He said that he needed them to be able to understand what that really looked like, what it felt like to be loved by Jesus. To understand the love of Christ for ourselves and others will, or at least it should change your life. It was what changed Paul and he knew that it would do the same for us (Acts 9). We to need to focus on and learn to comprehend the truest expression of Christ love for us and others.

Lastly in verse 19, Paul prayed that they would be filled with the fullness of God. He knew that if they were filled up with God and the things of God true growth would happen. Church, the same is true for us too. If we will fill our lives, minds, and hearts with the things of God we will grow in amazing and powerful ways.

Once we grow as individual Christians and embody what it means to radiate the life and love of Jesus, shining as lights in this world (Matt. 5:14-16), then growth will happen. Will you join me in committing to praying for this church? Praying for personal, spiritual growth in each person?



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*You Are Invited To Attend Our
6th Summer Series in July and August*

**"All Spiritual Blessings Are
IN CHRIST" Ephesians 1:3**

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| July 5 | Marty Edwards | "Our Salvation" |
| July 12 | Allen Jones | "Our Redemption/Forgiveness of Sins" |
| July 19 | John Board | "Our Sanctification" |
| July 26 | Danny McCain | "Our Victory Over Satan" |
| Aug 2 | Robbie Fudge | "God's Everlasting Love" |
| Aug 9 | Bart Warren | "God's Saving Grace" |
| Aug 16 | Edd Sterchi | "Our Sweet Fellowship With God" |
| Aug 23 | Craig Waddell | "Our Eternal Inheritance in Heaven" |
| Aug 31 | Tom Hall | "Vital Question: How Do We Get Into Christ?" |

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Becky Hatcher continues with dialysis 3X a week. Wayne is her caregiver; Becky Bush; Fran Mears; Doris Wallace's MRI showed several issues in her back. She will be starting various procedures to correct them; Jennifer Hatcher was taken back to the Med Center in BG, was released last Mon. to Adam & Pauletta Hatcher's home; Jackie Coop recovering from knee replacement; Michael Richardson recovering from a broken bone in his elbow; Laura Brooks; Mike Thompson; Joey Palmore; Dixie Napier's son Randy is undergoing treatments; Daryl Lowe; Don Waddell (member at Center); Don Nims; Terry Bunnell; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Glenda Turner (friend of Wayne & Becky in Statesville, NC received good news she is cancer free; Sue Underwood (neighbor of Danny & Janet McCain

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Lori Brewer for rehab Room 310

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Wanda Proffitt

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

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Ruth Bradford

PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing
Manna Project

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our Summer Quarter on the theme: David and Solomon Lesson 12 "*Dedication of the Temple*" 2 Chronicles 7:1-22 Wayne serves as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne at 11 a.m. "*Living In Babylon: What Pride Looks Like*" Daniel 4 Danny McCain at 5 p.m. sermons from the book of Mark

WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:00

Our Summer Series - *All Spiritual Blessings Are In Christ* Eph. 1:3 is going great but will soon be over!!! Our next speaker will

be Craig Waddell with the Center Church of Christ. His topic will be blessing #8 "*Our Eternal Inheritance In Heaven*" Last week Edd Sterchi had a great lesson on blessing #7 "*Our Sweet Fellowship With God*"

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are pleased to sponsor "*In Search of the Lord' Way*" heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with **Phil Sanders**. Please pray for this work as we sow the seed of the gospel

NOTE: If you are unable to pick up the radio signal, you can log on to **wloconline.com**

There are choices to listen on your computer or use the **tunein** app for you mobile devices.

OUR NEXT GOSPEL MEETING

October 15-18 with John Board, preacher with the E-town Church of Christ. Mark your calendar. Prayers for this effort.

AREA GOSPEL MEETING

Sept. 10-13 South Green St. Church of Christ in Glasgow, KY with Steve Higginbotham "*Jesus Is the Answer*" John 6:67-68 Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Faith Developing

by Joe Chesser

In Mark 9 there is a story about a man's son who was brutally afflicted by an evil spirit. The man had taken his son to Jesus' disciples, but they couldn't do anything to help the boy. So the father pleaded with Jesus, "If you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." It seems as if Jesus was somewhat shocked by this statement when he responded, "If you can? Everything is possible for him who believes." The man's reaction is what I want us to consider for a few minutes. He said, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief."

Not all faith is the same. Not everyone who believes has the same degree of faith. Some have strong faith (like Abraham);

some have weak faith (like this man). Some have faith that never grows; some have faith that ever grows. Some have active faith; some have dead faith. The man in the story above realized that, though he did believe, his faith wasn't perfected. There was still some unbelief that had to be overcome. We all know that without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). This verse goes on to say that more than just belief in the existence of God is necessary to please him; the faith that pleases God must also develop to the point of believing that God rewards those who earnestly seek him. Abraham, the father of the faithful, serves as an illustration of this.

In Hebrews 11:8 we are told that Abraham had sufficient faith to begin his journey with God. When God called him to pack up and move to some unknown place, he "obeyed and went." We say, "Wow! What great faith!" And we are right. To just pack up and go wherever God led him was an awesome demonstration of the kind of faith we need to have. Like Abraham, it takes great faith just to begin our journey with Jesus, to take up our cross daily and follow him (Luke 9:23). But obedient faith is just the beginning of our walk with God.

In Hebrews 11:9-10 we learn that Abraham also developed a long-term faith in God based on promises, not commands. It's one thing to have faith to obey a command; it's another thing to have faith that waits patiently on God to fulfill his promises, never knowing when (or even if they will be fulfilled in your lifetime. If "obeying" faith doesn't develop into "staying" faith, our walk with God will be a constant struggle.

And then in Hebrews 11:17-19 we see evidence of an even deeper faith, a faith willing to sacrifice everything for God, a faith that will hold nothing back, even his one and only son. Now we can truly say,

"WOW!!" Right before our eyes we witness faith developing from obeying a command to patiently waiting on the promise to a willingness to sacrifice the most important thing in life.

It's great to have enough faith to obey God's commands. It's greater to develop a faith that trusts God to fulfill his future promises when he chooses. But it's the greatest faith of all to be willing to sacrifice everything you have because you trust God so much.

A Prayer For Growth

(Eph. 3:14-19)
by Jeff Arnette

I am certain that you, like myself, are praying for the growth of the Lord's church here and throughout the world. Regularly, I am praying for growth especially in the ways that the Lord wants us to grow but what is that. True growth is so much more than simply metrics like attendance numbers or contribution amounts. Real growth is growing in grace and knowledge (2 Peter 3:18). It is growing in our understanding of and imitation of Jesus (Eph. 4:15-16) in our daily lives.

We tend to think that growth is something the preacher does for the church but that couldn't be further from the truth. The preacher can be a catalyst, but real church growth begins in you and then extends to the whole church.

In Ephesians 3:14-19, the apostle Paul prayed for the growth of the Ephesian Christians. His prayer reveals much about true Christian growth. I want to challenge you to adopt Paul's view on true growth and to pray every day for the growth of this church. Notice that Paul prays for growth in four primary areas.

First in verse 16, he prays for them to be strengthened with power through the Holy Spirit in their soul. This power (*back page*)