

July 19, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Ross Shackelford

Song Leader
John Hopper

Scripture Reading
Tripp Yancey

Opening Prayer
Larry Wood (A.M.)
Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Randell Koon (A.M.)
James Pilgrim (P.M.)

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges & Devin McVey

Communion
Brock Lindley

Pick Up Communion when entering

OUR RECORD

July 12, 2020

Sunday Bible Study: NO SERVICE
Sunday Morning Worship: 101
Sunday Evening Worship: 80
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 73
Budget: \$3,500
Contribution this week: NA

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Are You Growing Spiritually?

Charles Box

Spiritual growth is an essential part of preparing for heaven. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen." (II Peter 3:18.) Paul described spiritual growth by saying, "but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head -- Christ --" (Ephesians 4:15.) The Hebrew Christian had to be reminded of the need for spiritual growth. (Hebrews 5:12-14.) Following are some indicators of spiritual growth.

You grow spiritually by producing the fruit of the spirit in your life. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23.)

Love is affection, good will or benevolence toward others. Joy is gladness both received and shared with others. Peace is tranquility, harmony and concord. Long-suffering is patience or endurance. Gentleness is goodness and kindness. Goodness is uprightness of heart and life. Faith is the conviction of the truths we hold. Meekness is gentleness or mildness. Self-control is temperance. As the fruit of the Spirit increases in life spiritual growth is taking place.

You grow spiritually by increasing in love for lost souls. "I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." (Romans 1:14-16.) Let no one around you say, "no one cared for my soul." The Psalmist said, "Look on my right hand and see, For there is no one who acknowledges me; Refuge has failed me; No one cares for my soul." (Psalm 142:4.) Pray for the Lord to use you in being a soul winner. God's plan for evangelism is simple. One who has learned the truth must share Christ with another. "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." (II Timothy 2:2.)

You grow spiritually by faithful attendance at all the assemblies of the church. Christians must assemble faithfully, with the right attitude, having a strong desire to worship and serve God. (Hebrews 10:24-25.) Faithful attendance provides an opportunity for growth and also an opportunity to edify others. Never allow yourself to be guilty of willfully forsaking even one assembly.

You grow spiritually by developing Christlikeness. "My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you." (Galatians 4:19.) Christians must have the mind of Christ and follow His example. (Philippians 2:5; I Peter 2:21.) The moon reflects the light of the sun. Christians reflect the light and likeness of God's Son. Has Christ been formed in you?

You grow spiritually by developing a stronger desire to go to heaven. "This world is not my home." (Philippians 1:21-24.) Our desire for that heavenly home must be strong. "But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them." (Hebrews 11:16.) Do you really want to go to heaven? And are you willing to do what is necessary to get there?

Other indicators of spiritual growth are: (1) Developing the right mindset (Colossians 3:1-4), (2) Giving liberally and cheerfully (II Corinthians 8:1-5; II Corinthians 9:7), (3) Regular, daily self-examination (II Corinthians 13:5), (4) Gaining knowledge of God's word (II Timothy 2:15), (5) Steadfast involvement in the Lord's work (I Corinthians 15:58), (6) Praying constantly (I Thessalonians 5:17-18), and (7) Developing a stronger fellowship with the brethren (Romans 12:10; John 13:34-35.)

You are either growing or dying spiritually. Which direction is your spiritual life headed? Obey the gospel (Mark 16:15-16) and endure to the end. (Matthew 10:22)

Be Careful Who You Follow

By David Bragg

Her voice is pleasant, but authoritative, as she leads countless people every day to their destinations. "Bear right." "Turn left." "Stay in the left lane." "Make a u-turn." Even when it goes against our better judgment, the temptation is always present to blindly follow her.

Perhaps that is precisely what an Illinois man was thinking in 2015 as he and his wife were traveling through Indiana. Authorities admitted that the driver was so focused on his GPS device that he ignored barricades, orange barrels, cones, and large signs declaring that not only was the road closed but the bridge no longer existed (it was demolished in 2009). Still the 64-year-old driver took the ramp up and off what formerly was the Cline Bridge (cnet.com). While he survived the 37 foot plunge, his wife was not so fortunate.

As we navigate life it is crucial for us to know who it is that we are following. In every generation much heartache and loss could have been avoided if only people had not blindly followed the crowd. Yet, people still suffer for the "everyone is doing it" mentality.

The danger is prevalent even today. We are encouraged by the crowds to ignore the old-fashioned commands to high moral standards of Christianity. Yet the Bible admonishes us to stop and consider who it is that we are following and just where are we being led (1 Cor. 11:1 Eph. 5:1-2; 1 Peter 2:21). God has warned us through the inspired writers of the New Testament that, when it comes to our spiritual journey, be careful who you follow.

CHAPMAN SERVICES

Sunday morning will remain
at 10:30
with Worship Service only

Sunday Evening Services
at 2 PM

Wednesday Night Services
at 7 PM

No Children Bible Classes

*All Services will be in
auditorium and outside.*

**PLEASE DO NOT COME
IF YOU HAVE ANY
SYMPTOMS
OR AT HIGH RISK.**

**Sermons available
on Facebook and YouTube.**

Zoom Bible Study: Check
Facebook for updates and Zoom
Meeting Information.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Earnestine Murphy (Rita Smith's Grandmother).

*Remember to count your blessings,
pray for our lost ones, the sick, the
world and the broken-hearted.*

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:**
Dala Vandygriff, Reed Shackelford

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Johnny Cissom,
Buffie Moore, George Doss, Joanie Kate
Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Jimmy
Hopper, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry
(Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay
Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott,
Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury,
Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita
Trotter, Niani Colom-Omotesa

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