

Those To Serve

Sunday, November 2, 2025

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Jim Case

Closing: Dwayne Millikin

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Bill Cline

Closing: Jim Bangs

Singing: Randy Harris

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Singing: Johnny Knabe

Devotional: Bill Cline

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, October 26, 2025

AM 52 PM 29

[Average for the Year]

AM [49] PM [31]

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

24 *[Average for the Year]* [33]

Contribution:

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Actual \$ 2,207.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 102,067.00

[Average] \$ 2,373.65

[+/- Budget] \$ (293.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (5,433.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

The Means of Spiritual Growth

Philippians 2:5-13

Last week's lesson dealt with the nature of spiritual growth as we looked at how God wants us to grow spiritually. This week we want to look at some means of spiritual growth that we must use to grow up to the full measure of Christ (Eph. 4:13).

Christians need to first realize that God supplies the resources for spiritual growth. The first resource God supplies is the example of His only begotten Son. Our text for this lesson reminds us of the great sacrifice Jesus made when He took upon the form of a servant as He journeyed from heaven to His death on the cross, ultimately returning to the right hand of His Father in heaven. Philippians 2:12-13 then urges Christians to obey and work knowing that God works in them

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Plan of Salvation

Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

Believe

Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

Sermons for November 2, 2025

A.M.—The Means of Spiritual Growth

P.M.—How Christians Grieve—

Lesson from Dwayne Millikin

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-13

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship: 10:00

Sunday PM Worship: 5:00

Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM

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to accomplish His good pleasure. Peter writes in 1 Peter 1:3 that God has given us all things that “pertain to life and godliness” that will help us to grow spiritually. Paul tells Christians that what God began in them can be accomplished and brought to completion (Phil. 1:6).

God has done His part to help Christians grow spiritually, but His people must *put in the effort to grow spiritually*. Philippians 2:12 says that Christians must obey and work out their own salvation by fear and trembling. Paul in Romans 6:19 commands Christians to change from presenting themselves as slaves to sin, and present themselves as slaves of righteousness for holiness. 1 Timothy 4:7 says: “But reject profane and old wives’ fables, and *exercise yourself toward godliness*.” Peter said that Christians must be diligent to *be found by Christ in peace, without spot and blemish* (2 Peter 3:14). Listen to Paul in Ephesians 6:15-16 (NASV2020): “So then, be careful how you walk, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.”

In closing, we now want to turn our attention to some specific steps we must take to grow spiritually. First, there must be *a death to self-interest*. This is evidenced in the example of Christ in our text. Colossians 3:5 calls upon the Christian to “put to death” many things which may come “naturally” to them because they are human. They must not give into these things because they are against God’s will. Jesus practiced and preached self-denial. Matthew 16:24 says: “Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.’” A Christian should take the step *towards knowing the scripture to grow spiritually* (Jos. 1:8; Psa. 19:7-8; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Col. 3:16). *Prayer* is also a crucial step in growing spiritually (2 Chron. 16:11-12; Matt. 26:41; Col. 4:2 (NET); Eph. 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:17). *Focusing on Jesus* is another key step in growing spiritually. As our text indicates, He is seated above at the right hand of the throne of God. We must take His yoke upon us

and learn of Him (Matt. 11:29-30). We need to look to Jesus (Heb. 12:2-3) and follow His example (1 Pet. 2:21). Christians must *take steps to grow in faith* to grow spiritually. Christians must take the shield of faith to quench the fiery darts of the devil (Eph 6:16). They must believe in God and His power to do what He promises (Heb. 11:6). Christians must know faith is key in overcoming the world (1 Jn. 5:4). Finally, a Christian must take steps to persevere in all things until God completes His work in them (Phil. 3:12-14; Heb. 12:1; 1 Jn. 3:2-3; Phil. 1:6; 1 Peter 1:6-7). Christians need to keep on keeping on until God one day grants them a heavenly home with Christ.

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: Jerry Bowen is not doing well. He fell this past Monday. Nancy Duncan is in the ICU at UAMS with pneumonia. Frances Foster’s brother Kenny Fitzhugh will have a double bypass done on November 20. Shelia Smithee has been sick.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Robert Barber, David Elms, Lavon Rogers, Jennifer Sexton (cancer), Shelia Smithee, and Glenda Verkler (cancer)

Elders and Deacons Meeting: There will be an elders and deacons meeting today at 3:30 p.m. If you need to discuss anything with them, please let them know.

Veteran Information: Veterans’ Day is coming up. If you have not previously submitted your veteran information, please submit it to Hannah Cupp by Wednesday. We would like to know when and where you served our country and in what branch you served. A picture of you in the military would be welcome.

Children's Home Shopping List: Oatmeal

Visitation Meeting: This month’s visitation meeting will be next Sunday after the evening service.

Philippians 2:5—Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...