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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Classes* 10:00 AM

AM Worship 10:45 AM

PM Worship 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes* 7:00 PM

(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

Today's Sermon:

*By This All
Will Know*

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Planning To Grow

Harold Hancock

God's word encourages and even demands that we grow spiritually: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints..." (Ephesians 4:11-12). "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:1,2). "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..." (2 Peter 3:18). Determine to grow spiritually this coming year.

Some Christians never grow spiritually because they have no plan for growth. Others lack patience - they are not committed to growth and/or fail to work their plan for growth. Make sure that you plan for growth this coming year and work your plan. In the interest of growth, consider these suggestions:

1) Choose a Bible subject or Bible character that interests you or that you think would be especially

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helpful to you and make an in-depth study of this subject or character. I personally have chosen Abraham. I have printed out and placed in a loose-leaf notebook the Bible chapters that pertain to Abraham's life (Genesis 11:26 - 25:11) along with other Bible references to Abraham. This gives me the Bible text and allows me to make extensive notes. I intend to read, reread, and study these passages of scripture until I become very familiar with them and glean as much information about Abraham as I can. I have also begun to collect books and articles about Abraham. I want to know more about him.

Now, spend some time reflecting on the matter (but not so much time that you lose your enthusiasm for the idea) and select a study for yourself. To help you work your plan, tell others of your choice, and if you need it, get help getting started or seek help throughout your study.

If possible, set a regular time each day or week to pursue your study. (Don't get discouraged if you have to readjust your schedule or have to miss the study at times. Just stay committed.) Use "spare" moments for your study. You'll be surprised at how much you can read or learn in your "spare" time. Perhaps, you could find others interested in the same subject or who have a similar goal; meet with them periodically to share helpful sources, discuss each other's findings, or challenge each other's thinking with questions. You will grow in knowledge if you have a plan for growth and work your plan.

2) The second thing I suggest to help you grow this coming year is to choose an area of "Christian living" in which you are weak or can improve and work to become stronger or better. Perhaps, you can attend Bible study or worship services more or encourage your family to. Many need to establish better habits of prayer. Perhaps, there is a relationship that must be improved in order that your spiritual relationship with God can improve (Matthew 5:23; 1 Peter 2:7). Perhaps, you could spend more time assisting others with their needs, maybe just visiting them or encouraging them. Call or visit newcomers or those who regularly miss our assemblies.

Prepare yourself to teach a Bible class – we need more good Bible teachers for all ages. Make it your aim to "bring someone to the Lord" this coming year.

There are many ways we can improve ourselves in the Lord. Choose some and start working to be better. These suggestions are aimed at encouraging you to grow spiritually. You may or may not choose them; you may have some ideas of your own. Growth, however, is not optional. God is displeased with us when we fail to grow (Hebrews 5:12-14). Therefore, plan to grow and grow.

via—Market Street Messenger

Growing Together ... Getting Involved

Paul White

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching"

Hebrews 10:24-25

This passage certainly speaks to the business of mutual edification and spiritual devotion. It addresses our need for regular appointed times wherein we may give and receive encouragement, and whereby we may give to God the devotion of our hearts. But in spite of such admonitions, and even though God speaks so clearly of the importance of such family togetherness, we continue to have some who neglect their duties before God and their brethren. I'm afraid some of my brethren just aren't taking seriously those "one another" commands found in scripture. Notice a few:

"be devoted to one another"

Romans 12:10

"give preference to one another"

Romans 12:10

"be likeminded toward one another"

Romans 15:5

"Greet one another"

Romans 16:16

"Have the same care for one another"

1 Corinthians 12:25

"Through love serve one another"

Galatians 5:13

"Bear with one another"

Ephesians 4:2

"Be kind to one another"

Ephesians 4:32

"Forgive one another"

Ephesians 4:32

"Submit to one another"

Ephesians 5:21

"Love one another"

1 Peter 1:22

"Comfort one another"

1 Thessalonians 4:18

"Exhort one another"

Hebrews 3:13

"Pray for one another"

James 5:16

"Have compassion for one another"

1 Peter 3:8

"Be hospitable toward one another"

1 Peter 4:9

How can we say we are committed to Christ, while showing little if any regard for His church and those "one another" responsibilities found in His word? How can we grow together in Christ while ignoring the teachings of Christ? It just won't happen folks. We're not going to grow together until we get involved. And getting involved implies getting busy in the business of serving God and serving our brethren.

Notice our beginning text again of Hebrews 10:24-25. The Hebrew writer is surely exhorting us as "brethren" to get involved in things pertaining to God; in those things that help encourage and not discourage. But what should we be doing in this church?

We should consider our brethren. *"Let us consider one another."* Please be advised, we must do more than casually think of one another; we must seriously contemplate one another's needs. And please tell me how we can be aware of the needs of folks we never see? How can we attend to the needs of our brethren when we travel all the time, work all the time, or play all the time? We can't meet *"pressing needs"* (Titus 3:14) as long as we stay too busy or remain indifferent to those needs.

Perhaps it's high time we implemented the passage of (Philippians 2:4) that says, *"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."* That's pretty plain language folks, and we best be about the business of applying it.

We should stir each other up spiritually.

"Let us consider one another, in order to stir up love and good works." The emphasis here is not on what we get from our assemblies, but what we give. We are admonished in verse 25 to *"exhort"* each other. Just how does it encourage other brethren when some choose to skip Bible classes on Sunday morning or Wednesday night? Don't be deceived...You can't divorce interest from attendance. People who are really interested will attend! Can't we see when we willingly absent ourselves from regular worship assemblies we fail to contribute; we discourage? How can we motivate others to love more fervently and serve more faithfully if we criticize and complain? Who is encouraged by the brother or sister who habitually shows up late for Bible class or worship? I'm afraid many of my brethren want the benefits of belonging without the burden of service. They want to be considered a "member in good standing" while seldom "striving together" with their brethren (Philippians 1:27) or supporting the work. Each must contribute in some way. The whole body, says the apostle Paul, is to be *"fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part"* (Ephesians 4:16). Every member is to exert himself; every part of the body is to contribute in some way. And while we all must work, our contribution is toward advancing the cause of Christ and strengthening the body spiritually.

Can't we see our duty before God and our responsibilities toward our brethren? I'm convinced we can; we just need to recommit ourselves to those *"one another"* commands that are for our good, the growth of the body, and to the praise and glory of our God.

**Let's grow together!
Let's get involved!**

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.
Announcements	Don Coen, Jr.
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Scripture	Zechariah 3
Reader	Harold Marshall
Prayer	Dave Harless
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Dan Marton
Fruit of the Vine	Ken Prager
Serve	Matt Ferrell
Serve	Earl Miller
Closing Prayer	Chuck Isinghood

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Don Coen, Jr.
Song Leader	Ken Prager
Scripture	Zechariah 4
Reader	Chuck Isinghood
1st Prayer	Tim Henderson
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Ed Roberts
Closing Prayer	Dan Marton

Wednesday

Announcements	Don Coen, Jr.
Class Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.
Song Leader	Dan Marton
Invitation	Dave Harless
Closing Prayer	Tim Henderson

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Prayer Requests:

- Merl Frey
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers — Alfred continues to deal with back problems, he was to have a shot for it Thursday but it was moved to Monday. Mary Jane is back home.
- Ed Roberts as he continues to recover from a blood infection
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Kris Shane
- Connie Shane

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please call:
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