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Pastor's Heart



Last week we spoke of "Growing in Grace," and I shared a list of questions suggested by Gordon McDonald as a help to measure your growth. Certainly carrying out the Christian disciplines of worship, Bible study, and private devotions are a means to growth. But being able to simply check off a list of such accomplishments is not a sure measure of our growth into 'Christ-likeness'.

Growth involves how we think, what we 'put off' of the old nature, and how we behave. So a list like McDonald's is a good place for individual reflection. You may find it spurs you to growth. You may find it challenges you in places of needed growth. As I promised in last week's message, I have reprinted it below.

McDonald meant it to be a starting place for reflection upon your life and habits. Let me encourage you to use it as such in your quiet time this week.

- What have been the beautiful moments in which God may have been revealing himself to me? And what have been the evil moments when the worst in me or in the larger world showed itself?
- What happened this week that needs to be remembered, perhaps recorded in a journal so I can return to it in the future and recall the blessing (or the rebuke) of God? Making such a record is like those monuments and altars God had the Israelites raise up when great things worth remembering had happened.
- What have my prevailing feelings been (and what are they at the present)? Has there been a preponderance of sadness, of fear, of anger, of emptiness? Or has it been a time where joy and enthusiasm has been the dominant mood?
- What have been the "blessings," of those acts of grace that have come through others or — as I perceive it — directly from God himself? Can I express praise and appreciation (sometimes even written in a thank-you note or journal)?
- Have things happened for which I need to accept responsibility, perhaps leading to repentance? Why did they happen? Were they avoidable and how can they be prevented in the future?
- What have been the thoughts that have been dominating my leader think-time? Noble thoughts? Escapist thoughts that woo me away from more important or challenging issues? Superficial thoughts that lead to nowhere?
- Is there a possibility that I am living in denial of certain realities? *Am I practicing* painful criticism, sloppy work, habitual patterns that are hurting me and others?
- Are there any resentments or ill feelings toward others that remain unaddressed, unforgiven?
- As *I visualize* myself in the company of spouse, children, friends, colleagues: am I a pleasant person to be around? Are people challenged, elevated, enthused when I enter the room? As someone has observed, "Some people bring joy wherever they go; others bring joy when they go." Which am I?

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Mission Opportunities

5th Sunday Food Drive

We're asking every family to be part of our 5th Sunday Food Drive by bringing a bag of groceries to church on Sunday, August 29. Please place your sack full of groceries in one of the collection boxes around the church.

Opportunities for Service with Children

Consider being a faithful servant of God teaching our precious children. Teachers are urgently needed in the following areas:

- 5th Grade
- Children's Dept. Director
- Children's Church Leader

See Ann Hertzfeldt to become a part of God's service to our children.

GPS: Your High 5

We've been praying for folks on our High 5 List. Now there are some activities to invite these folks to. If someone on your list is a golfer, ask him/her to join you for the Best Ball Fellowship Golf Outreach at White Plains on Saturday, Aug. 28. You can also invite them to join you for the church picnic at Echo Valley

on Sunday, August 29 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Sometimes all it takes is an invitation.



Church staff

Randall L. Adkisson, Ph.D, *Senior Pastor*
 Mike Head, *Associate Pastor of Administration*
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 Charlie Hutchinson, *Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care & Senior Adults*
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 Ann Hertzfeldt, *Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries*



Worship/Childcare: For your comfort and that of others, childcare is provided for children under the age of four. Children 4 years old thru kindergarten may attend children's church in room 252. An usher will be glad to direct you to the childcare ministry located on the second floor.

**If you are able, please stand as indicated. Hymn numbers are provided for songs found in The Baptist Hymnal.*

WE GATHER IN HIS PRESENCE

Call to Worship	Ruth 2:4; Psalm 148:1-3	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
*Gathering Song	"You're Worthy of My Praise"	Ruis
*Responsive Reading	Psalm 138:1-2	NIV
*Processional Hymn 3	"Worthy of Worship"	JUDSON
Welcome		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Fellowship Song	"What the Lord Has Done in Me"	Morgan
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

*Song of Illumination	"Thy Word"	Smith
Sermon	"Priorities" Luke 9:24-25	Dr. Adkisson
*Hymn of Commitment 305 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"		ASSAM

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

Offerory Prayer		Bob Lovell
Worship with Tithes and Offerings		
Offerory Music	"The Power of the Cross" Sanctuary Choir	arr. Hayes
*Presentation of Offering		
*Doxology 253 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"		OLD 100TH

Sharing of Spiritual Decisions

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Departing Chorus 657	"Go Out and Tell"	PLANO
*Postlude		Instrumentalists

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM TELEVISION REPLAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Prelude	"We Behold You" Remnant	Hart
*Scripture Reading	Psalm 141:1-2	ESV
*Song of Praise	"Holy Is the Lord"	Tomlin/Giglio
Welcome		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Hymn of Testimony 134	"Jesus Paid It All"	ALL TO CHRIST
*Hymn of Devotion	"Lamb of God"	Paris
Sermon		Dr. Adkisson
*Song of Commitment	"Give Us Clean Hands"	Hall
*Offerory Prayer		Ed Griggs
Musical Offering	"Revelation Song" Remnant	Riddle
*Presentation of Offering		
*Doxology	"Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee"	Hymn TO JOY
Invitation to the Table		Dr. Adkisson
Blessing and Sharing of the Bread		Robert Fuller
Song of Meditation	"We Behold You"	Hart
Blessing and Sharing of the Cup		Dimas Aranda
Song of Meditation	"I Give You My Heart"	Morgan
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Sharing Spiritual Decisions		
*Closing Chorus	"I Give You My Heart"	Morgan
*Postlude		Instrumentalists

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Jack Mattson - Chief Deacon
Don Williams
Steve Sharpe
Howard Stephenson
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Wade Raines

Wednesday Dinner - 08/18

Lasagna, salad, bread, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 08/18

5:00 p.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Newman, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Winford

5:45 p.m. - Donnie King, Richard Cashion, Marta Sliger, Stella Dukes

Extended Session - 08/15

Bed Babies - Brenda Spain, Brenda Gaw

Creepers/Toddlers - Jennifer Riddick, Lisa Barrett

2's - Mike Wilson, Rose Collins

3's - Laura & Bobby Rich

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$23,454.70
Difference from Goal	-\$5,283.95
Total Designated Gifts	\$999.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$24,453.70
Budget Goal to Date	\$172,431.92
Budget Gifts to Date	\$155,216.62
Difference from Goal	-\$17,215.30
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$202,236.77
Decrease from Prior Year	-\$47,020.15
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$5,090.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,770,384.23

Sunday School Attendance

August 8, 2010

General Officers	5
Preschool	37
Children	64
Youth	57
Adults	356
Total	519



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Youth Choir continues to grow

The Chi Rho Youth Choir has welcomed 13 new members this month and more are coming. In addition to numerical growth, the choir is growing spiritually and musically as well.

Choir director Jonathan Nelms observes, "Chi Rho is growing and God is giving more and more opportunities to serve his church through worship and outreach." An example of such an opportunity is Chi Rho's participation in a revival tomorrow evening.



First Chi Rho rehearsal of the new season leading the worship music. Not only will the youth lead in worship, but they will have the opportunity to meet Dr. Weathersby who serves as Vice-President of the Evangelization Group for the North American Mission Board.

Chi Rho will also be singing at the Cookeville Pregnancy Center banquet on Tuesday, September 28, at the Leslie Town Centre. CPC Director Nancy Knowlton invited the choir and comments, "I am so excited about Chi Rho singing at this year's banquet. This is a great way for our youth to support the ministry of the CPC and to serve our community for the glory of the Lord."

Other special events planned for the choir include their annual fall retreat November 5-7, the Christmas music festival on December 12, the Youth Project January 28-29, and the summer mission tour scheduled for June 4-10.

Jonathan asks for your prayerful support of Chi Rho. He says, "I could tell in our first rehearsal that God is preparing this choir to do wonderful things for his glory. I truly appreciate the support of our youth choir families and friends as we advance the Kingdom through music ministry."

PASTOR'S HEART

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- What is God trying to say in my life today? Through Scripture? Through other readings? What has he been saying through those in my inner circle of relationships? Through critics? What insights swirl up and out of the deepest parts of my soul? Which of them needs to be repudiated, and which needs to be cultivated?
- What are the possibilities in the hours ahead? Where might there be ambushes that would challenge character, reputation, well-being?
- What are the things I might do and say that would make the people in my inner circle feel more loved and appreciated?
- Am I mindful of the socially awkward, the poor, the suffering,

the oppressed in my local world and in the larger world? Am I in tune with appropriate current events in the world and perceiving them through the lens of biblical perspective?

- What specific steps will I take today to enhance growth as a follower of Jesus? (reprinted from Gordon McDonald, "Your Most Important Conversation" from <http://www.christianitytoday.com/le/thepastor/soulspirit/importantconversation.html>)

Growth is by its very nature an ongoing event. I pray that our prevailing attitude is "Lord, help me grow." Of course one of God's chief means of growth is through our corporate times of worship, so make worshipping with God's people in God's house a priority of your life and family.

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

Bulletin Board



YOUTH

Youth Lunch/Outreach

Today
11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Café area

All youth and leaders are needed to make one visit to prospects and inactive youth.

WOMEN

WMU Night Bible Study Group Meeting

Tuesday, August 17

5:30 p.m.

Café

This will be a planning meeting.



YOUTH

Youth After Church Fellowship

Sunday, August 22

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join youth friends for some great food and fellowship at Sallie and Gray Forrester's home (824 N Washington Ave).



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School University

Monday, August 23 from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Preschool, children, youth and adult leaders, pastors, Sunday school directors, ministers of education and outreach leaders are encouraged to attend. For more information visit www.equippingu.org.



HAPPY TRAVELERS

The Cove, Billy Graham Training Center

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 12-13

Asheville, NC

Cost is \$135 per person (2 to a room). Sign up and pay \$70 deposit by August 29.



CHURCHWIDE

Church Picnic

Sunday, August 29

4:00-8:00 p.m.

Echo Valley Pool

Enjoy fun, food and fellowship with things like volleyball, horseshoes and swimming. Please bring covered dishes enough for your family plus two. There is a cost of \$1.50 to cover the cost of drinks. If this creates a financial hardship for your family, please let the church office know.



Weekly Activities

Sunday, Aug. 15

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
Share Jesus w/o Fear
Now That I am a Christian Class #252
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
11:15 A.M. Yth Lunch/Outreach
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Handbells

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, Aug. 16

3:30 P.M. Chi Rho Choir to Tullahoma
5:30 P.M. Deacon's Meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 17

8:45 A.M. MDO
5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble
WOM Night Bible Study

Wednesday, Aug. 18

3:00 P.M. FLC Open
3:30 P.M. Study Hall
4:00 P.M. Luminesce
4:15 P.M. ChoirChimes
5:00 P.M. Supper Line Open
Preschool & Children's Choirs

5:30 P.M. Stewardship Com.
6:00 P.M. Bringing Up Boys
6:15 P.M. Outreach #145
6:30 P.M. Prayer Mtg.

Sanctuary Choir Reh. Mission Groups
Yth Worship/Bible Study
College Bible Study
Sanctuary Choir
Commitment Service

7:00 P.M. FLC Open until 8:00
8:30 P.M. Men's Basketball

Thursday, Aug. 19

12:00 P.M. Stone Assn. Com. Mtg. #175

Friday, Aug. 20

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday

Saturday, Aug. 21

9:00 P.M. Eye Glasses Clinic
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Aug. 22

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
Share Jesus w/o Fear
Now That I am a Christian Class #252
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
11:15 A.M. Choir/Orchestra Lunch
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Handbells

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:00 P.M. YAC @ Forrester's