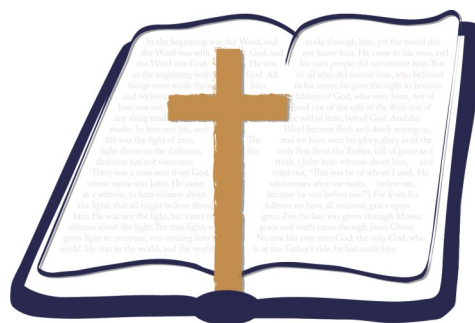


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JULY, 2021

Sun, July 4th

No Evening Services

Tues, July 6th - Fri, July 9th

Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans

Sun, July 11th

3:45 pm - Deacons Meeting

Wed, July 14th

6:00 pm - Business Meeting

Sun, July 18th

4:30 pm - Church Council

Fri, July 23rd

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Student Open Gym



Church Family,

It is a good and right thing for a church to want to grow. We don't want to be stagnant, and we certainly don't want to be declining. But how does one measure these things? Most would point to some numerical value tracked over time: attendance, membership, giving, baptisms, square footage of a building. If those numbers are tracking upward, then we are growing. Right?

Perhaps. There can be a correlation between increased numbers and genuine, biblical growth, but not always. Increased size does not always equate to faithfulness. Consider, for example, the church in Philadelphia, that Jesus addresses in Revelation 3:8 saying "I know that you have but little power, and you have kept my word and not denied my name." The church was not mighty according to the world's standards, yet Jesus commends them for remaining faithful to him and his word.

So what does Jesus desire in terms of the growth of his church? It is first of all to trust that Lord Jesus will build his church (Matt 16:18) according to his purposes, timing and plan and by his own power. Jesus has not called us to fabricate growth according to worldly standards, but to simply proclaim the word faithfully and look to God to bring the growth (1 Cor 3.7).

We also need to see that while building of the church is certainly the adding of new disciples to the congregation, it is also the spiritual growth of the existing congregation. We have seen this a great deal in Ephesians 4. The body is to build itself up in love, attaining to united faith centered around Jesus, to maturity and to Christlikeness.

So church, let us pray for growth in our church. But let's pray for the growth according to God's purposes. Let us pray that God will bring people into the kingdom through our proclamation of the Gospel. Let our prayer be that the growth of the church would be spiritual and according to the things of God, rather than just growth in the eyes of the world. And let us trust that what the Lord values is not an impressive building or a giant crowd. He values faithfulness to keep his word and to worship him.

Pastor Landon



- 1 Mike Powell
Heather Dees
- 3 Ashley Graf
- 5 Ann Jackson
Joyce Thomas
- 9 Amy Vernon
- 11 Emily Self
- 19 Yanivis Isbell
- 25 John Click
- 30 Angie Madison



Budget Report
(through June 27, 2021)
Receipts

Month - \$14,524.48
YTD - \$102,538.97

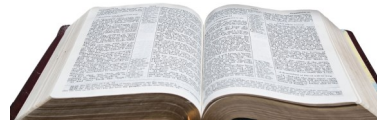
Budget

Month - \$16,603.50
YTD - \$99,621.00



DAILY BIBLE READING

JULY 2021



Year 1		Adults/Youth	Children
Week 44	Sunday	Psalms 123-124	Psalms 123
6/27-7/3	Monday	Exodus 25-26	Exodus 25:10-22
	Tuesday	John 1-2	John 1:1-14
	Wednesday	1 Samuel 23	1 Samuel 23:1-14
	Thursday	2 and 3 John, Jude	2 John
	Friday	Jeremiah 12	Jeremiah 12:14-17
	Saturday	Psalms 125	Psalms 125
Week 45	Sunday	Psalms 126-127	Psalms 127
7/4-7/10	Monday	Exodus 27-28	Exodus 28:6-12,36-38
	Tuesday	John 3-4	John 3:1-8,16-18
	Wednesday	1 Samuel 24	1 Samuel 24:1-15
	Thursday	Revelation 1-3	Revelation 1:9-20
	Friday	Jeremiah 13	Jeremiah 13:15-27
	Saturday	Psalms 128	Psalms 128
Week 46	Sunday	Psalms 129-130	Psalms 130
7/11-7/17	Monday	Exodus 29-30	Exodus 29:35-46
	Tuesday	John 5-6	John 6:35-40,60-69
	Wednesday	1 Samuel 25	1 Samuel 25:10-13,23-35
	Thursday	Revelation 4-6	Revelation 4:1-11
	Friday	Jeremiah 14	Jeremiah 14:1-12
	Saturday	Psalms 131	Psalms 131
Week 47	Sunday	Psalms 132-133	Psalms 132:1-12
7/18-7/24	Monday	Exodus 31-32	Exodus 32:1-14
	Tuesday	John 7-8	John 8:48-59
	Wednesday	1 Samuel 26	1 Samuel 26:7-25
	Thursday	Revelation 7-9	Revelation 7:9-17
	Friday	Jeremiah 15	Jeremiah 15:1-9
	Saturday	Psalms 134	Psalms 134
Week 48	Sunday	Psalms 135-136	Psalms 136:1-9
7/25-7/31	Monday	Exodus 33-34	Exodus 34:1-10
	Tuesday	John 9-10	John 10:7-18
	Wednesday	1 Samuel 27	1 Samuel 27:1-12
	Thursday	Revelation 10-11	Revelation 11:15-19
	Friday	Jeremiah 16	Jeremiah 16:14-21
	Saturday	Psalms 137	Psalms 137