

# Wildwood Church of Christ

Theme for 2021

*Step By Step: Grow With Jesus*

November 7, 2021

*Welcome & Announcements*

Song #435 Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

Song #274 Jesus Calls Us

Prayer – Richard Menninger

Song #300 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

The Lord's Supper – Bob Grove

Song #848 Where He Leads I'll Follow

Sermon: The Blessing of Prayer & Providence

Song #920 Just As I Am

Song #397 Live For Jesus

Closing Prayer – Jimmy Glenn

## STEP BY STEP

### Spiritual Growth

### How Are You Doing?

We started the year, 2021, with this understanding in regards to our theme: Spiritual growth is a matter of growing up in faith. The end product of spiritual growth is also becoming more and more like Jesus. (Philippians 2:5) We have learned that there are myths about spiritual growth. The first myth is that it is instantaneous...it just happens. Spiritual growth is process-oriented. It comes in small steps. A second myth is that it is automatic. If we want to grow spiritually, it will take time and hard work and effort. A third myth about spiritual growth is that it is mystical – we have to get off somewhere alone and meditate.

One of the most essential habits of spiritual growth is **Reading God's Word**, being engaged in the day-by-day study of the Bible. We cannot be a healthy, growing Christian unless we are regularly engaged in the Word of God. (Psalm 1)

Please consider the four ways to be engaged in God's Word:

1. **Hear it** – That is why worship is such an important discipline and privilege because it is one of the few places where we hear the Word out loud – where God speaks to us!
2. **Read it** – We all can spend fifteen minutes a day reading our Bibles. If you will do this,  
you will read through the Bible in a year.
3. **Study it** – When you read the Bible, get a notebook and write down questions and investigate. Ask questions like: who, what, when and how.
4. **Memorize it** – Psalm 119:11 "Thy Word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee." When we have the Word hidden in our hearts and we are in the midst  
of temptation, we can call that Word up and win – not give in to sin.

There is one final thing to remember. We can do those four things when we engage in reading God's Word but the final step is allowing the Word to get into us and living it.

## Prayer List

~**Don Albert** is not doing well and is back in the hospital. They are running many tests and scans. He is still waiting to have the blockage in his heart taken care of.

~ **Libbie Summers** is home recovering from her shoulder surgery and having physical therapy at home. **Mollie**, her daughter, is still in mild kidney rejection. Her counts are at 22 and if they fall to 20, she will have to have another kidney transplant.

~ **George Barrett** is getting better every day from his should surgery. He thanks everyone for all the cards, calls and prayers.

~ **Pat Ponsford** had her NG tube taken out and she is doing much better and feeling stronger. She has been able to eat and drink, very carefully, and is making some progress.

~ **Nancy Menninger** had an MRI on her leg last week. She has been in a lot of pain and they are hoping for some answers.

~ **John and Leigh Workman** need our continued prayers and encouragement. John has his ups and downs but is doing a little better. Leigh continues to have pain with her back. Cards, calls and texts are welcome!

~**Justin Scott** is still very tired recovering from Covid but he is doing much better.

**Remember:** Linda Grove; Marlin Kilpatrick; Martha Pope; Jeanette Harris; Barbara Barden; Myrna Human; Taylor Williams & family; Sheila Bernstein & family; Joyce Yarborough & family; Edra Nell Courtney; Millie Tudor; Charlotte Martin; Ken Scott; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Joyce Freeman; Teresa Broyles, Fred Casteel

## Announcements

**Thanksgiving Food Boxes:** so far, we have not received any names for boxes. We need to have names turned in no later than next Sunday, Nov.11<sup>th</sup>.

**Young Adults:** There will be a trip for all young adults on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the building at 5:30p.m. to go to Dave and Busters' in Orlando.

## **Pantry**

**Stuffing Mix    Evaporated Milk**

**Green Beans    Jar or Canned Gravy (chicken or turkey)**

### **November Birthdays**

Alma Young-1; Bob Farner-2; Steve Hutsepiller-2; Martha Pope-15; Lexy McKay-17; Chuck Stambough-18

### **November Anniversaries**

Larry & Janet Hyder-1; Cody & Shelbie Hileman-2; Joey & Sheila Johnston-12; Keith & Tracy Jones-16; Darrel & Pat Ponsford-23

### **Greeters**

**Nov.7-**David & Sarah Myers    **Nov.14-**Irma Bottorf & Esther Adcock    **Nov.24-**Judy Glenn & Tina Glenn

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