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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
 "Understanding How the Church Grows—Emulation"
 1 Peter 2:21-25

PM: Brian Mitchell
 "Calling for the Corinthians' Repentance"
 1 Corinthians 4:14-21

Understanding How the Church Grows—Emulation

For the last 2 months we have been going through a series of lessons based upon one simple principle, that which is healthy will grow. So, if the church is not growing as God designed it to do, then we need to ask ourselves what we are doing to hinder it. Thus, for the last 2 months we have been trying to identify certain marks of a healthy congregation (what they do, where is their focus, what are their priorities, etc?). So that we might be able to determine whether or not we are a healthy congregation and if not what we can to change that.

Thus far we have seen that healthy congregations are congregations that: understand the need to help build one another up (edification) and place a high priority on the level of biblical education that is received by all of the members. They are composed of members who understand the need to eliminate worldly habits and worldly members from among their midst (sin in the camp). They consist of those who understand that nothing worth accomplishing comes easy and thus they understand the value of hard work and effort. And finally, they have a solid program of encouragement for all members of the church.

That brings us to our last 2 lessons. Healthy churches have a strong emphasis on evangelism which we will discuss next week. And our lesson today, they are composed of members that are devoted to emulating the right examples, the right individuals, and the right qualities in their lives. To emulate means "to try to equal or surpass, to imitate a person or thing admired, to rival successfully." When it comes to creating a healthy and thus growing church, it is the middle definition that we are particularly interested in.

For churches to be healthy they must of necessity be composed of members that are healthy and healthy Christians are those who understand who it is that they are trying to become like. The problem that many churches are facing is that some Christians don't know who or what they are supposed to be like. They are emulating people; their examples, their character, their dress, their speech etc.; but the problem is that the people they are emulating are not worthy of Christian emulation. Thus their dress, speech, character and examples are not worthy of Christian emulation.

Who are you trying to imitate? If you are more worried about what your family, friends, co-workers, fellows students, friends think about how you look, act, and talk than you are about what God thinks about how you look, act and talk--You have got a BIG problem in your life. Most of which is due to the fact you are trying to impress the wrong people by acting like the wrong people.

In this lesson we will ask who or what are we supposed to be emulating, what exactly are we supposed to emulate and how will this help the church to grow? Who are you following; who are you emulating? Is it the Lord and those who followed Him? Or is it the world and those who live according to the standards of this world? If we want this church to grow we are going to have to show the world that we truly belong to the Lord. And it is not until we do that, that they will have any reason for wanting to be a part of what we are doing.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
 AM Worship: 10:00 am
 PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 90
 Sunday AM: 160
 Sunday PM: 62
 Wednesday PM: 67
 Contribution: \$4542
 Budget: \$4831

Think on This...

Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

Isaiah 50:10

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Esther Beck: 04.17
 Steve Simmons: 04.20
 Scott Spraggs: 04.20

Anniversaries

Ron & Esther Beck: 04.17
 Larry & Margaret Dowdy: 04.19
 Kevin & Jenny Reeves: 04.21

Serving This Week

Announcements: Larry Dowdy

SUNDAY

Greeters: Terri Bryan

Ushers: Justin Simmons/Troy Bryan

A/V: Zach Dowdy

Nursery: Katelyn Dowdy

Lead Singing: Greg Dowdy

Head Lord's Table: Phil Singleton

Scripture: Seth Spraggs

Prayers:

AM: Brian Mitchell/Mark Essner

PM: Gary Ridenour/Eric Craft

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Scott Watson

Devo: Larry Dowdy

Prayer: Doug Lester

Elder Chair: David Selvig

Communion to Shut-Ins: Randy Seabaugh

Worship Organizer: Mat Kee

Chronological Bible Reading

April 16: Psalms 56, 120, 140-142

April 17: 1 Samuel 25-27

April 18: Psalms 17, 35, 54, 63

April 19: 1 Samuel 28-31, Psalm 18

April 20: Psalms 121, 123-125, 128-130

April 21: 2 Samuel 1-4

April 22: Psalms 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Ron Anderson	Allen & Juanita Hedge
Ginger Avery	Sonny Huskey
Esther Beck	Betty Jones
Shannon Birk	Scott Lanpher
Mark Blaylock	Sid Naramore
Lee Brooks	Carolyn Neese
Dalton Bryan	Wanda Raper
Reita Conley	Susan Seabaugh
Donna Cox	Steve Simmons
Bill Dillman	Lee Simpson
Newt & Kay Gilliland	Don Tawney
Jalonda Harris	Chris Weaver

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and has no light?
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Remember in Prayer

- **Chris Weaver** fell early this week and broke her arm. She is recovering, but will be moving into Jackson Manor. Please remember her in prayer as this is a very difficult move for her and a difficult decision for her family.
- **Clyde Crowden**, Ty & Laramie's baby, is in Southeast hospital with a virus and respiratory issues. He is improving, but they expect to be there for a couple more days.
- **Nancy Lester** is home and recovering very well since her recent surgeries. She enjoys calls and visits!
- **Marie Corzine** was scheduled have shoulder surgery on Thursday. Her address is posted to drop notes of encouragement.
- **Bill Dillman** moved into Chateau Girardeau on Wednesday for 2-3 weeks of rehab.
- Ashlee Garland's friend, **Donna** had a serious stroke on Thursday and is need of prayers for her healing.

Tornado Relief

- If you would like to contribute toward the relief efforts for tornado victims in the Glen Allen/Marble Hill area, please make your donation this Sunday by dropping a check in the collection plate with a note in the memo line for "Tornado Relief".
- Opportunities are also available to serve those affected by helping distribute supplies to people in need. Churches of Christ Disaster Relief has a distribution center set up with supplies of all kinds. See Gary Miller if you would like to help with this effort.

News & Notes

- **Children's Homes** item of the week: **Scotch/Masking Tape**
- Thank you to all those who donated at this past week's blood drive. It was a successful day and the Red Cross was able to collect 30 units. We appreciate all who made the effort to help.
- All ladies are invited to a wedding shower luncheon honoring **Peyton Watson** on **Sunday, April 23** immediately following morning services in the fellowship room. Peyton and Will McQuade will be married in May and are registered at Target and Amazon.
- Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for a **Potluck Lunch** celebrating our graduating seniors on **Sunday, April 30**. Our high school seniors are **Katelyn Dowdy** (Cape), **Baden Hackworth** (Jackson), **Gage Kelleff** (Jackson), **Macayla Meyer** (Advance), **Hannah Mitchell** (Jackson), and **Emily Newman** (Jackson). Local college grads are **Tori Bryan** (State Tech), and **Luke Selvig** (SEMO). Gift bags will be available soon for cards. [Others we'd like to acknowledge as they will be graduating in May: **Chrissy Gilliland** (SEMO), **Sydney (Watson) Moore** (Faulkner), and **John Singleton** (SEMO).]

Youth Activities

- **April 22-23: Show-Me Youth Conference** in Conway, MO with **Lonnie Jones**. Theme: "Owned: Submission Values". Information is posted.

Scholarship Opportunity

- **Curtis James Memorial Scholarship:** Applications are available in the office and should be returned by **May 1** to the office.