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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

By Senior Pastor Brett Siegalkoff

Don't Stop Growing

I recently heard about a study of people who lived a long time and passed a test that evaluated their mental quickness. When asked what they did to keep mentally sharp, many answered that they did crossword puzzles and took classes to keep learning. One thing became clear; they all kept growing and developing their minds. This principle is the same in the Christian life. We never learn enough about God or the Bible. Healthy Christians are ones that are constantly seeking to grow in what they know.

This was Paul's prayer for the Church. Paul told the Church in Colossae that they were known as a mature and loving people, but he did not want them to stop growing. So he said in Colossians 1:9-10 "For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. We pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God." When we continue to grow in our knowledge of God's will for us, the result is fruit bearing and an ever-growing knowledge of God. In other words, we must constantly be growing in wisdom of spiritual things and, when we do, we will be healthy, growing Christians who live lives that please God.

What happens when you feel stagnated in your learning? If you don't feel that you have grown much in the last year, but you want to? The answer is in verse 9. We must ask God to fill us with His knowledge. God Himself will be the catalyst for our growth in knowledge of Him. He can jumpstart any dead heart back to life. Our part is simply to ask Him and to do it with an earnest desire.

If you have not already done so, consider joining a Growth Group, Sunday School Class, or Bible Study this fall.

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Family Connection is
freely distributed to the
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At CFBC, we exist to:
WORSHIP the Lord
WALK with Believers
WORK in the Church
WITNESS to the World

Weekly at First Baptist

- Sunday: 9:00am - Time of prayer before Worship Service
9:30am Worship Service - Communion is the first Sunday of every month.
11:15am Sunday School for all ages
- Monday: Office open 8:00am-2:00pm
Choir at 7:00pm
- Tuesday: Office open 8:00am-2:00pm
Ladies' Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10:00am - Studying "Name Above All Names" by Alastair Begg
Men's Bible Study in Room 106 at 10:00am - Studying "Foundations of the Faith" by John MacArthur
Men's Bible Study in the Library at 6:30pm - Studying 1 John *On break for the summer*
- Wednesday: Office open 8:00am-2:00pm
Youth Bible Study at 5:30pm; Youth Group at 6:30pm
Ladies' Bible Study in Library at 6:30pm - Studying "Foundations" (New Testament) by Rob and Kandi Gallaty *On break for the summer*
- Thursday: Office open 8:00am-2:00pm
The Elder Board meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.
- Friday: Office closed; Pastors' and Staff day off
"First Friday Prayer" meets the first Friday of every month at 7:00pm

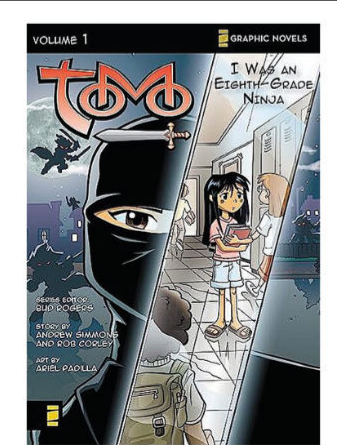


Vick and Mary Meneley
are celebrating 50 years of marriage!

Please join them for cake and fellowship.
Saturday, August 8th between 2-4 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Library "Kids' Corner"

Recommended Reading



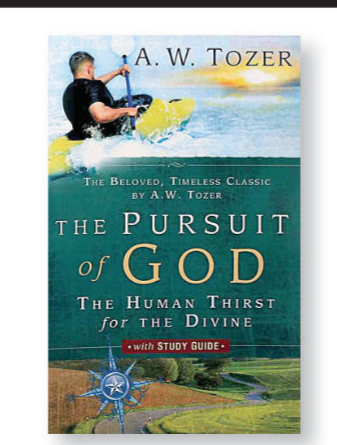
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August Events

- August 7
New Women's Bible Study begins at 10:00am
in the Church Library
First Friday Prayer Meeting at 7:00pm
- August 8
Vick and Mary Meneley 50th Anniversary
Celebration 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall
- August 14
Movie "A Great Awakening" at 7pm in the
Sanctuary
- August 15
"Women at the Well" Fellowship at 11:00am in
the Fellowship Hall
- August 28-30
Men's Camp
- August 29
Bob Kafka Memorial Service at 11:00am

Recommended Reading

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Ministry/Missions Spotlight: August Events



New Women's Bible Study begins August 7!

When: Weekly on Fridays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Where: Church Library
What: Studying Colossians and Philemon, prayer
time and good fellowship

Childcare is available!
Contact Laurie Bernstein at if
you are interested.

FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER

Join us as we meet together on
the first Friday of every month in
a time of worship-based prayer
for our church, our loved ones,
our country and our broken world.

Friday, August 7 at 7:00PM

Women at the Well

Join us for an encouraging time of worship, prayer, teaching, and
fellowship with other women in the church! Jessecca Nevers will
be sharing the topic "Women Who Worship." There will also be a
potluck lunch.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 - 11:00AM

Childcare provided

RSVP ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE
OR SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY TODAY



CHURCH MOVIE NIGHT
August 14th at 7:00pm

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Equipping disciples who make disciples

An elder-level training program to prepare men biblically
and theologically to be able to better serve their church and
family. Please send an email to if
you would like to join! More information is available at
the Information Booth. The first meeting is on September
26th, so register now with Aidan Lorenz!



A new Men's Bible Study, "Psalms: Hymns For God's People," will begin on September 1 at 6:30pm. Led
by Ken Williams, the group will meet at his home,

Devotion

Poetry from our Church Family

It All Started in the Garden

By Diane L Nevers
June 28, 2026

We say it started in a garden,
Yet so much happened before.
All of creation came into being,
The earth, the sky, and so much more.

It only took six days
to build the universe
Though many like to argue that fact.
But truth be told,
it could have just taken one,
If that was the way God wanted to act.

But His plans are always perfect,
And His plans are always good;
He put it all down in His Scriptures,
So that His plans might be understood.

First, He created the earth
and the heavens above;
Then He provided light.
The light He said would be called day,
And the darkness, He called the night.

On day two He created
the sky and the seas,
Separating them with just a command.
Day three He created
the land, plants, and trees,
With fertile soil and plenty of sand.

Day four He created
the sun, moon and stars,
Light filling the sky day and night.
Day five He filled the seas
with many a fish,
And He made the birds
with wings for flight.

Day six was a special day indeed.
The animals now inhabited the land.
But his greatest creation was also done.
Out of the dust, He created man.

In His own image He created us,

Every man, woman, and child.
On day seven, He rested
from all of His work.
He said, "It is very good!"
Probably with a smile.

Now God had placed
a garden in the east,
Filled with all kinds of plants and trees;
And this is where he put Adam and Eve,
All His creation to oversee.

It was called the Garden of Eden,
A perfect picture of paradise,
Where man and animal
lived side by side,
Until Satan tricked Eve with his lies.

Deception and sin
had come into their lives.
It was on that day their world fell apart.
Adam and Eve
were cast out of the Garden,
A different life they would have to start.

Adam would now toil
and work the land.
Eve would have childbirth
with much pain.
The serpent was cursed
to crawl on his belly,
And forever be treated with disdain.

But with God's curse came a promise
That mankind would someday see,
A child would be born from Eve's seed,
A Savior who would
free us from sin's slavery.

The Scriptures clearly show us
That man failed time and time again.
We kept forgetting
all the wonders of God,
Turned our backs on Him
and fell back into sin.

It is so good that God is faithful
Even when we poor souls are not.

For He kept the promise
He made to Eve,
But many missed
the Savior that they sought.

He came as a baby
and grew strong and steady,
Knowing He had a mission to fulfill.
He healed the lame, the deaf, the blind,
And commanded the sea to be still.

So many saw His works and wonders,
Yet they still chose not to believe
That He was the Christ sent to save us.
They let themselves be deceived.

They thought they could take His power
When they hung Him on the cross:
But when He rose from the tomb
on the third day,
They should have known
their cause was lost.

He appeared to hundreds of witnesses
Before He ascended into heaven.
And to those who truly believe in Him
Eternal life is freely given.

If you want to know more of His story,
Start with Matthew,
Mark, Luke, and John.
Better yet go back
to the very beginning,
Read Genesis through Revelation.

As we look through
all of the Scriptures,
We can see God's love is true.
His character is never changing.
I wish the same could be said for us too.

Well, I could go on forever
Talking about the wonderful things
He has done;
But, I need you to discover
the love freely given
By the Father, the Spirit, and the Son!