



March 2011 Newsletter

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How You Know You are Growing In Christ **By Dr. Charles Stanley**

As we begin to prepare for revival, my prayer is that each of us would examine our own hearts. Here is a list that we should consider. When answering these statements ask yourself, “why not?”. If there is any response of “no”, go before the Lord and ask Him for that desire to be placed in your heart. Let us long for the desire to be everything God would have us to be.

1. You have a growing hunger to know God more intimately.
2. You desire to know the truth in God’s Word.
3. You are increasingly aware of your sinfulness and weaknesses.
4. You respond to known sins quickly, genuinely asking God for forgiveness.
5. You rely more and more on the Holy Spirit to empower you.
6. Your spiritual battles are more intense, but you still rejoice in the Lord and continue to praise Him.
7. You view trials and temptations as opportunities to grow in your faith.
8. Doing service for God is a high honor rather than a burden.
9. You view everything that comes into your life as being allowed by God for your good and His glory.
10. Your faith becomes stronger. You ask Him for big

things, in Jesus’ name, and expect to see Him answer.

11. Obedience is more valuable and important to you.
12. You are eager to share with others what God is doing in your life.
13. You delight in giving to the Lord’s work (time, money, etc.)
14. You experience God’s presence in every aspect of your life. You are learning to listen to Him.
15. Your private devotional life becomes a priority.
16. You are more content to just spend time with Him.
17. All of your decisions are first brought before Him.
18. You have an increasing awareness of God’s love for you.
19. Jesus is your primary focus.
20. Your energy is spent on that which touches eternity.

(Thanks to the individual who forwarded this list to me.)

***Privileged to be your pastor,
Bro. Larry***

Dates to remember.....

Bible Study ~ “Fight The Good Fight” begins March 6; 5:00 pm.

Prayer & Visitation begins Monday, March 7 ~
(Prayer 6pm & Visitation 7pm)

Revival ~ April 17 - 20 ~ Rev. Brian Fossett ~ There will be several things taking place as we prepare for revival.



It's hard to believe but March does begin the second half to the Sunday School Year. With that, all Sunday School teachers, assistants and myself will gather for a kickoff meeting on Saturday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the church's Fellowship hall and dinner will be served. All are expected, but I understand that certain circumstances may prohibit some from coming. Therefore, please sign up at the opportunity table and list how many (your spouses are invited) will attend. We will be discussing and reevaluating our philosophy and its continued implementation as we continue to Reach, Teach and Minister to people.

Wes Henry



Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.
(1 Timothy 4:12 NLT)

A little over five years ago, the first time I was given the opportunity to teach the youth, God placed on my heart to share from this verse. The message was focused on letting our students know that they have responsibilities as a Christian. Just because they are young, they do not have excuse to sit and do nothing but warm a pew. In contrast, they have the Scriptural responsibility to set the standard of how to live in truth as a Christian. They may get criticized. They may be told they are too young. They may be told to wait until they are older. No matter the resistance, their ultimate responsibility is to Christ and to serve Him fully.

This isn't an easy message as many in church culture (youth and adults) are taught the restrictions of scripture (what we're not told to do) and not the obligations of scripture (what Christ requires Christians to do). Both are necessary, but the latter is too often neglected.

Five years later, 1 Timothy 4:12 is still a challenge. Our students are faced with many obstacles and distractions. In reflection, I'm extremely humbled by how they have served within and outside of our church. Many have served on several domestic mission trips, worked at homeless shelters, studied Scripture in small groups, volunteered at *Avenues for Women*, donated clothing, given

money, and some have served internationally. Currently, they serve in *AWANA*, teach the older toddlers in the nursery, sing and play in the praise band, they are preparing for a mission trip to Eastern Kentucky and, again, some for a mission trip to Nicaragua. Within their school, several students serve on the Fellow of Christian Athletes council at FCHS, including one who holds the office of president.

As youth minister, my goal has been to disciple students so they not only know what God's Word says but that they know it in a way that challenges them apply the commands of Scripture to their lives and live God's Word. Have they fully obeyed 1 Timothy 4:12? Probably not fully. Like all of us they have places where they fall short. However, they are an excellent example to me and our entire church of not letting anyone look down on them because of who they are but instead they are trying to set the example of what faith is intended to look like. My prayer is that by the time each student that we encounter completes high school they understand that the fundamental call of every Christian is to *go* and make disciples (Matthew 28:16-20). That might mean going in Frankfort. That might mean going all over the world. The point is that all Christians are called to share Christ everywhere.

Please continue to be in prayer for our student ministry as we embrace the call of 1 Timothy 4:12.

Serving with you, Josh

Awana

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

What a blessing it is to work with the children that are enrolled in the AWANA program. They are having fun in a structured environment and learning about the one and only true God. I'm sure you have seen them moving around the church from class to class on Wednesday nights. They are full of energy! It takes a lot of helpers to make this ministry work. If you are interested in being a part of AWANA, please let us know.

*Awana meets on Wednesdays from 6:30pm - 7:40pm;
We follow the Franklin County School Schedule.*

*In His service,
Mary Henry & Billie McCall*

Nicaragua News – A Word From Pablo

My name is Pablo Garcia and I'm thirty-nine years old. I live in Rio Blanco with my family; my wife Claudia and two of my four sons, Pablito 11 and Daniel 4. We are missionaries for the Baptist Church.

I was born into a Christian home, my father Pablo Garcia Sr. is a pastor, and ever since we were children, my siblings and I knew the message of salvation. At the age of sixteen I was already working with the Baptist Youth Association at a national level. I still had not accepted the Lord truly, and because of this, at eighteen I left the church for a long time.

I met my wife in church and when we got married she began to pray for me. For four years she waited until the Lord answered her with my conversion. In this same year I thought that I had wasted a lot of time without working in the work of God. For this reason I decided to go to seminary, leaving my secular studies of economics behind.

The first two years of ministry consisted of evangelism inside the Third Baptist Church of Bethel in Managua, Nicaragua, where my father is the pastor. Soon I had a passion for missionary trips to the interior mountains of my country; going all the way to the indigenous Miskito people, who live on the banks of the Rio Coco (Coconut River). With my wife we made short visits for two years. I met the missionaries from IMB (International Mission Board) and God summoned me to work as a missionary in the mountains.

I moved with my family to Rio Blanco and for four years we have brought the word of God over a route of two-hundred miles of places without Baptist Churches. Now we have two churches and have started four congregations. My wife works with women and children, and I with men and youth. We do social, evangelical, and discipleship work. One of our goals is to prepare men to be leaders and local pastors so that they are on the front line of our work. For this reason we have established a missionary center with the vision of seminary.

I am thankful to the IMB that came to Nicaragua to train me as a church planter. When the IMB left Nicaragua, so did their financial support. As a result, our church, Bethel, and groups from the United States have taken on the challenge of supporting us in this missionary journey; developing a missionary project that will reach the unreached peoples of Nicaragua.

***That God helps us, blessings,
Pablo García Jr.
Pastor Misionero***

(Translated by Melina Meade)

Music Ministry

It's not too late to join us for practice for the Easter Cantata. Please join us at 5:00 PM on Sunday Evenings, childcare will be provided. Also don't forget that the Worship Choir will be practicing on the following Wednesday's this month: March 2nd, 16th, and 30th.

I am looking for several people to sing special music in the month of March, if you are interested please see me very soon so I can schedule you.

I leave you with the words to "All to us" by Chris Tomlin.

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation
You are faithful to the end
We are waiting, on You, Jesus
We believe You're all to us

Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives
We believe You're all to us

Only Son of God sent from Heaven
Hope and mercy at the cross
You are everything, You're the Promise
Jesus, You are all to us

Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives
We believe You're all to us

You're all to us
You're all to us
You're all to us
Yes, You are

When this passing world is over
We will see You face to face
And forever we will worship
Jesus, You are all to us

In His Love, Jay

"All To Us" words and music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves,
Matt Redman, Matt Maher

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Birthday Blessings

General Fund ~ January 2011

General Fund Deposits.....\$24,140.39
 General Fund Expenses.....\$27,144.89
 Average Offering in January..... \$4,828.08

Together We Build ~ January 2011

Monthly Loan Payment.....\$6,033.03
 Receipts.....\$5,481.89
 Loan Balance.....\$734,253.35

Brotherhood Fellowship

Friday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Ronnie McCall's Home

Please bring snacks, a 2-liter soft drink and a friend.