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Growing Together

Generâtion to Generâtion

The Body of Christ

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MAY 5

11:00am

In Person & Live Stream

“Growing Together - Part 2”

Romans 12:3-8

Listen to [sermon recordings](http://www.abingdonbaptist.org/sermon-recordings) at
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Growing Together: We Are the Body of Christ – We grow together as a local church body by appreciating the variety of persons God has placed together in us. We come from various generations, socio-economic levels, education experiences, jobs, and families of origin. In fact, we are quite diverse in many areas! Yet, God calls us to be united in our diversity. One important area of our diversity is our spiritual gifts, the topic of last week’s sermon. This week we will consider how we are united by sacrificially offering our diversity of spiritual gifts in God-glorifying service to others.

In Romans 12:1, Paul challenges us to “...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” So, practically speaking, how do we offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God? He outlines three steps to do this in Ro 12:3-8.

First, we must get our minds right about ourselves with God’s help. Paul counsels, “Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought” (Ro 12:3). High self-esteem is just as bad as low self-esteem. The world drives us to conformity with one of those two extremes, but Paul says we must “think of yourself with sober judgment” (Ro 12:3). We must know ourselves as God has created us and be true to that image of God in us.

Second, we must remember that we are part of a team (Ro 12:4-5). Paul used the analogy of the many parts of a body in Romans 12 just as he did in 1 Corinthians 12. There are many members in the body of Christ and not all have the same function. We need all our members to function as God intends. Everyone has a part to play. Large or small, your part is important. None of us can do it all alone. We are dependent on each other to accomplish God’s purpose.

Third, we must find our place on the team and offer ourselves sacrificially (Ro 12:6-8). Paul said much about spiritual gifts here and also in Ephesians 4 and 1 Corinthians 12. We all have at least one spiritual gift and usually more. There are many different gifts and combinations of gifts. All spiritual gifts are given to us by grace through God’s Holy Spirit. Each gift comes with the responsibility to find, grow, and use it to build up the body of Christ.

What are your spiritual gifts? Will you sacrifice yourself in service to the body of Christ and begin serving as God calls, equips, and empowers you to serve? God gives us gifts and expects us to use them practically in their intended uses and to the fullest of our God-given abilities. As we allow God to renew our minds by discovering the gifts that He has given to us, we are transformed by using those gifts in service to God and others. Thus, by using our gifts to serve others self-sacrificially, we become holy, pleasing, living sacrifices to God. As we serve God wholeheartedly with our gifts, God will make known His good, pleasing, and perfect will so that we can join Him in doing it. True worship is found in loving, self-sacrificial acts of service to God and others in the world and not in empty words or rituals performed in the sanctuary.

Damascus Trail Days Ministries – May 15-19 – Our Lebanon Baptist Association churches will again partner with Trail Days Ministries May 15-19. We need folks to volunteer to help operate the shower and laundry unit, give haircuts, prayer walk, provide medical help, serve meals, work in hospitality tents, serve as parking attendants, and the list goes on. There is indeed something everyone can do. If you are interested in helping, please contact Linda Austin at (276) 356-6547.

F.Y.I...

Deacon of the Month - May

Margaret Klose 276-698-8803

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SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP

Attendance for Sunday, April 28
Sunday School & Bible Study - 83
Worship Service - 130
Wednesday Adult Bible Study - 30
VA Baptist Male Chorale Concert - 123

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Extended Session Workers

May 5, 2024

Carrie Trivett & Holly Stiltner

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Worship Technicians:

Jerry Culberson
Laura Harris
Sid Lanier
Ray Minor
Amanda Perry
Tony Roberts
Cathy Shelton
Mel Shelton

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Car Ministry

May 5

Kevin Abel - 276-698-4710

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Financial Update

April 28, 2024

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Budget Funds

Weekly Budget Needs	\$9,306.00
Received 04/28/24	\$6,822.00
YTD Total Expenses	\$191,314.00
YTD Total Receipts	\$165,405.87

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Building Fund

To-date	\$100,860.99
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Pencil Project

To-date	\$430.00
Goal	\$2,000.00

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"Noisy Bucket Offering"

\$465.33



CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY

May 5

9:45am Sunday School
In-Person/Zoom
11:00am Worship In-person or Livestream
Sanctuary, Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo

MONDAY

May 6

10:00am Ladies Canasta & Fellowship
Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY

May 7

12:00pm Pastor's Study Group
Fellowship Hall
2:00pm Friends of Audrey & Jill Circle
The Hidden Gem

WEDNESDAY

May 8

5:00pm Fellowship Meal *Fellowship Hall*
Chicken Salad or Pimento Cheese
Croissants, Salad, Chips, Assorted
Desserts

5:30pm New Horizons Class *Eagle Wings*
Childrens Missions *1-3rd Classroom*
Youth Missions *Youth Room*
6:00pm Adult Bible Study *Chapel*
Young Adult Circle *Common Ground*
Youth Group *Youth Room*
Childrens Music *1-3rd Classroom*
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Choir Room*

THURSDAY

May 9

7:00pm Council of Deacons Meeting
Fellowship Hall

back to
School



PENCIL PROJECT

List of items that are include in the bags

2 paks of 70 wide ruled paper (or equivalent)
2 spiral bound paper notebooks
1 composition book
1 pencil sharpener
1 box of 24 crayons
2 erasers

1 pencil box
2 paks of 10 - #2 pencils (or equivalent)
1 pak of 10 pens (either black or blue ink)
1 pak colored pencils (usually come in paks of 10 or 12)
4 glue sticks
1 pair Fiskars (safety) scissors

Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Johnson Memorial
Bill Roark

Treatments Continuing/Pending:

Terry Christian, Nadine Culberson, Lendy Dunaway, Tristan Duncan, Denise Gobble, Wayne Hayter, Bill Hedrick, Harold Jackson, Hunter Land, Karen Lane, Scyrethia Mullins, Joel Piazza, Rita Reynolds, Bill Roark, Beverly Rush, Press Stanley, Joyce Vanover.

Long Term:

Barbara Back, Easton Ball, Ainsley Berry, Curtis Burkett, Barbara Compton, Barbara Dunn, Chris Dye, Richard and Sue Foil, Lee Garrett, Bruce Hicks, Bob Jerrell, Wayne McCall, Karen McMurray, Kevin Mullins, George Owens, Linda Pugh, John Seymour, Park Shropshire, Earl Sleeper, Rachel Stout, Stephanie Wyvill.

Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

Linda Belise, Joe Campbell, Mary Davis, Orville Davis, Jan Derting, Harold Dunaway, Masel Dunaway, Renva Gunter, Trula Harris, Christine Kohr, Virginia Moore, Sue Munsey, Joanna Owens, Margaret Roe, Bill Roark, Howard Smith.

Homebound:

Jim Jones, Grace Kiser, Dale Orfield, Collette Taylor.

Sympathy:

Expressions of Love & Christian Sympathy go out to Noelle Sutherland in the passing of her sister Cecilia Ann Mullins.



This week we want to lift up
Patrol Officer P. Owens
Abingdon Police Department
Robert Branson
Angela Brooks
Washington County Sherriff's Dept

Homebound of the Week **Margaret Roe**



Wednesday, May 15

- Jimmy McKemy
- George Hodnett

Friday, May 17

- Carrie Baxter

- Jayla Abel
- Nadine Culberson

Saturday, May 18

- Stewart Spradlin

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for being honored at the Senior Banquet. Thank you to the S.I.S. Circle and the Abingdon Baptist Staff for this honor. The gift of the study Bible is much appreciated. Please remember me in your prayers as I start this next chapter in my journey.

Walden Baxter

Continued from Pastor Bill...

Scholarship Time is Here – It is time for graduating high school seniors and those already in college to apply, as appropriate, for two scholarships available through our church. Both the **David L. Miller Scholarship** and the **ABC Deacons' Scholarship** are available. Details about these scholarships and application forms are available by contacting the church office. Applications must be submitted to our pastor by June 1, 2024.



Noisy Bucket Offering

– **This past Sunday** our children and youth collected a “noisy bucket” offering as part of our morning worship service. We plan to do receive this offering on the fourth Sunday of each month to assist various mission projects. We received a great offering of \$465.33 this past Sunday in support of our shared ministry with Ecumenical Faith in Action.



Thanks for your support!

Bill

SENIOR ADULT TRIPS

**Tennessee Smokies Baseball Game
May 14, 2024**

- *All Inclusive Lunch at Applewood Farmhouse
- *Transportation (Dinner and Shopping on your own)

\$54

**All Aboard the Abingdon Baptist Church
Lancaster Express – “Daniel” in the Lion’s Den
October 8-11, 2024**

- 3 nights at DoubleTree Resort by Hilton – Lancaster, PA
- 3 Chef Prepared Buffet Breakfasts at DoubleTree Resort by Hilton
- 3 Dinners and Shows
- And Much More !!!!

Please contact Trina in the Church office to request a flyer with all of the details 276-628-8126



To call in by telephone to listen to our Sunday morning Worship each week:

Call: (929) 205 6099#
ID: 884 1759 5846#
Participate ID #
Passcode: 504940#

We start streaming at 10:45am

Tune in to check your connection and to prepare for Worship. Service will begin at 11:00am



Full in-person or Livestream Worship. Doors open at 10:45am

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Miss Carrie Trivett

Church Organist

Mrs. Carol Clifton

Church Pianist

Mrs. Rose Payne

A church with a world mission and a world program in association with the Lebanon Baptist Association, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Southern Baptist Convention, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Baptist World Alliance.

Church office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm, Friday 9:00-12:00pm

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