



God Centered Growth

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From the Pastor's Heart

Brothers and Sisters,

How do you view conflict? Is it negative? Is it something to be avoided at all cost? Are you one who views it as a chance to overwhelm those in the conflict with strength, intellect, and righteousness? Then there are some who view conflict as neutral and unnecessary, avoiding it because they don't want to seem as if they are judging.

Biblically we are described as one body in which we all have our own gifts that complement one another. These differences also can cause conflict. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 10:31 "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

I used to view conflict as strictly negative. I wanted to avoid it at all cost, then I got tired of avoiding and used it as an opportunity to flex my muscles. I honestly never felt satisfied with either of these styles. It wasn't until I really started studying conflict that I began to understand it. I found that the majority of conflict I was in could have been avoided. I also found that I had a stronger relationship with people if I handled the conflict directly with that person.

So what did I start doing? I asked myself a question. Can you guess that question? I will give you a hint, I put referencing scripture above. The first question I ask myself is, "Will this conflict glorify God?" If it won't then it is my own pride causing the issue. If it does, then I follow Matthew's description of handling conflict. We will get into that next week.

How do you see conflict? Do you find yourself in the midst of a lot of conflict? I encourage you to see conflict as an opportunity for us to better ourselves and others as we are supposed to, just make sure you handle it in a way that glorifies God.

*Love,
Mark*

Prayer requests for this week:

- Mark Dietrich's grandmother died this week, just shy of her 100th birthday.
- Safe travels for Mark & Leigh Clark
- Chris & Penny Stidham's neighbor lost their home to a fire.
- Mr. Johnson from Coeburn was killed in an auto accident.
- Lynn Ramey taught his two daughters.



"O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever?"

How long will you look the other way?

How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day?

How long will my enemy have the upper hand?

Turn and answer me, O Lord my God!

Restore the light to my eyes, or I will die.

Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, 'We have defeated him!'

Don't let them rejoice at my downfall.

But I trust in your unfailing love.

I will rejoice because you have rescued me.

I will sing to the Lord because he has been so good to me."

Psalms 13

Annual
Church Picnic

August 12

Camp Bethel



Kayaking will
be available

Stay tuned for
more details!

**As you pray this week,
please remember the
following.**

David & Jewell Ball
Helen Bass
Charlene Bates
Libby Bowman
Gail Buchanan
Jim Campbell
Jim & Sherry Collie
Linda Cooke
Tim Cox
Rhonda Elliott
Family of Tyler Flanary
Rue Gembach
Wayne Harrison
Emma Harrod
Alana Hash
Mary Haynes
Sue Hobbs
Carol Howard
Rosalind Hunt
Elee Large
Maddie Lewis
Family of Lann Malesky
Jim & Wanda Manicure
Eugene Mullins
Tracy Ott
Donna Owens
Robertta Owens
Wilma Redman
Leah Riley
Margaret Riner
Bea Simmons
Tammy Sturgill
Marilyn Teasley
Joseph Thomas
Beverly Viers
Susan Gillenwater Wells
Brenda Whitaker
Little Ed Withrow
Our country's leaders
First responders, volunteers
Armed Services men and women
Missionaries
Nursing home patients



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 9 ~ David & Jewell Ball
June 12 ~ Bill & Rue Gembach
June 25 ~ Shawn & Amber Burke

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 2 - Susie Bradley
June 5 - Brianna Stallard, Mary Jo Stallard
June 7 - Connor Walker
June 9 - Jared Pugh, Tanya Riner
June 10 - Jackie Withrow
June 11 - Diane Cornett
June 14 - Derek Mullins
June 16 - Sharon Hamblin
June 17 - Chris Hamblin
June 20 - Peyton Stallard
June 22 - Mary Hagy
June 27 - Kyle Redman
June 28 - Jewell Ball
June 30 - Barbara Collins, Penny Osborne

First Baptist Church of Norton gives anyone the chance to come together and worship with like-minded congregants as members of a strong, loving community. Whether you're looking for peace of mind, a way to give back, or simply want to be a part of a loving family — First Baptist Church of Norton welcomes you. Join our community, and start your journey to God-centered growth with us!

How to join FBC Norton

- Baptism—You desire to express faith in Christ through baptism.
- Transfer—You wish to transfer membership from another church.
- Statement of Faith—You are a baptized believer and come on statement of faith.
- Watch Care—You would like to be connected to our church family without official membership.

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us in person!



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