



# God Centered Growth

First Baptist Church of Norton

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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."*

*Psalm 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!

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- 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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