



God Centered Growth

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From the Pastor's Heart

I really enjoy the Bible. I enjoy studying it, I enjoy just reading it, and I enjoy the questions that it makes me ponder. This week I was reading Acts 26. If you have not read this I would recommend you to do so. Acts 26 is a testimony; it is Paul's testimony. I would like for you to look at the sequence in which he gives his testimony and form your testimony while doing so. Why would you do this? Peter tells us to be prepared to give an answer to the hope that you have. This, my friends, is one way to go about understanding why we have our hope. Let's use Paul's format to discover our own testimony.

1. He tells us who he was before he met God.

This is so important because Paul is an example of admitting who we were and not just overlooking our past transgressions. Our mistakes, our lives without Christ, help us understand what God has done in our lives and it also helps us relate to those that are trying to figure out what they believe.

2. He tells us how his heart was transformed.

Your story may not be as intense as Paul's but the outcome is still miraculous. Do not downplay the moment you accepted Christ in your heart because that is the greatest moment of your life, no matter how it happened.

3. He tells us what he started doing after.

What are you doing to serve God now? If nothing, it's not too late to start. Remember that He is to be our center and that we must be ready to explain why we make Him the center of our life and why our hope is in Him.

I hope you will actually write down your testimony, reflect on your relationship with Him, and continue to grow with God as your center.

Love,
Mark

Prayer requests from Sunday:

- Bill & Rue Gembach will become great-grandparents as Riley and Crystal welcome a baby girl on Wednesday.
- Charlene Bates will see a neurologist this week.
- Kathy Osborne has a special unspoken prayer request.
- June Jones is cleared to drive for another year!
- Carol Howard had surgery this past week and is recovering at home.
- The recent school shooting near Houston, Texas



VBS Kick-off

We will kick off Vacation Bible School with a hot dog luncheon on Sunday, June 3. The church will provide hot dogs, chips, and drinks. If you would like to help, cookies would be appreciated. Contact Jean Spradlin or Barbara Collins if you can help.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to a four-week Bible study on 1, 2, 3 John and Jude: Learning and Living the Truth. We will explore truth in our relationship with God and with others and truth in the church.

We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Leigh asks that we read Session 2: 'The Truth About Loving People' for this Wednesday (May 23).

You have been very generous!

Both the homeless shelter and Operation KID (Kids in Distress) have reported overwhelming response to their requests for assistance. They do not need anything more at the moment. THANK YOU to all who answered the call.

“... Much is required from those to whom much is given, and much more is required from those to whom much more is given.”

Luke 12:48

**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
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



Please send prayer requests to
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*“So humble yourselves under
the mighty power of God, and
in his good time he will honor
you. Give all your worries and
cares to God, for he cares about what happens
to you.”*

James 5:6-7

May Birthdays

4 ~ Madison Milam

5 ~ Ed Withrow

8 ~ Alex Dixon

16 ~ Noah Mullins

18 ~ Stewart Spradlin

25 ~ Landon Rakes

26 ~ Ken Owens

Happy Birthday

Happy
SPRING

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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