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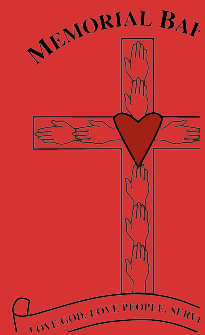
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The Heartbeat

Newsletter

Love God, Love People, Serve Others.



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SUNDAY, JUNE 20

9:30 A.M.

MBC NARTHEX

COFFEE, JUICE & DONUTS
DADS & GRANDADS COME OUT AND ENJOY
BREAKFAST WITH YOUR CHILD / GRANDCHILD.

Perspectives

From your Pastor's heart.....

We measure our growth in many areas. We have ways to measure our financial growth, our fitness goals, our grades at school and lots of other things. But how do we measure our spiritual growth? We could look at whether we know God's word more or pray more today than we did a year ago. But if Bible study and prayer does not result in a radical change in our lives then we have to ask the question, "what effect is reading the Bible and praying really having on my life?" I want to suggest 5 questions to ask yourself, from *Philippians 2:3-8*, that you can use when measuring your own spiritual growth.

#1 – How SELFLESS am I?

Paul said,

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others."

How much do I think about others in comparison to thinking about myself? How much am I willing to take a genuine interest in the things that matter most to other people? How much do I put other people's needs before my own?

#2 – How much am I willing to SACRIFICE?

In verse 5 Paul encouraged his readers to have the same attitude Jesus had. In verse 6 he wrote,

"Though He was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, HE GAVE UP His divine privileges."

Have you ever thought about all that Jesus had to give up in order to save us? It says He "emptied Himself" or "gave up" His divine privileges. He gave up a perfect environment in heaven to come to earth to be a carpenter. To sacrifice means to give up something that is *valuable* to you. Our willingness to sacrifice to God and for others is a great way to measure our spiritual growth.



#3 – How much am I willing to SERVE?

Concerning Jesus Paul said,

"He took the humble position of a slave."

One thing that was clear in observing Jesus' life is that He was *always* serving others. So, the question we should ask here is, "do I normally look for people to serve me or am I actively looking for ways I can serve others?" Are you willing to do tasks that no one else will do that seem beneath you or do you see yourself as being too good to perform such tasks? If Jesus came to earth to serve people who eventually crucified Him, who am I to say that I am not willing or too good to serve in a certain capacity?

#4 – How much am I willing to SUBMIT?

Paul continues,

"When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God."

The idea here is obedience. Jesus was obedient to what His Father was requiring Him to do. A major way to measure your spiritual growth is to honestly assess how obedient and submissive you are to what God wants from you. Next we must ask the question, "how submissive am I to the people God has placed over my life (spouse, boss, spiritual leader)?"

#5 – How much am I willing to SUFFER?

Finally, concerning Jesus, Paul wrote that He...

"died a criminal's death on a cross."

Jesus was willing to suffer because He knew that God would use His suffering to bring about a greater good. Our growth is seen best when we are able to endure life's trials in a mature way, which means without constantly complaining, pouting or turning away from the faith when things don't go our way. Part of our spiritual growth is our ability to take our share of suffering, turn to God for strength and then later use it as a testimony to help someone else.

So, how are we doing? I want to encourage you to ask yourself these 5 questions in the coming weeks and measure your own spiritual growth. Are you willing to be selfless, sacrifice, serve, submit to and suffer for others? The more we grow in these areas the more we look like Jesus.

Blessed to serve you and serve with you as we "love God, love people, and serve others."

Pastor Mike

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES	THURS	FRIDAY	SATUR
		1	2	3	4	5 Unity in the Community, 10 A.M. -2 P.M.
6 Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service, 10:50 A.M. & Facebook	7	8	9 Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	10	11	12
13 Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service, 10:50 A.M. & Facebook	14	15	16 Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	17	18	19
20 FATHER'S DAY Donuts w / DAD, 9:30 A.M. Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service, 10:50 A.M. & Facebook	21	22	23 Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	24	25	26
27 Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service, 10:50 A.M. & Facebook	28	29	30 Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.			

JUNE

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Study	10 A.M.
Adult Prayer & Bible Study	6 -7:30 P.M.
Awana (ages 3 - 8th grade)	6 -7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Praise Band Practice	8:30 A.M.
Children & Youth Bible Study	9:30-10:40 A.M
Adult Bible Study	9:40-10:40 A.M.
Sunday Worship	10:50 A.M. – 12 NOON

BIRTHDAY

1 Paula Pelfrey	18 Rosy Griffin
5 Bryan David Starkey	20 Cindy Thomas
6 TJ Gaines	22 Virginia Wilhite
Andrew Slucher	
7 Denise Gibson	
Kathey Parr	
12 Anne Goins	
Leslie Smith	
13 Julia Hershey	
Amaka Oleka	

CHURCH SERVICES & OTHER UPDATES

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Our doors are open on Sundays and face masks are required. We can have 60% capacity but still following the state guidelines. You can watch us on Facebook at Memorial Baptist Church, Frankfort, KY [memorialfrankfort](https://www.facebook.com/memorialfrankfort). For those who do not have a Facebook page, you can watch MBC Sunday worship on YouTube, which is posted on the Monday following the service. We have Frankfort KY Memorial Baptist Church channel. Invite a friend to watch on Facebook.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MTG.

We are offering Bible Study and Prayer meeting both live on Facebook and in the Worship Center at 6 P.M.

TITHE & OFFERINGS

Offerings can be dropped off or mailed to the church. Memorial Baptist Church, 130 Holmes Street, Frankfort, KY 40601-2109.

NEWSLETTER

For a copy of our church newsletter, please call (502-223-8215) or email virginia@memorialfrankfort.com. It is also posted on our website and Facebook page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KENTUCKY BLOOD CENTER

Blood drive on July 16 from 8:30 A.M. - 3 P.M. in the Narthex. You will need to sign up online at <https://my.kybloodcenter.org/donor/auth/signin>.



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MISSIONS

HARLAN COUNTY SHOE PROJECT

We are collecting new shoes for the boys & girls of Harlan County. For children and youth from Pre K—high school, sizes for small children to adult size 15. They can be any color or design. You can purchase shoes & place them in the Narthex or you can also make a donation to purchase shoes. We will be going to Harlan County July 18-24. See Lee or Ruth about volunteering.

MBC SOUP KITCHEN DAY ACCESS SOUP KITCHEN & MEN'S SHELTER

Lunch is served by a great community of volunteers at the following times: Monday-Friday: 11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Saturday: 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. & Sunday: 2 - 3 P.M.

Current needs: toiletries, T-Shirts, hand sanitizer, plastic wrap, paper towels, sugar & creamer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to work in the nursery during Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) and worship service (10:50 a.m.). You will need to be over 18 and there must be two volunteers working at a time. The church will need to run a background check on each volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office at 502-223-8215 or Lee Meadows.

SYMPATHY

To the family of Rick Meadows. He is the father of our Youth Pastor, Lee Meadows, father-in-law of Cara and grandfather to Lauren, Nolan and Easton. He passed away on May 15, 2021.

NEW MEMBER

Alyssa True joined Memorial Baptist Church on Mother's Day, May 9 and was baptized on May 16. She is the granddaughter of Karen & Fred Cook.

For the Record

	Sunday April 25	Sunday May 2	Sunday May 9	Sunday May 16	Sunday May 23	Totals
Bible Study	42	44	47	44	42	
Worship Service	44	61	64	52	62	
Facebook	No video	177-11 live	96-8 live	119 views	64 views	
Budget Offerings	4,500.00	3,881.00	3,755.00	7,029.00	5,492.00	24,657.00
Lord OT Harvest	525.00	800.00	427.00	1,230.00	770.00	3,752.00
Designated Gifts	50.00	100.00	0.00	155.00	4,085.00	4,390.00
Total Gifts	5,075.00	4,781.00	4,182.00	8,414.00	10,347.00	32,799.00



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Future Events

"If believers and their churches simply pray to God for persecution to end, the only way for God to answer that type of prayer is to stop people from following Jesus," Nik Ripken, author of "Insanity of God," said. "Rather, we pray for persecuted believers to remain obedient through their suffering, and we seek to identify with persecuted believers by sharing our faith in whatever environment we find ourselves."



Southern Baptists are invited to join in prayer in the weeks leading up to the Day of Prayer. Specifically, believers can pray for:

- the church to pray faithfully and fervently in accordance with God's Word and will.
- followers of Christ to consistently study and obey Scripture so they are spiritually prepared when persecution comes.
- church leaders to boldly proclaim the Gospel in the face of opposition.
- the persecuted, that they have the strength to live in the power, love and sound mind that God alone can provide.
- those who are brutalized to sense the Lord's love surrounding them and respond to those who have injured them with grace and dignity.
- the global church to commit its heart and time in prayer and fasting for the persecuted church.
- each church to keep its focus on the glory of God and growth of His church.