

Connection Update

Next Meeting - Thursday August 27, at 6:00pm.

Kids Ministry – Tim and Corey Wylie

No meal, but we will provide drinks

In the book we are reading, you should be through chapter 3 by the meeting date.

Prayer List (New and updates in red)

Jordan (Jeremy and Kelly Murphy daughter) – Pray for her to get reconnected with God and church. Has been coming the last couple of weeks and expressed interest in serving in AWANA. **Praise! God is working deeply on Jordan. Pray for this to continue.**

Jana Murphy – Jeremy's daughter – Pray for her to come to the conclusion that this name change is not a good thing and to drop it. For Jeremy to have wisdom in any steps he may take.

Family of Mark Carter in the passing of his sister. **Local Service will be at FBC Mayflower Saturday August 29 at 2:00pm**

Tim Doherty to have wisdom and peace about how to handle Lane during this season of life.

Nick and Rachel Raines (Ron and Jennie Davis daughter and family) are interested in joining Marshall Road. This is a big step for them because they have only been part of Independent, Fundamental Baptist churches previously. Us helping them move was a great witness of the spirit of Marshall Road.

Lane Doherty – God to reconnect with him. Peace in his mind. For his Dr appt to be profitable and for him to begin to find his way as an adult and father. Pray for Tim to have wisdom and peace during all of this.

Jennifer Wylie – Pray for her meds to get regulated properly and that she doesn't go into her shell and shut herself off from the people she needs the most. Pray that she leans into God during this season that is so hard for so many.

Pray for our church and leadership – We know the enemy is on the prowl. We have seen so many in our church family get hit with so many different things in 2020. Pray for protection, wisdom, courage and strength during this time.

Pray for what God is doing and what God wants to do in and through Marshall Road.

Thankful for the new families we are seeing regularly. Pray for them to get connected.

Pray for AWANA and the other ministries launching back. We do not want to have to hit pause anymore, so pray that God protects us from Corona as more people attend.

Pray for schools to be able to remain open.

Pray for our young adult ministry. That is becoming a large group in our church. Pray that it can get launched and moving forward. **The first meeting of this group will be Thursday Sep. 3, 6:00pm at the church for a meal and fellowship. Pray for a great start!**

Pray for the many who need to take next steps and be baptized to be obedient.

Thank God that our giving has remained strong and we have been able to do a lot during this downtime on our facilities.

Ashley and Tyler's baby is home and doing well. All tests were negative for anything major.

Rue and Lisa Buell and their future child.

Our prayer list of names of those who need Jesus. *this list will continuously be updated

Tyler Wylie (Tim's twin)

William (Rue and Lisa connection)

Cole Hickerson (Tim Wylie brother)

Alicia (rue and Lisa neighbor)

Nikki Layton (friend of Kristin, has two girls who we hope will attend AWANA)

Austin Wilson

Mark Brown – need to reconnect with God.

Austin Reddig

Clint (Jake Diaz boss)

If you missed the sermon Sunday, you can watch it here. <https://youtu.be/cHpdDellgns>

- In Ephesians 4:1. The word translated “live” can also be translated “walk.” There are several passages telling Christians how they are to walk. Read over the following passages out of Ephesians: 4:1: “walk worthy of the calling with which you have been called” 4:17: “walk no longer as the Gentiles walk” 5:2: “walk in love” 5:8: “walk as children of light” 5:15: “Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise” How are we to “walk worthy of our calling”?
- What is the goal of living this lifestyle?
- In what ways is living by the Spirit a greater motivator to live a life worthy of your calling rather than just following a set of rules?
- What is your greatest area of weakness when it comes to living like the person you have become? Does this weakness come from your personality and character or from your life experiences? What do you think you can do to address that issue?
- How involved are you in a church? Is your level of involvement sufficient to allow you to grow to spiritual maturity?
- Why do you think that Paul starts by addressing unity in our relationships with others? What does that suggest about the role of Christian community for our spiritual growth?
- If we were to ask Paul, “Why is Christian community so important for our spiritual growth?” what would he say?
- Seven times in Ephesians 4:1-6 Paul emphasizes the word “one.” In what ways does having a singular focus on one Spirit, God, body, faith, and hope help create a unified body of believers?
- What is Paul saying is the basis for our unity?
- Paul writes about being unified as a church. How well has the church stayed unified? How unified is our church?
- Compare this section to 1 Corinthians 12:14–28. How does that passage shed new light on this one?

- Sometimes people refer to new Christians or baby Christians and mature Christians. What do these terms mean? What does it mean to be a mature Christian?
- Will we ever be completely mature? Why or why not?
- Why is it important that we're moving toward maturity in our faith? What happens if we aren't?
- When has someone spoken the truth in love to you about something you needed to change or fix? How did you take it? What was the result?
- Why do you think Paul mentions that we should bear with one another in love, speak the truth in love, and build up the church in love? Why do you think he repeated this?
- Paul writes of putting off the old self and putting on the new self. Why do you think he uses these phrases?
- In writing about putting on the new self, Paul does not refer to specific behaviors, but rather to the renewing of the attitudes of our minds. What does this tell you about what Christian living looks like?
- All of the actions listed in verses 25–32 have to do with relationships. Why is it so important to Paul that the readers understand how to treat one another? • Compare this passage to Galatians 5:13–26, also written by Paul. How does the Galatians passage help you better understand this Ephesians passage?
- What does Paul say is our motivation for forgiving others? How does this make you think differently about forgiveness?
- Pray as you read through this passage again, asking God to point out any areas that need some work in your life. Where can you grow in your relationships? How can you better live a life worthy of your calling? Identify one or two action steps for this week.
- We were created for community: both for the support and for the challenge. If you don't have a group of other believers that you meet with regularly, think about who you might be able to start a relationship with.
- In what ways do you need to grow in humility, gentleness, patience, and peace? Spend time exploring this in prayer and ask God to help you grow in these areas. Identify any specific steps you can take this week.
- Explore the gifts God has given you. How are you currently using them to build up the church? How can you use them in new ways to build up other believers?
- Take time to evaluate the last six months. In what areas have you seen growth toward maturity in your faith? In what areas have you seen a plateau? Where has there been back pedaling? Celebrate the ways God has been growing you. Then identify things you can do to continue in a positive path.