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Pastor David Gardner

Forgive me for laughing at myself. I found this article, read it and thought: “I like almost everything they say...except for how they say it!” Here is a greatly adapted piece from a seminary professor, Randy Wolf:

“How do we cultivate a church culture where people actually want to grow in their affection for Christ and in their capacity to serve Him more effectively? Without a growth mindset, people will likely be satisfied with a mediocre distortion of biblical Christianity.

C.S. Lewis —‘There are only two kinds of people: those who say to God, Thy will be done, and those to whom God says, All right, then, have it your way.’

A deep, disciple-making movement is possible when people grow in their relationship with God, develop godly character, pursue their God-given calling, love others, and hone and use their gifts/abilities in tandem with others.”

Five Ways to Foster a Growth Mindset in Church:

1. Share what you're learning

Disciples need to humbly share what they're learning from Scripture, what is helping them from their other reading and watching, and the lessons God is trying to teach them through their mistakes and successes. Be open and transparent about your journeys.

2. Facilitate learning experiences

If you're a ministry leader, facilitate learning experiences. Do training activities with your team whether it's 15 minutes at the start of a meeting or at an annual retreat.

3. Provide appropriate resources that build capacity

Everyone has gifts and strengths. If one will utilize those gifts and strengths in new ways, then they become deeper, stronger and more adaptable. If you're on the leadership table, pass along links to great blog articles, TED Talks, and other easily accessible resources. Of course, we need to pass on only the best resources and to do so at an acceptable pace. We don't want to overwhelm people with too much information.

4. Ask good, coaching questions

We can stimulate learning and growth through any conversation. Good questions can help people think in new and deeper ways. Here are some examples of questions that leaders can ask to expand people's thinking:

- o What are you learning from this experience?
- o How do you see God at work in this situation?
- o What are some options that you have not seriously considered yet?
- o What would you like this _____ (relationship, ministry, program, etc.) to look like in three years?

5. Pray for God's Spirit to Work in People's Lives

If we want to partner with God's will, we have to both pray and do. It can be so hard because we might be the one who is transformed. Here is C.S. Lewis again: "It's so much easier to pray for a bore than to go and see one." This is so critical. God responds to prayers and often does immeasurably more than we could ever ask or imagine. Deep growth happens as God's Spirit moves in people's lives.

2 Corinthians 5:16-18 (Voice)

"Because of all that God has done, we now have a new perspective. We used to show regard for people based on worldly standards and interests. No longer. We used to think of the Anointed the same way. No longer. Therefore, if anyone is united with the Anointed One, that person is a new creation. The old life is gone—and see—a new life has begun! All of this is a gift from our Creator God, who has pursued us and brought us into a restored and healthy relationship with Him through the Anointed. And He has given us the same mission, the ministry of reconciliation, to bring others back to Him."

Before You take us home, Lord, help us to bring Jesus into the new homes of other folks hearts. Sometimes we get caught looking back on our former life and fail to do things in the present. Sometimes we are so looking forward to the future that we forget our work now. Sometimes, we are so caught up in our Christian ways, we also forget how to talk to folks who do not know Jesus. Put us on the path that leads more folks to You. Amen



announcements

Volunteers are needed to ride in the van on Sunday Mornings to pick up the kids.

Fellowship Meal will be June 16th at Noon. It will be Potluck. Saint Paul's will provide the meat so please bring sides and desserts.

On June 16th we will take up a special offering for Peace with Justice Ministries.

The Leadership Table will meet June 18th at 6:30 pm.

Book Study - Sundays 6 pm

Bible Study - Mondays 6 pm

Ladies Night -

Mondays 7 pm

Keno Group -


2nd Tuesdays 5:30 pm

APPORTIONMENTS

2019 Apportionments

	Conference	District
Total:	\$16,560.00	\$1,155.00
Paid to Date:	\$3,119.00	\$418.25
Still Due:	\$12,441.00	\$673.75



 *Celebration for
Reverend Randy Mitchell*

First United Methodist Church Enid
announces the retirement of
Reverend Randy Mitchell,
after nearly 40 years of ministry.

On Sunday, June 23
you are invited to join us for
Traditional Worship at 9:00 or
Modern Worship at 11:10.
A reception will be held to honor Randy & Helen
at 10:00 a.m.

*Cards would also be much appreciated:
Randy & Helen Mitchell
c/o First UMC Enid
401 W. Randolph, Enid, OK 73703*



9 – Cheryl Johnson
12 – John Freese
12 – Amy Blevins
21 – Kathy Allred



Youth headed to Camp this week

Junior Brown was at Men's
Breakfast

Connor Bowles leaving for
International classes

Visitors on Sunday Morning

Handing bottled water out at the
Cemeteries on Memorial Weekend.

Annual Conference

Trish will have a new grandbaby in
February

Prayer Concerns



Family of Robby Fithen

Reames Family

Ann Johnson – Recovering from Surgery

Mason Teakell and Family

Sara Riggs – Strength, Patience and Love

Trey Golden – Traveling to Washington D.C,

James Clifton – Kidney Cancer - Surgery to remove right Kidney

Lakyn Anderson – Newborn with Breathing Issues

Flooding

Keith Crain – Surgery

Jonathan Pipkin – to remember God is always with him, step by step, even when he forgets it

Parker Bowles – Growth

Lisa Berscheidt's Friend's Son in a serious motorcycle accident

Lisa Berscheidt's Cousin had a premature baby

Addie McMurrin

Tarah Frye – Travel Mercies as she goes to Italy to study for a Month

Tanner Tanaka – still in NICU

Addie's brother after Heart Surgery

Beth Horn – On Hospice

Ann Starrett – Dementia and broken Hip. In Memory Care.

James Crow – Cancer

Kay Martin – Dementia and Fell and Broke a Bone

Thomas Bradburry – Healing from Cancer

Della Henry – Heart Surgery

Kathy Allred – Continued prayers for healing and to be healthy

Marcia Haskins – On going foot sores

Drew Cole - Cancer

Junior Brown - Cancer

Connie Green – Cancer

Stacy Mettler – Cancer

Jason Poorman – (Edith Suiters nephew) Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Karen Gibson – Cancer

Gary Gibson – Cancer

Kathy Bridges – Cancer

Margaret Averre – Throat cancer

Daniel Whitney – Cancer

Jennifer Allred – Spinal pain and fibromyalgia

Melinda Douglas – Lung Cancer