



January 2018

"Christian Growth Cycle"

"Sprout - Mature - Bear Fruit"

Planning for the new year, I've been developing a teaching series to encourage us toward spiritual growth. Some churches use metaphors alluding to the world of academia, like 101, 201, etc. or sports, like baseball diamonds. Others use catch words or bullet points, like "Win, Disciple, Serve".

We live in flatland, farmland, and there must be a metaphor from agriculture that would work. Crops and garden plants follow similar growing cycles. Although the process is complex, it can be broken down into three phases: Sprout - Mature - Bear Fruit. Although the process of spiritual growth has infinite complexity, there are three distinct phases: Sprout - Mature - Bear Fruit.

For plants, seeds are planted with regard for last frost and soil temperature and type. Through the germination and emergence phases, the root establishes and the seedling appears. Sprout is when the seedling comes above the ground.

For Christians, God uses Christian friends, life circumstances, godly family members, Sunday School teachers, the beauty of nature, and a myriad of ways to design a customized path to establish a personal relationship with you. Through grace, God draws all persons to himself, but the decision is one that can only be made by each individual. Sprout is when Jesus is accepted as Lord and Savior.

Plants begin a maturation process that varies by species. Corn phases include leaf collar establishment, several rows of leaves, tassel, pollination, and ear formation. After ripening and drying down the plant is mature.

Many spiritual disciplines including public worship, small groups, discipline, sanctification, and devotional life are part of the path toward Christian maturity.

The end of the growing process for a plant is to bear fruit. All summer long, vegetables move from garden to table to palate. At harvest time, grain is combined, stored, and sold. The farmer's or gardener's goal is maximum yield.

For the Christian, bearing fruit is what is done for others. Three ways Christians bear fruit is through generosity, God jobs, and reaching others for Jesus.

The Christian Growth Cycle will be our winter teaching series from January 6 through February. The first of the year is a good time to plan and develop habits for spiritual growth. Come and bring a friend.

See you Sunday,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Brad".

Pastor Brad



January 2018

It's a new year. A time to reflect. A time to start fresh. A time to lean into Christ more than ever before. A lot of times when January rolls around, I look forward to a new year, a new start, and a time to make changes in my life. I'm thankful to say that I'm not super excited about a new year this time. I'm very content with how 2017 was and plan to continue living how I was this past year. Unfortunately there have been years past where that wasn't the case. Whether you're in the boat with me this year or the boat I've been in in the past, don't make some crazy resolutions. Make some normal habits. I think New Year's resolutions fail so frequently because we try to do crazy things and don't think we can do it every single day. Take things one day or week at a time. Go to church THIS week. Read your Bible TODAY. Go to the gym TODAY. Whatever your goal is, focus on doing it now and then you will form habits. And you might miss a day, but if you form the right habits, the resolutions will follow.

On January 3rd there will be no Wednesday Night Ministries due to winter break. Those will start back up on January 10th. The Rock will start back up on January 9th. The Sr High YF group will be going to Winter Jam in Columbus on January 20th. This is an awesome concert that has a bunch of different Christian artists. It is one of our staple events and I look forward to it every year. I hope the start of this year is one filled with new habits that start one day at a time.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Tom



What: Pastor's Class on what the United Methodist Church teaches

Who: If you would like to become a member of our church, if you joined recently, or if you have been around a while and would like to know more about what the United Methodist Church teaches.

When: Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm, January 10 - February 7.

Where: Family Room at the church

Who: Pastor Brad will teach

What: If you are interested or if you have questions, contact Pastor Brad or show up for class.

inspire

Save the date!

March 9-11, 2018 will be our annual spiritual life weekend. This year's theme will be "inspire". We will focus on who the Holy Spirit is and what he can do in and through us. The format will be similar to the Lay Witness Mission we enjoyed a couple of years ago.



5th Sunday's of the month will be regular service times of 8:15 am & 10:30 am, in 2018. There will no longer be one service with lunch following.

January Servant Schedule

	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
8:15 Door Greeters				
8:15 Nursery		T. Atkinson Family	N. Carter Family	Conner Family
S. S. Door Greeters	Mack Family	Fetterman Family	Case Family	Davis Family
S.S. Nursery	S. Clapp Family	Oelkrug Family	Gutierrez Family	Barnes Family
10:30 Door Greeters	Mack Family	Fetterman Family	Case Family	Davis Family
10:30 Nursery	Masuwa Family	Ainsley Quigley	Jones Family	Cramer Family
Greeters Welcome Center	O'Neal Family	Ron Saneholtz Family	Nash Family	Masuwa Family

Prayer
 *Changes things*
Let us pray for you with Faith
Believing
 HE WILL LIFT YOU UP

Rev. Dan Bare— Recovering from open heart surgery; Sandy Wolf—(Tom Wolf's sister-in-law) - Stage 4 cancer; April Mozingo—Health concerns; Cherie Collier—Health Concerns; Carol Witte—Recovering from knee surgery; Cheryl Shadday—Recovering from knee surgery; Family and friends of James Meyer (Julie Zenz's father) - Passed away Dec. 11th; Connie Cramer (Christy Myers' mother) - Lymphoma.

Long-Term Needs: Sara Myles—Cancer; Ken Silveus; Morris Myers—Lung Cancer; Leo “Bud” Zenz, Patsy Leatherman, Ruth Gramling, Kent Spiess, Francis Brown, Joyce Schwyn (sister of Max Fetterman); Braden Kramer - (Fetterman extended family) - Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia; Brady Chapa—Cancer. Also, members of the military and their families, our missionary families.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Jennifer Wong	2 Bonnie Mohler Mary Jane Murrey Gabe Oberhaus	3 And the two shall become one <i>Ephesians 5:31</i>	4 Jessica Clapp Francis Brown	5 Peyton Leatherman	6 Juliette Smith Eliza Trapp
7 Cheryl Shadday	8 Jacob Clapp Kelly McIntosh	9 Lily Wong	10 David Hartford Eloise Griteman Blake Graber	11 Kyelar Kern Max Fetterman	12 Tyler Cobb	13 John Hartford Gretchen Tedrow Jim & Cathy Leatherman
14	15 Hanson Saneholtz Trisha Carter	16 Aaron Shafer Nate Shafer	17 Laura Case Neil Tedrow Tom Atkinson Sherry Martin	18 Mark Jones	19 	20
21 	22 Cathy Griteman	23 Austin Smith	24	25 Christian Griteman	26	28
28 Leah Martin	29 Kelsey Ford	30 Louise Dalton Bob Griteman Connor Cobb Carl & Cheryl Carter	31 Hope Oelkrug Joe Gillen Courtney & Lavon Patton			



**Liberty Chapel
Men's Basketball
team is 4-1. Watch
the bulletin for their
schedule to see our
basketball stars take
the floor! All games
are played at
Wauseon Primary
School.**



With the snow season just around the corner, just a reminder of Chapel's cancellation policy:

Communicating Cancellations

All Sunday Worship Services will be cancelled when the Henry County Sheriff declares a Level 3 Snow Emergency.

All Church meetings shall be cancelled when a Level 3 Snow Emergency. (PLEASE NOTE: If the snow emergency is lifted before the meeting time, the meeting may be held at the discretion of the committee chair.)

All Worship Service cancellations will be broadcast on WNDH 103.1 FM radio.

Call the church at 419-533-2881 and listen for recorded cancellation message.

Adopted by the Administrative Council 2/2/2015

JANUARY



Sunday Worship Times: 8:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)
 10:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided)
 9:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)

Classic Worship (Nursery Provided)
 Praise Celebration (Nursery Provided)
 Classes for All Ages (Nursery Provided)

Sunday School:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year!!! Office is closed	2 7:30 pm Men's Basketball	3	4	5	6 7 am Men's Prayer Time
7	8 6 pm Trustee 7 pm Ad. Council 7 pm Ladies of Liberty 8 pm Worship	9 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30 pm Men's Basketball 7 pm SPRC	10 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's Bible Study 7-8:45 pm Sr. High YF 7:30 pm Pastor's Class	11 3-5 pm ROCK 8:30 pm Men's Basketball	12	13 7 am Men's Prayer Time
14	15 6 pm UMM 6-7:30 Bountiful Blessings 7 pm Ladies of Liberty 7 pm Evangelism	16 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	17 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's Bible Study 7-8:45 pm Sr. High YF 7:30 pm Pastor's Class	18 3-5 pm ROCK	19 9-11 am Bountiful Blessings	20 7 am Men's Prayer Time Sr. High YF—Winter Jam
21	22 6:30 pm Missions 7 pm Ladies of Liberty	23 6 am Charlie's 6:30 pm Men's Basketball	24 3-5 pm Rock 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's Bible Study 7-8:45 pm Sr. High YF 7:30 pm Pastor's Class	25 3-5 pm ROCK 7pm Christian Education	26	27 7 am Men's Prayer Time
28	29 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Ladies of Liberty	30 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7:30 pm Men's Basketball	31 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's Bible study 7-8:45 pm Sr. High YF 7:30 pm Pastor's Class			

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Church Office Hours M – F 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS – 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 A.M.

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“A body knowing and growing in Christ so deeply that He is overflowing to others.”

Return Service Requested

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