

Upcoming Events

Charles & Charlotte McPeak

Anniversary 06/13/2021

Doni Baskin

Birthday 06/15/2021

Tiara & George Kent

Anniversary 06/17/2021

Contribution

\$7,516

Attendance at the building

Sunday 109

Wednesday 72



Current Schedule of Services at the building and Zoom

Schedule of Services: The schedule of services will be as follows:

9:00 AM Sunday Adult Bible Study; Bill In Auditorium and ZOOM

Roger Cobia and John Demas in adult classrooms 1 and 2 and no Zoom

Children's classes in normal classrooms

10:00 AM Sunday morning worship In Auditorium and ZOOM

Mask now optional in the center and right sections of the auditorium . Mask Required in the left section of the auditorium.

5:00 PM (ZOOM ONLY) -
Followed by all group ZOOM

6:30 PM Wednesday Bible study with Bill in the auditorium and zoom

Roger Cobia and John Demas in adult classrooms 1 and 2 and no Zoom

Children's classes in normal classroom

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Progress

Timanthes, was an ancient Greek painter from the 4th century B.C. who was studying under a respected tutor.



There's a legend that he once painted an exquisite work of art, but he became so enraptured with the painting that he spent several days gazing at it, instead of finishing it.

One morning when he arrived to admire his work, he was shocked to find it blotted out with paint. Angry, he ran to his teacher, who admitted he destroyed the painting. "I did it for your own good. That painting was retarding your progress. Start again and see if you can do better."

Timanthes took his teacher's advice and produced the Sacrifice of Iphigenia, which is regarded as one of the finest paintings of antiquity.

When I read that story, although I was unfamiliar with that work of art, I was struck by the line, "That painting was retarding your progress."

Sometimes our success, or at least our perception of success can be one of the greatest obstacles to our continued success. We may allow our past accomplishments to hinder us from making future progress. For improving. For getting better. For growing. For achieving our true potential.

The apostle Paul would be regarded as a successful minister of the gospel by any measurement. Yet, in his later years of life, after three missionary journeys, establishing churches all over the Roman empire, mentoring young preachers, writing more letters than any other apostle, and testifying of his faith before Kings and governors, he offered this insight: *Continued inside*



LATEST MEMBER NEWS

Jess Hart passes

6/12/2021 - Our brother and former Elder, Jess Hart passed from this life today after a lingering series of health problems that were just too much for his body to overcome. Our prayers are for Pat and for Gary and Janis who have done so much for Jess and Pat.

Funeral arrangements will be published when known.

Johnnie Mae White funeral Sunday, June 13

6/10/2021 - Johnnie Mae White's funeral is scheduled for Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Ross-Clayton Funeral Home, 1412 Adams Ave., Montgomery, AL 36104.

Vaughn Thayer update 6/11/2021 - Vaughn Thayer has finished her last series of chemo treatments and will begin radiation treatments soon. Keep her in your prayers.

Gloria White's telephone number is now 334-430-6600.

Welcome Melvin & Jania Otey 6/7/2021 - Please welcome new members Melvin & Jania (pronounced "JAH-NAY-AH") and last name "Otey" (pronounced "OH-TAY"). Children are Caleb, age 15, and Christian, turning 13 on June 15. You have seen this family meeting with us for some weeks now. Melvin graduated from law school in Washington, D.C. and is an attorney teaching criminal law at Faulkner. He shared classes with Marshall McDaniel when he was here. Jania wonderfully home schools the two boys. . Please get to know them and let them know we are happy to have them as part of the family.

Prayer List

Jim McPherson - serious problem with Crone's Disease **Katherine Trefethen** requests prayers for her serious swallowing problem. **Susan Smiley**, Carrie Burks' youngest sister - Stroke - now in Rehab **Neal Smith** continues to be weak after all his health problems. **Sawyer Burch**- serious rare genetic digestive problem (Trifunctional Protein Deficiency) (TFP). Getting needed medication. Pray for research to find cure. **John Demas' mother, Janice Lindner**- Cancer **Grace Meyers** - in KY - friends of Bill's daughter - leukemia. **Marsha Williamson** - Parkinson's - Had pump & tubing installed. Pray for her return to near normal. **Beth Beasley** (Marsha's sister) - fractured shoulder, final stages of COPD, Hospice **David Thacher**, Marsha Williamson's brother - recovered from COVID-19 - chronic leukemia **Agnes Kochik** (Ron's mother) home now. **Susan Kochik** - (Ron's niece) - **Don Pennington**, Kaye McDonald's brother. Dialysis, in nursing home rehab. Iron infusions **James Powell** - With us, but still having a problem with leg pain.

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Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:13-14)

Paul was still reaching forward. Pressing toward the prize. And striving to make progress.

Our spiritual progress can be impeded at any point in life, young or old when we become self-satisfied. When we become comfortable with the status quo. When we become content with where we are, who we are, what we're doing.

Our growth in the spiritual graces, developing the fruit of the spirit, and becoming more like Christ will not be attained accidentally, or automatically by simply attending church services three times a week. Martin Luther King, Jr was right when he wrote, "Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. Every step toward the goals requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."

Of course, as George Bernard Shaw reminds us, "Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." Therein is the challenge. We are often resistant to change. Complacency is an enemy of change, and thus progress.

Sometimes we can become discouraged and disheartened when it seems that we're not moving quickly enough in the direction we want and need to go. However, as my favorite author anonymous once said, "Small progress is still progress." Or as Robin Sharma wrote, "Slow, steady progress is better than daily excuses."

Distractions and delay are an opponent of progress. Stay focused. Keep your eyes on the goal. Be intentional. Keep moving forward. Little by little.

Daily devotions. Consistent Bible study. Persistent prayer. Introspective meditation. Encouraging fellowship. And reading challenging, inspirational books. All of these will both encourage and assist you in your spiritual progress.

Like Paul, we must persist in progressing forward until the day we die. I love the story of the young reporter who interviewed Pablo Casals only a year before he died.

"Mr. Casals, you are 95 and the greatest cellist that ever lived. Why do you still practice six hours a day?"

"Because I think I'm making progress," Casals replied.

Are you making progress? -Ken Weliever, The Preacherman