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Sowing the Seed

In Matthew 13:3-9 Jesus was speaking to the multitude that gathered on the shore. On this particular occasion He spoke to them with a parable about a sower that went out to sow seed. And He said, *"Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"*

As we look at this parable there are several lessons we can learn. I think the lesson I have focused on most of the time when reading this parable is about the different types of soils. The soils represent the hearts and minds of mankind and the seed is God's Word and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Some soils are obviously very receptive and receive the seed in a positive way. Growth happens and the crop yields a great harvest, but not all soils immediately have this type of reception and growth. Some fall on the wayside and nothing happens. Others receive the seed but it never takes root. Others start to grow but get choked out by all the things around them. It is good as Christians to recognize this before you go out to sow seed. You might have to share the gospel with a lot of people before even one truly receives it and grows. But no matter the immediate outcome we must keep sowing the seed and recognize God is going to give the increase.

Another lesson that we need to consider is that since there are some soils that are not ready to fully receive the gospel we might have to do some cultivating. In a field you have to plow and work the land to get it ready. Some fields/soils need more work than others. Identify the obstacles if possible. Make a plan and strategy to work with these people. Keep on working the land. Maybe one day that soil will be ready.

But for all of this to make sense there is one more lesson that I think we need to remember. We, as Christians, are supposed to be sowers. In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus told His disciples to go make disciples and teach. If I am a child of God I am also supposed to be a sower. Sometimes growth doesn't happen because as we sow the seed the soil is not ready. But other times the problem is not with the soil, it is with the sower. Who are we sharing the gospel with? Who are we telling about Jesus? Are we being the sowers God called us to be?

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Sunday

Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night

Bible Class - 6:30 p.m.

Elders

**Chris Bates, Darrel Cockroft,
Andy Dulaney, James Leggett,
Jeff Morris**

Deacons

**Antonio Bracey, Charles Bracey,
John Mark Bridges, Chris Carr,
William Case, Bobby Chase,
Drew Dulaney, Herbert Ellis,
Terrance Freeman, Joey Jamison,
Dustin Jeffords, James Koestler,
Scott Morris, Hiram Sturgeon**

Ministers

**Gary Hampton - Minister
Derek Broome - Minister
Edward Glass - Deaf Minister
Joey Jamison - Youth Minister**

Missionaries

**Louis and Martha Rushmore
Sam Lawrence**

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News and Events

There will be a **widows and widowers** meeting Saturday September 20th at 11 a.m. in the downstairs fellowship hall. Please let Terrance and Shaunda Freeman know if you can attend.

Elders and Deacons Meeting - The quarterly elders and deacons meeting is Sunday, September 21st at 3:45 pm. We will be discussing accomplished goals from this quarter and plans and goals for the 4th quarter. Please make plans to be a part of this meeting.

Youth Devo - Sept. 21st following evening services.

We are collecting supplies for **Blessing Bags**. We need: Vienna Sausages, Peanut Butter Crackers, Tuna Packages, Fruit Cups, Water, etc. Please place all donations near the Blessing Bags in the foyer.

If you would like to attend the **Ladies Retreat** on February 5th-8th. Please sign up on the bulletin board as soon as possible. For details, please see Hannah Broome.

Women of the Word - Sept. 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

RUSH @ FHU - Youth Group - Sept. 25th-28th.

Ladies Class - Children's Education- There will be a class for ladies regarding children's Bible class instruction on Saturday, October 4th 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will be discussing details of how our children's classes work, specifics of the tools and materials used, and the study plan. This will help us all understand how all the parts work. This class is for: **Moms/Women** who want to know more about what is being taught. **Those who want to teach**, and may have before, but are a little hesitant. Most importantly for **Present Teachers** so we can refresh, recharge, and grow our teaching abilities to best prepare our children for heaven. Please sign up on the bulletin board or see James Koestler if you plan to attend.

Kids Connect - October 5th following morning services.

Early Risers - Oct. 7th at 7 a.m. at Chickfila in Byram.

Fall Fest - October 11th at 5:30 p.m. Bring candy to hand out to all the children.

Youth Area Wide - October 12th at 5 p.m. at North Brandon church of Christ.

Gospel Meeting with Justin Rogers - October 18th-19th. On Saturday the 18th we will start at 9 a.m. with singing and the first lesson. After the first lesson we will have a break and start the second session at 10:15 a.m. On that Sunday all adult classes will meet in the auditorium for a combined class at 9:30 a.m. We will then have our normal morning services at 10:30 a.m. followed by a fellowship meal. Everybody is asked to bring potluck. After lunch we will have our afternoon service at 12:45 p.m. We will not be meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Devo - October 26th after evening services in the upstairs fellowship hall.

Women of the Word - October 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Chili Cookoff and Singing - November 1st at 5 p.m. in the upstairs fellowship hall. The singing will start at 5 p.m. and we plan to eat around 6 p.m. Please sign up in the foyer if you are going to bring chili. We will have awards for best overall chili and for the hottest chili. If you would like to bring sides, toppings, and drinks please also sign up in the foyer so we can make sure we have everything covered.

Fall Back - Be sure to set your clocks back an hour before your go to bed on November 1st.

Kids Connect - November 2nd following morning services

Early Risers - November 4th at 7 a.m. at Chickfila in Byram.

Fellowship Meal - November 9th - following morning service. Everybody is asked to bring potluck. After lunch we will have our afternoon service at 12:45 p.m. We will not be meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Kids Bake Off - November 14th at 6 p.m.

Youth Devo - November 16th after evening services in the upstairs fellowship hall.

Women of the Word - November 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Night Bible Study - On the week of Thanksgiving we will have our midweek Bible study on Tuesday, November 25th at 6:30 p.m. We will not meet on that Wednesday night the 26th.

Early Risers - December 2nd at 7 a.m. at Chickfila in Byram.

Congregational Christmas Party - December 5th. Please bring a wrapped ornament or coffee mug for a gift exchange. Everybody is asked to bring finger foods and desserts. If you bring a holiday dessert please provide a recipe card with your dessert.

Monthly Service List September

	September
Flowers	Lisa Robertson
Contribution	Drew Dulaney and Jeff Dotson
Prep Communion	Emily Dotson and Jill Chase
Wash Communion Trays	Camille Jeffords and Suzanne Jamison
Elder to Contact	Darrel Cockroft
Baptistery Towels/Garments	Beth Dyer
Food Pantry	Kip and Davina Gardner
Welcome Bags	Annetta Bracey
Nursery Linens	Valerie Bates

Sundays				
Date	7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th
Song Leader	Drew Dulaney	Jeff Dotson	Christian Young	Allen Bates/Scott Morris
Scripture Reading/ A.M. Opening Prayer	Thomas Edwards	James Koestler	Grant Sturgeon	Kyle Russell
Presiding/PM Communion	Andy Dulaney	James Leggett	Chris Bates	Jeff Morris
Communion/Serve Lord's Supper	Hayden Seal, Johnny Alman, Charles Bracey, Sefu Grady, Jeff Seal, Michael Giffith, Chris Carr, Donald Cromwell. Alternates: William Case and Antonio Bracey.			
A.M Closing Prayer	Joey Jamison	Terry Dyer	Sam Clark	Terrance Freeman
PM Opening Prayer	Kip Gardner	Corey Yates	Tim Butler	Hiram Sturgeon
P.M. Closing Prayer	W.E. Walker	Herbert Ellis	Jeff Wall	Richard Carr
Sound Booth	Michael Griffith	Kyle Russell	Joey Jamison	Bobby Chase
Building Lock-Up	Terrance Freeman	Joey Jamison	James Koestler	Dustin Jeffords
Nursery Attendants	Tara Bracey	Crystal Dunlap	Fern Greene	Jennifer Griffith

Wednesday Nights				
Date	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th
Song Leading	Scott Morris	Grant Sturgeon	Christian Young	James Koestler
Devotional	Owen Boutwell	Chris Carr	Joey Jamison	Chris Bates
Closing Prayer	Hunter Thompson	Doug Cockroft	Scott Morris	Marvin Ellis

Mowing Teams				
September 7 th	September 14 th	September 21 st	September 28 th	October 5 th
Team 4	Team 5	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3

Attendance

Sunday Morning Bible Class:
148

Sunday Morning Worship:
201

Sunday Night Worship:
128

Contribution

Weekly Budget:
\$13,979.00

Weekly Contribution:
\$13,822.30

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YOUR TRASH



Prayer List Updates

Please keep **Sylvia Parrish** in your prayers. She is continuing to recover following her recent stroke.

Please keep Sophia Leggett's sister, **Dandria Trotter**, in your prayers. She is having surgery this week to remove her kidney due to a tumor.

Please keep **Hiram Sturgeon** in your prayers. He had to go to the hospital this week due to kidney stones.

Please continue to keep **Shannon Brown, Loretta Ellis, Jimmy Barr, Tracy Gray, Mani Pagidipalli's dad, Scott Mabe, John Alman, Diann Stogsdill, Earnest Longstreet, Mitzie Nations, Gloria Rayburn, Susie Cox, Kim Staton, Jeanie Lane, and Brad Lane** in your prayers.

EARLY RISERS

1ST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH
7:00 AM



BYRAM

A Men's Ministry



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IT'S NOT
ABOUT
ME

IT'S
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WELCOME

We are glad YOU are here!

GUEST
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Giving Thanks in Difficult Times

I. I wrong God when I am _____.

- A. Psalm 73:21-22
- B. Psalm 73:1-3
- C. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "in _____ give _____; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
- D. Acts 5:40-42

II. Give thanks for God's _____.

- A. Psalm 73:23 "Nevertheless I am continually _____ You; You _____ by my right hand."
- B. Psalm 73:25-26
- C. John 11:41-42
- D. John 16:32

III. Give thanks for God's _____.

- A. Psalm 73:24a "You will _____ with Your _____"
- B. Psalm 119:105
- C. 1 Corinthians 10:13

IV. Give thanks for _____.

- A. Psalm 73:24b "And afterward _____ me to _____."
- B. 2 Corinthians 5:8 "We are _____, yes, well pleased rather _____ absent from the body and to be _____ the _____."
- C. Philippians 1:21
- D. Philippians 1:23

Guidelines for Acceptable Prayer

I. Pray to the Father through _____.

- A. Mat 6:9
- B. John 14:13-14
- C. 1 Timothy 2:5 "For there is one _____ and one _____ between God and men, the Man _____"
- D. Hebrews 4:14-16

II. Pray according to _____.

- A. 1 John 5:14 "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we _____ anything _____ to His will, He hears us."
- B. 1 John 3:22
- C. God's will is revealed in his word.
 - 1. John 12:48-49
 - 2. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

III. Pray planning to _____ God's will.

- A. 1 Peter 3:12
- B. Psalm 66:18 "If I regard _____ in my heart, The Lord will _____."
- C. Proverbs 15:29
- D. Proverbs 28:9

IV. Labor _____ in prayer.

- A. Colossians 4:12 "Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always _____ for you _____, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."
- B. Colossians 1:28-29