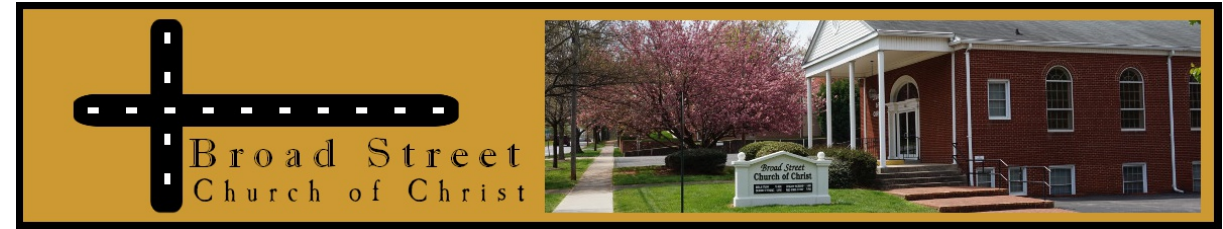


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No Pain No Gain

There is an expression among those who exercise regularly, “No Pain, No Gain.” The expression basically means that if you are not willing to work hard and suffer a little for your efforts, then you are not going to accomplish very much. Just doing the easy and simple exercises that don’t challenge one’s body won’t lead to lasting results. The same principle is true in life as well. In order for one to be productive in business, for example, one must be willing to make sacrifices of time and money; one must make an effort in order to do well. In our personal relationships also, we understand this to be true. The more we put into a relationship the better it is going to be. The parent who makes an effort to spend time with his children is going to have a better relationship with his child than the parent that doesn’t. The husband who spends more time with his wife will have a better relationship than one that is always gone.

Should it cause us to wonder, when we come to the spiritual world, that if we don’t make an effort at serving the Lord that we’re not going to get anything out of our relationship with God? The same principle is true here as well. “No pain, no gain.” Sometimes I think that people expect church to be some kind of spiritual playground where we can just relax and have fun in the glow of God’s goodness. While I certainly believe that coming to church can be rewarding, it doesn’t quite work like a playground. Our worship and service requires of us some effort, both mentally and physically. The more effort we put into our worship and service, the greater our relationship with God will become.

Our efforts must start with our attendance. If we don’t attend services or if our attendance is sporadic, then we’re not going to get very much out of it. Attendance to the worship services is where we get our encouragement to continue to live godly lives and be faithful to the Lord (Hebrews 10:25). It is absolutely critical to our relationship with God. It is as important as families having dinner together on a regular basis. To miss such an appointment is to undermine one’s relationships.

What must I do to be saved?

Hear the Gospel (Acts 15:7); Believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16); Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30); Confess Christ (Romans 10:9-10); Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)

Scripture Reading:	Joshua Speer
Song Leader:	Chris Smith
Opening Prayer (A.M.):	Steve Short
Closing Prayer (A.M.):	Tom May
Opening Prayer (P.M.):	Billy Ellenburg
Closing Prayer (P.M.):	Bradley Speer
Nursery Attendant:	TBA

Building Lockup:	Harry Frye
Announcements:	John Anderson
Door Greeters:	Harry and Charlotte Frye
Count Contribution:	Johnny Smith, Guy Byrd
Prepare Lord's Table:	Catherine Smith
Lord's Supper (A.M.):	Billy Ellenburg, Britt Brookshire, Landon Speer, Shawn Sharpe
Lord's Supper (P.M.):	Bradley Speer

Worship Times	
Sunday Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
Sunday A.M. Worship	10:55 A.M.
Sunday P.M. Worship	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
Elders	
John Anderson	704.592.2266
Steve Short	704.872.5440
Tommy Smith	704.872.7966
Bradley Speer	704.876.6986
Preacher	
Dave Wood	704.380.4437

We continue our efforts with how we worship. We must engage our minds to worship God (John 4:24, Matthew 22:37). That means we need to listen attentively to the prayers and the sermon (1 Corinthians 14:15). We need to sing with all of our heart to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16). We need to give with purpose and thanksgiving in our hearts (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). And we need to remember the death of Jesus as we partake of the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:19). How many times do we catch ourselves thinking about what is for lunch or what we're going to do later in the day instead of focusing on the worship. We cheat ourselves out of a relationship with God when we don't engage our minds in worship.

When we leave the church building our efforts must continue. If we simply leave what we've done at the building behind, then we are going to limit our relationship with God. However, if we take what we've learned and tell others about it, we will not only help others but ourselves as well. This may mean doing good to those who are in need (Galatians 6:10); it may mean being a good example to our children (Ephesians 6:4); it may mean teaching someone about the gospel (Matthew 28:18-20); it may mean setting an example of model behavior for our coworkers (Ephesians 6:6). Regardless who we influence, there must be the effort of influence.

What will happen if we engage ourselves in the work of God? We will grow as individuals. The church will also grow also; others will see the wonderful things working in our lives and they will want to be part of it. Our efforts will not go unnoticed, and we, as individuals Christians, will not be the only ones to benefit from our work. "No pain, no gain" means that if we want more out of our relationship with God we need to work harder at it. Let us all resolve to renew our efforts to serve God in all things. By: Kevin Cauley

Welcome to Broad Street Church of Christ

A special welcome is extended to all of our guests. Please let us know if we can assist you. Please fill out a visitor's card which is located on the back of the pew in front of you. Deposit the card in the collection plate when it is passed. If you are looking for a place to worship regularly, we would love to have you here at Broad Street. Please come back and visit with us again.

SHUT-INS:

Ruby Gibson and Frances Elam.

PRAYERS:

Johnny Smith Jr., Phyllis Rumble, Stanley Sharpe, Helen Lyerly, Doris Ellenburg, Will Winchester, Betty Smith, Frank Shepherd and Wanda Elam.

- Lee Bumgarner, Cindi's husband, is waiting for an appointment date to have the cancerous nodule removed from his lung.

- Ricky Troutman, Peggy Gaither's sister, had a bad stroke and is at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

- Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Roy Baldwin at his passing. Keep Peggy Gaither and her family in your prayers. The funeral arrangements for Roy Baldwin are as follows:

Visitation: Sunday 2:30 - 3:00 P.M. at the Fairview Baptist church.

Funeral: Following the visitation at the Fairview Baptist church.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 6-9: Warners Chapel church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting with Wesley Simmons. Meeting times Monday through Wednesday will be at 7 P.M.

Nov. 10: Book of the Month Fellowship at 6:30 P.M.

Nov. 12: Ladies breakfast at Cracker Barrell at 8:30 A.M.

Nov. 13-16: Abilene church of Christ will have Don Blackwell as their guest speaker; Eternal Answers to Modern Day Questions. Meeting times Monday - Wednesday 7 P.M.

Sermons:

A.M. - How Are You Growing? - 2 Thess. 1:1-5;

P.M. - The Wisdom of a Donkey - Num. 22: 11, 12