



The Christ Life

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Transformed lives, transforming our community.

Who Are We Following

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

"G. Campbell Morgan, the famous preacher, said this:

The measure of failure on the part of the Church is the measure in which she has allowed herself to be influenced by the spirit of the age, because she has been untrue to the facts of her own life. We are sometimes told today that what the Church supremely needs is that she should catch the spirit of the age. A thousand times no. What the Church supremely needs is to correct the spirit of the age...

If the Church's failure is due to the fact that the spirit of the city has invaded the church, the Church's success is due to the fact that the Spirit of the Church invades the city. The Church of God always fails when she becomes conformed to the methods, maxims, and manners of the city. The Church of God always succeeds when, true to the supernatural nature of her life, she stands in perfect separation from the city. Only thus is she able to touch and help the city.

In the Western Church affluence has dulled our senses. Although God's Word calls for our attention, we go right on mindlessly living out of sync with eternity's musical score. We ad-lib our own rendition of the concert, while an audience of angels and saints shudders at our indifference to the Conductor's direction.

With or without us, God is moving. He is accomplishing his kingdom program. He is using the time, energy, skills, and material resources of his disciples all over the world to touch and change lives for all eternity. The question isn't whether God is moving. The question is whether we will choose to get on board. If we don't, everyone loses, not least of all us." (Money, Possessions and Eternity, by Randy Alcorn, pp.417-418)

Over the past several months, our three sermon series – *Fruitful Abiding*, *Fruitful Attitudes & Fruitful Actions* – have challenged us to take seriously our Lord’s command to bear fruit. The spirit of this age would easily lull us into inactivity and passive faith with nothing to show for it. But our loved ones, our neighbors, our communities and our world are suffering the consequences of following the spirit of the age. And we suffer as well.

How about it brother and sisters? Are you content to follow the spirit of this age or will you (and I) ask God to renew and strengthen us to follow His Spirit in invading the city and the world to touch and transform lives for eternity? Let us repent of our complacency and “bear fruit that befits repentance.”

Let's give 'em heaven!

In the Spirit of Christ,

Brad +



Ascension Day Service

Join us for Christ Church and St. Andrew's combined Ascension Day Service at St. Andrew's (50 Sacandaga Road, Scotia) on **May 25 at 7:00 pm**. Ascension is one of 7 Principal Feasts of the Church Year. There will also be a dinner at 6pm. Please sign up if you are interested (sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board).

May Birthdays

- 17 Steve Evans
- 17 Nancy Kelly
- 20 Jeanette Ballard
- 20 Susan Rudolphsen
- 26 Ryan Dussault
- 28 Leona Miller

June Birthdays

- 2 Judy Koch
- 4 Elijah Smith
- 5 Chris Hardy
- 9 Daniel Smith
- 13 Jarod Yost
- 18 Marilyn Wessels
- 21 Emilie Gibson
- 28 Donna Rost

Anniversaries

- Peter & Sylvia Schofield - 5/16
- Jim & Gloria Ballard - 6/18
- Ray & Linda Davis - 6/21

Romans 8 ESV

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but ³³ gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ ³⁵ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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The Rev. Peter Schofield, Priest Associate
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