

Growing UP

September 15th, 2024

Ephesians 4 - Maturity in the Body of Christ

vs.1 "...I beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling..."

vs.11-12 "These are the gifts Christ gave to the church...Their responsibility is to equip Gods people...build up the church..."

*As your leaders Christ has given us a job to equip and build up the church...**to build up YOU!***

Ephesians 4:14 "Then you will no longer be immature like children...tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching."

vs.16 "He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts to grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."

Our growth is interdependent on the growth and choices of each other in the body of the Christ, the church!

2 Timothy 4:7-8 "...Instead, **train yourself** to be godly. Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."

Colossians 3:1-16 - Living a new life

2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and **self-discipline**"

self-discipline ; correction or regulation of oneself for improvement

Disciples of Christ learn to lead disciplined lives.

How are we allowing Jesus to help us grow in maturity?

How are our gifts helping others grow into maturity?

NEXT STEPS **Week 4 during the Message** If you have taken weeks 1-3 then we invite you to week 4 today where we will talk about what it means to be an NTC Partner. If you would like to learn more about our church and how to get connected we will start the 4 week class over again on October 6th.

LEAD A GROUP THIS FALL **September through December** Groups meets every week or every other week. Would you consider hosting a group this fall. See Justin or Julie Cardinal to start!

GIVE TO MISSIONS **Help us meet our goals** Fill out a missions pledge card or scan the QR code to pledge toward one or more of our international partners!



this week...

CROSS CURRENT **Tonight at 6pm!** 7th-12th graders gather every Sunday night here at the church.

BRIDGE **Thursday at 6:00pm** 5th-7th graders are invited every other Thursday night to an evening just for them.

FAITH RECOVERY GROUP **Fridays at 5:30pm** Find healing in your recovery and share a meal with some like-minded folks on Friday nights.

coming up...

CROSS CURRENT CORN MAZE TRIP **Next Sunday** 7th-12th graders are invited to join us for a trip to the Corn Maze in Saranac Lake. The cost is \$10/child and they will be leaving the church at 2pm.

MOMCO **October 3rd at 10am or 6pm** Our moms group meets every other Thursday in both the morning and the evening to fit your schedule. And childcare is provided!

HOPE ABLAZE YOUTH CONFERENCE **October 4th at 6pm in Malone** Living Hope Church's annual youth conference is coming up! More information can be found on Living Hope Church's Facebook page.

PROPHETIC COMMUNITY **October 7th at 6pm** Learn more about prophetic ministry and grow in that gift on the first and third Mondays of each month.

PARTNER PARTY **November 8th at 6pm** Mark your calendars and save the date for our annual partner party where we will come together and celebrate the previous year and look forward to the next together!

Open the ChurchCenter App or scan the QR Code to register for an Upcoming Event, sign up for a class or find a Group to Connect to

