

THE ENERGY OF SYNERGY

Synergy: *The combined effort being greater than the parts: the working together of two or more things, people, or organizations, especially when the result is greater than the sum of their individual effects or capabilities.*

In Colossians 1:28 Paul outlines the goal of his ministry, *Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.* Did you notice what Paul does? *He proclaims, he warns and he teaches everyone.* And the reason that Paul does this is so that he can present everyone mature in Christ.

Whoa! What a task Paul set for himself. Paul's goal in ministry was to help every Christian to grow into maturity in Christ. Paul seems to be a candidate for burnout. *Take a break Paul. You will wear yourself out.* However in the very next verse Paul moves from the **purpose** of his ministry to the **power** of his ministry. Colossians 1:29 *For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.*

Synergy. Paul works hard, he labors intensely to bring about the purpose of his ministry. Yet in this verse Paul says what really empowers his ministry is God's energy which works effectively in him. In fact, Paul uses two words to describe his work, but he uses three words to describe God's work. Paul realizes that the lion's share of power belongs to God.

We know that life is hard, school is hard, sharing Jesus is hard, living a holy life in an unholy world is hard, raising kids is hard, and our marriages often go through trying times. And sometimes we may feel like giving up the fight, or lowering the standard. I know that in my own life there is a tendency to try and face these challenges with my own strength. And this is often the reason we may be tempted to give up the fight or lower the standard.

However, what we need is **synergy**. What we need is a power that is immensely and incomparable greater than our own. There is no doubt that we need to toil, but in our struggle we allow God's energy to powerfully work in and through us. Then, as we work with God's energy energizing us, we discover that no challenge is too great and no obstacle is too high.

As we read of Paul's goal of presenting everyone mature in Christ we might think that is an impossible goal to attain. Could it be that we have already decided that it is too high to reach towards and thus we have settled for so much less? With *God's energy powerfully working within us* we can indeed grow into maturity.

Grace & Peace
Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244
YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE

Family News & Notes

- **Haschal Golden** will have surgery **Wednesday, August 8.** No visitors, please.
- **Larry Mehr** is recovering from surgery.
- **Monica Jackson** has suffered broken ribs.
- **Jeff Sims** is recovering from surgery at home.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Herman Davis, Helen Denton, Danny Jackson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Tom MacMillan, Donna Meadows, Peggy McGowen, James Neal, Emily Ready, Jerry Richardson, Jack Ussery, Jamie Vorhof, Linda Weatherford, Jane Winstead, Jeanette Williams.

REHAB: Cora Epperson

HOSPICE: Lula Whittle

SHUT-INS: Mary Lou Bennett, Valeria Canada, Lorene Edge, Cora Epperson, FM Hylander, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Lynn Stalnaker, Helen Weathers.

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Pam Edwards, Mike Hasler, Zayden Huffman, Mary Jackson, Judy Lee, Sam Macmillan-deployed, Mike Massey, Jacob Maxwell-deployed, Sandra Morris, Terrance Simmons, Chris Weatherford, Ray Yearwood.

G.O. CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Beginning **Wednesday, August 8** we will begin a Children's Chorus.

If you have a ...

♪ Kindergartener through grade five ...

♪ They like to sing ...

♪ You would like them to learn to read music and harmonize ...

Please contact **Irene McNamara** at

The class will be in room #1 at

6:00 PM, Wednesday, August 8.

LADIES SUMMER BRUNCH

The summer brunch will be held **Saturday, August 11, 2018.** Please invite your neighbors, friends and family. We ask that you bring a brunch dish to share and we will begin at **10:00AM.** Please note, there will be several door prizes.

THE DIFFERENCE CONGREGATIONAL SIZE MAKES ...

Our guest speaker on **August 26** will be Carlus Gupton. He is a Professor of Ministry, Director of Field Education and Co-Director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Harding School of Theology. Carlus teaches courses in church leadership, spiritual formation and conflict, and he has also taught biblical and theological studies.

- **AM Bible class:** The Difference Congregational Size Makes in Leadership and Structure - Acts 6:1-7; Exodus 18:13-27
- **AM Sermon:** The Difference Congregational Size Makes in Relationships, 1 Peter 4:7-11
- **PM Sermon:** Seize the Day! Ecclesiastes 9:1,1

Reminders . . .

☞ **Nursery Workers** today are: Karen Kopf, Heather Cuevas, Kim King, Claire Sowell **PM** Tricia Massey, Amy Tullos

☞ The office will be closed **Tuesday, August 7** for training until **2:00PM.**

Invite a friend to Worship



AUGUST 5

Promotion Sunday, School Supply Drive, Back To School Party

AUGUST 8

Children's Chorus—K through grade 5

AUGUST 11

Ladies Summer Brunch

AUGUST 26

Guest Speaker—Carlus Gupton



Watermelon Waterslide Juice Dogs

Join us **TODAY at 5PM** in the FLC as we end the summer and get prepared for **BACK TO SCHOOL.** Please bring clothes for water activities outside as we enjoy a waterslide, watermelon, juice and dogs.

Here is the list of school supply items we are collecting:

KLEENEX

LYSOL SPRAY

CLOROX WIPES

BACK PACKS for ages K—5th grade

Please have all items here on **Sunday, August 5,** and place them in the Library.

YOUTH NEWS

END OF SCHOOL SUMMER PARTY

We will wrap up our summer **TONIGHT** at Randy and Alice Denton's house. Teens and their parents are invited to come and enjoy the festivities. In addition, our new 6th graders and their parents are invited as well. We will start at **3PM and end at 7PM.** Be looking for more information and food sign-ups through the remind app.

PIZZA NIGHT

Wednesday night pizza is coming **Wednesday, August 8** at **6PM.** Bring \$3.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are honored with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God today.

- We have an attended **nursery** for **0-2 year olds** available off the foyer.
- **Children ages 3-5** will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper for Children's Church in **room # 21**. Pick up time is after the song of invitation.
- **Hearing assistance** is available at the sound booth.

If you are not a member of a church and would like to learn more about the Church of Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions you may have. Please fill out an ivory visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate. If you would be interested in a home Bible study please call **Derek McNamara** at 662-349-3600.

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Class	9:00AM
Morning Assembly	10:00AM
Evening Assembly	5:00PM

Wednesday:

Bible Class	7:00PM
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Today's Sermon by Dr. Derek McNamara

"From Where Does My Help Come?"

Psalm 120—121

THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contribution:	
Sunday Offering	\$ 21,633
Weekly Budget	\$ 22,900
Attendance:	
Bible Class	362
Morning Assembly	544
Midweek Class	150



CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader - Luke McNamara

8 "Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing"

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara

23 "Our God, He Is Alive"

Prayer - Kevin Cuevas

176 "Lamb Of God"

The Lord's Supper & Offering - Jim Craddock

"In Need"

"In Christ Alone"

578 "We Will Glorify"

Message - Dr. Derek McNamara

"From Where Does My Help Come?"

Psalm 120—121

Invitation Song - 909 "There's A Fountain Free"

Shepherd's Prayer - Marty Brownfield

We proclaim Jesus,
warning everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom,
that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

~ Colossians 1:28 ~

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