

SERMON TEXT: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (ESV)

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

SERMON OUTLINE

I. Gifts that have the aroma of grace about them...

II. Gifts that come in a variety pack...

III. Gifts given to you—yes, you...

IV. Gifts that keep on giving...

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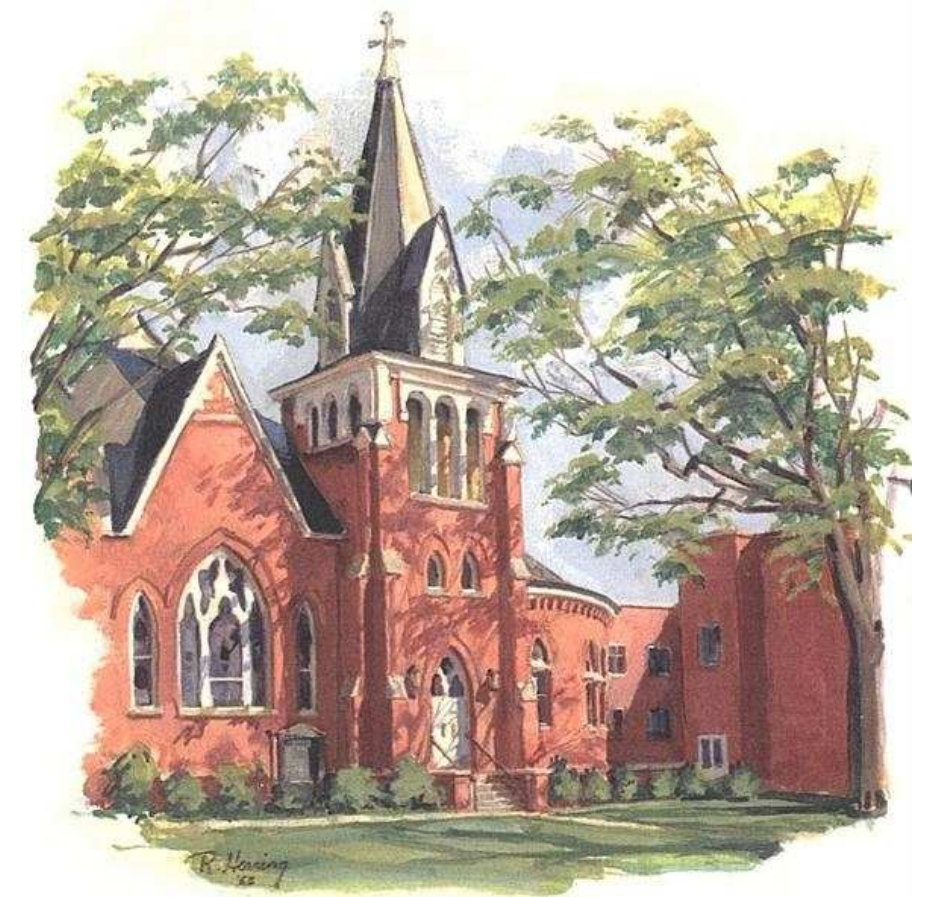
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August 31, 2008 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.....Clay Brown

Welcome and Announcements
 Invocation

PRELUDE: Pastoral.....Handel
 Organist

***THE DOXOLOGY: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**.....34
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all
 creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***OPENING SENTENCES: From Psalm 36**
 Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
People: Your faithfulness to the clouds.
 Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
**People: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow
 of your wings.**
 Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: The Lord's name be praised!

***HYMN: Come, Christians, Join to Sing**.....87

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON..... Thermond Thompson

THE WORD OF GOD READ: Exodus 35:30—36:1 pp. 80-81
Opal Westmoreland, Reader

***HYMN:** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*..... 457

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Confession

Sovereign God, we confess to you that our perspectives and actions are twisted by pride. We see ourselves as pure when in reality we are stained, and mighty when in reality we are weak. We have failed to live in your love. We have neglected to be just. We have turned away from your truth. God of mercy, forgive our sin, so we may serve you joyfully and fearlessly.

Thanksgiving

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *People Need the Lord*..... Nelson/McHugh
Gene Auten, soloist

*Response: *For the Life You Have Given*..... 684

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Life Management 101: Managing Your AbilitiesClay Brown

***HYMN:** *We Are Called to Be God's People* (Verses 1-2) 580

***GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

Invitation

Charge and Benediction

Response: *We Are Called to Be God's People* (Verse 3) 580

***POSTLUDE:** *Allegro*.....Handel

* Those who are able will please stand.

If you are our guest today, welcome! We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a "Welcome Home" folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with a pastor following the service.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Gwen and Joe Crowell, Libby Johnston and Joe Crowell, Jr. by Jody and Randy Oliphant and Nancy and Donnie Robinson.

Recent Prayer Requests: Fred Hoke; Lois Kirk; Don Fair; Lottie Massey; Rick Faulkenberry's brother, Bill; Adrien Domske's grandfather, Bill Klingensmith; Gene and Judy Richardson; Susan Meade's father, Ron; Mark Deaton; Tip McGee; Lee Doughten; Phil Loftin's brother-in-law, Dave Montgomery, Bob and Christine Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Martha Andrews; EO3SW Laban Thompson; and those who have recently lost loved ones.

Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM): This year marks the beginning of the 30th year of our congregation's participation in the Logos Program. Our Logos program is a mid-week (Wednesdays, 4:00-7:15 p.m.) program for youth in first through eighth grades, and consists of Bible study, worship skills, recreation, and dinner. Logos is for children in first through sixth grades, while MSM is for seventh and eighth graders. The primary goal of the Logos Program is to develop genuine and lasting relationships between young people and Jesus Christ, their ministers, parents and other adults in the congregation, as well as their peers. Parents may register their children for the program at one of the following required Parent Meetings:

Today – 10:15 a.m. – Room 301

Wednesday, August 27 – 7:00 p.m. – Church Parlor

Saturday, August 30 – at the Camp Grier Retreat (time and place TBA)

Wednesday, September 3 – 7:00 p.m. – Church Parlor

The registration deadline is Wednesday, September 3. Fees include a \$30 registration fee and a \$50 per semester tuition fee. Scholarship help is available upon request. Please contact program director Gretchen Little (704-528-9796), assistant director Lisa Davidson (704-662-9393), or Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) with questions about the program. The 2008-2009 Logos year begins Wednesday, September 10.

Catechism Club: The 2008-2009 Catechism Club, offered to children in third through sixth grades, will begin Sunday, September 14, from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Children in Catechism Club will be encouraged to memorize the 150 questions of the *First Catechism*, and will have weekly instruction in basic Bible truths. Registration will take place in the church parlor this morning.

Logos/MSM Staff Orientation: All Logos/MSM staff members are encouraged to attend Staff Orientation this Wednesday, September 3, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. A light supper will be served, and staff will receive important information about the upcoming Logos/MSM year.

Calendar for August 31 – September 7, 2008

- Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
- Monday: **Labor Day – Church Office and Preschool are closed**
- Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - Library Committee
- Wednesday: **Logos Registration Deadline**
10:30 a.m. Prayer Group in the Library
11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
6:00 p.m. - Logos Staff Orientation
7:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM Parent Meeting in the parlor
*7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir (*Note day of the week change)
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
7:30 p.m. - Mooresville User's Group in room 310
- Friday: 10:00 p.m. - PYF 5th Quarter
- Sunday 9/7: 9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the library
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF (Grades 7-8)
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF (Grades 9-12)