

Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church
The Lord's Day, Sunday May 2, 2021
...they dedicated themselves to the apostles teaching... Acts 2:42

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

11 AM Morning Worship

Prelude		B.J. Lyle
Opening Scripture & Prayer	Psalm 85:1-3, 6-8	Pastor Paul
Praise Songs	<i>“Blessed Be the Name” – “All in All”</i>	
Children’s Sermon		Pastor Karen
Hymn	<i>“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”</i> vv. 1,2,4	Page 517
Pastoral Prayer		
Communion		
Ministry in Music	<i>“ Andre Crouch Medley”</i>	
Sermon	Essential Elements-part 2	Pastor Paul
*Hymn of Invitation	<i>“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”</i> vv. 1,3	Page 730

“ * ” indicates the congregation should stand.
You are welcome to use the church wi-fi! The password is–psqvcvk4xr3cf5

SERMON: ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS part 2

Scriptures: 2 Peter 1:3-4; 2 Peter 1:5-8; John 4:13-14. 7:37-38; Acts 2:36-47; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Tim 4:1-4; Ps. 119:43-48, 105; 1 Peter 2:1-3; Heb. 5:13-14; john 6:63-64; Matt. 24:35.

Elements: Factors that determine the outcome of a process.

What elements are you not utilizing which God has provided for your spiritual growth and maturity?

1. The Holy Spirit.

2. The Word of God.

The Spiritually Self-Seeking Church by Oswald Chambers

...till we all come...to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ... Eph. 4:13

Reconciliation means the restoring of the relationship between the entire human race and God, putting it back to what God designed it to be. This is what Jesus Christ did in redemption. The church ceases to be spiritual when it becomes self-seeking, only interested in the development of its own organization. The reconciliation of the human race according to His plan means realizing Him not only in our lives individually, but also in our lives collectively. Jesus Christ sent apostles and teachers for this very purpose— that the corporate Person of Christ and His church, made up of many members, might be brought into being and made known. We are not here to develop a spiritual life of our own, or to enjoy a quiet spiritual retreat. We are here to have the full realization of Jesus Christ, for the purpose of building His body.

Am I building up the body of Christ, or am I only concerned about my own personal development? The essential thing is my personal relationship with Jesus Christ— “...that *I* may know *Him*...” (Phil. 3:10). To fulfill God’s perfect design for me requires my total surrender— complete abandonment of myself to Him. Whenever I only want things for myself, the relationship is distorted. And I will suffer great humiliation once I come to acknowledge and understand that I have not really been concerned about realizing Jesus Christ Himself, but only concerned with knowing what He has done for me.

My goal is God Himself, not joy nor peace,

Nor even blessing, but Himself, my God.

Am I measuring my life by this standard or by something less?

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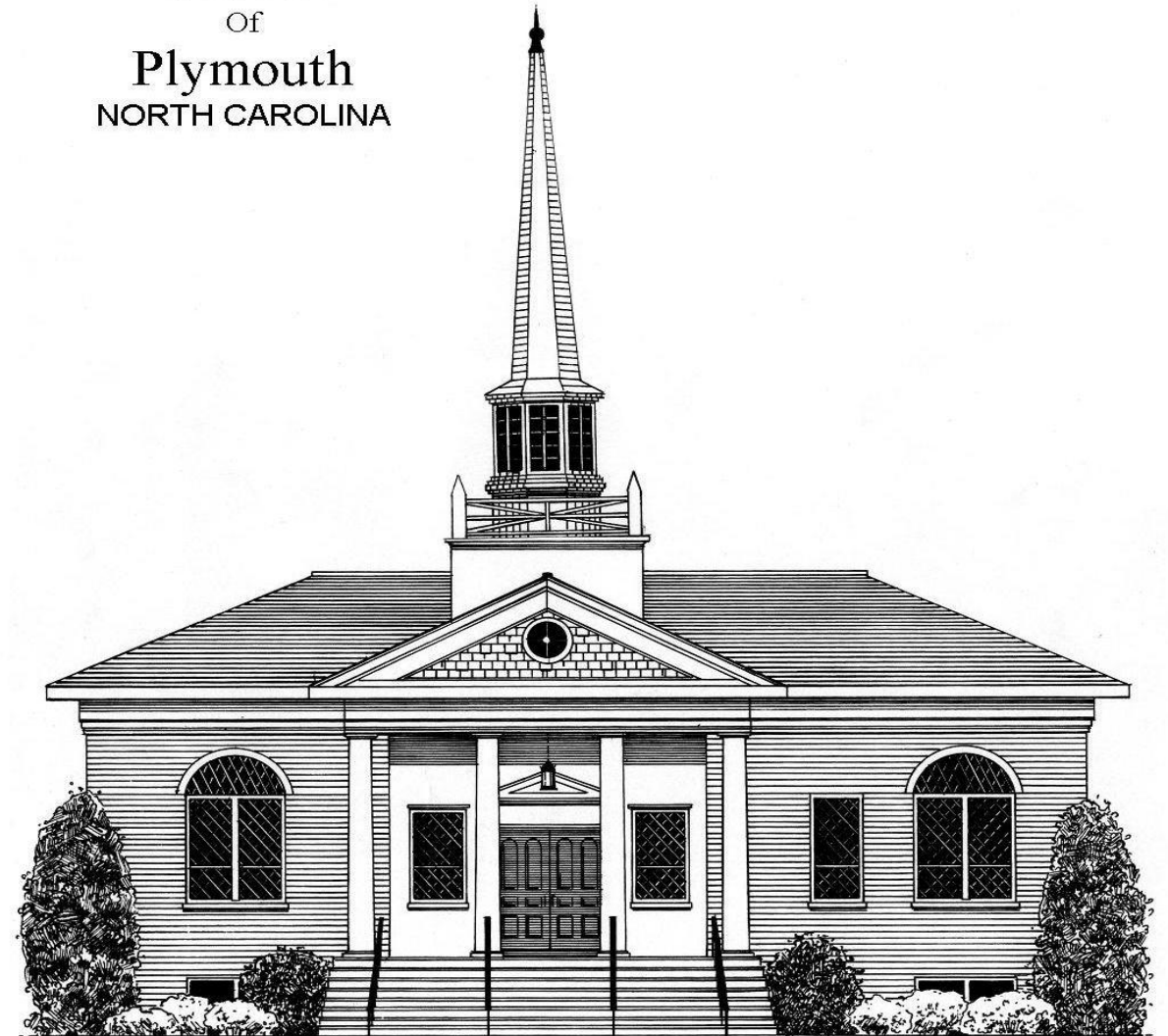
Senior Pastor – Rev. Paul T. Harrington

Min. of Children, Youth & Education - Rev. Karen Pruette

Choir Director – Scott Bradshaw; Organist – B.J. Lyle

Deacon of the Month: Jimmy Brown; Office Administrator- Danita Davis

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