

Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church

The Lord's Day, Sunday August 22, 2021

But now Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you. Psalm 39:7

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

11 AM Morning Worship

Prelude B.J. Lyle

Welcome Pastor Paul

Prayer Pastor Paul

*Praise Songs ***“He Has Made Me Glad” - “In Christ Alone”***

Scripture Reading Psalm 42 Pastor Paul

Ministry in Music Leroy Bland

Hymn #52 ***“Blessed Be the Name”***
vv. 1,2,4

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon **Jesus, Followers a fig tree and a Ladder** Pastor Paul

*Hymn of Invitation # 578 ***“Trusting Jesus”***
vv. 1,3

“* ” indicates the congregation should stand.

You are welcome to use the church wi-fi! The password is– psqvcvk4xr3cf5

Sermon: Jesus, A Fig Tree and Followers

Scriptures: John 1:43-51; 1 John 1:1-3; Deut. 18:18-19; Micah 5:2; 1 Peter 2:9-10; Col 3:11; Genesis 32:22-31; Genesis 28:10-18; Micah 4:1-4

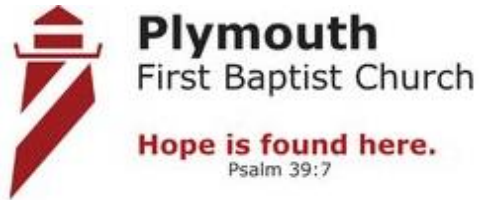
This is in the early days of Jesus’ earthly ministry. He is calling his disciples to follow Him. By saying follow me, he means to learn from him, watch his ways and imitate him. Ultimately, they would serve as witnesses to who He was.

Jesus: _____

Followers _____

Fig Tree _____

A Ladder _____



War and Peace with a Holy God RC Sproul

The Bible tells stories of men and women who have wrestled with God. The very name Israel means “one who strives with God.” He is holy and separate, transcendent and far above us; yet He is

a God with whom we can wrestle. The goal of our wrestling match with God is *peace* with God. We will look at men who have wrestled with God: Jacob, Job, Habakkuk, and Saul of Tarsus. Then we will look at what it means to have peace with God.

The name Jacob means “Supplanter.” He deceived his father, conned his brother, and entered into an ungodly conspiracy with his mother. It is hard to imagine that the son of Isaac and grandson of Abraham could be so corrupt. God worked on Jacob and eventually transformed his life over the years.

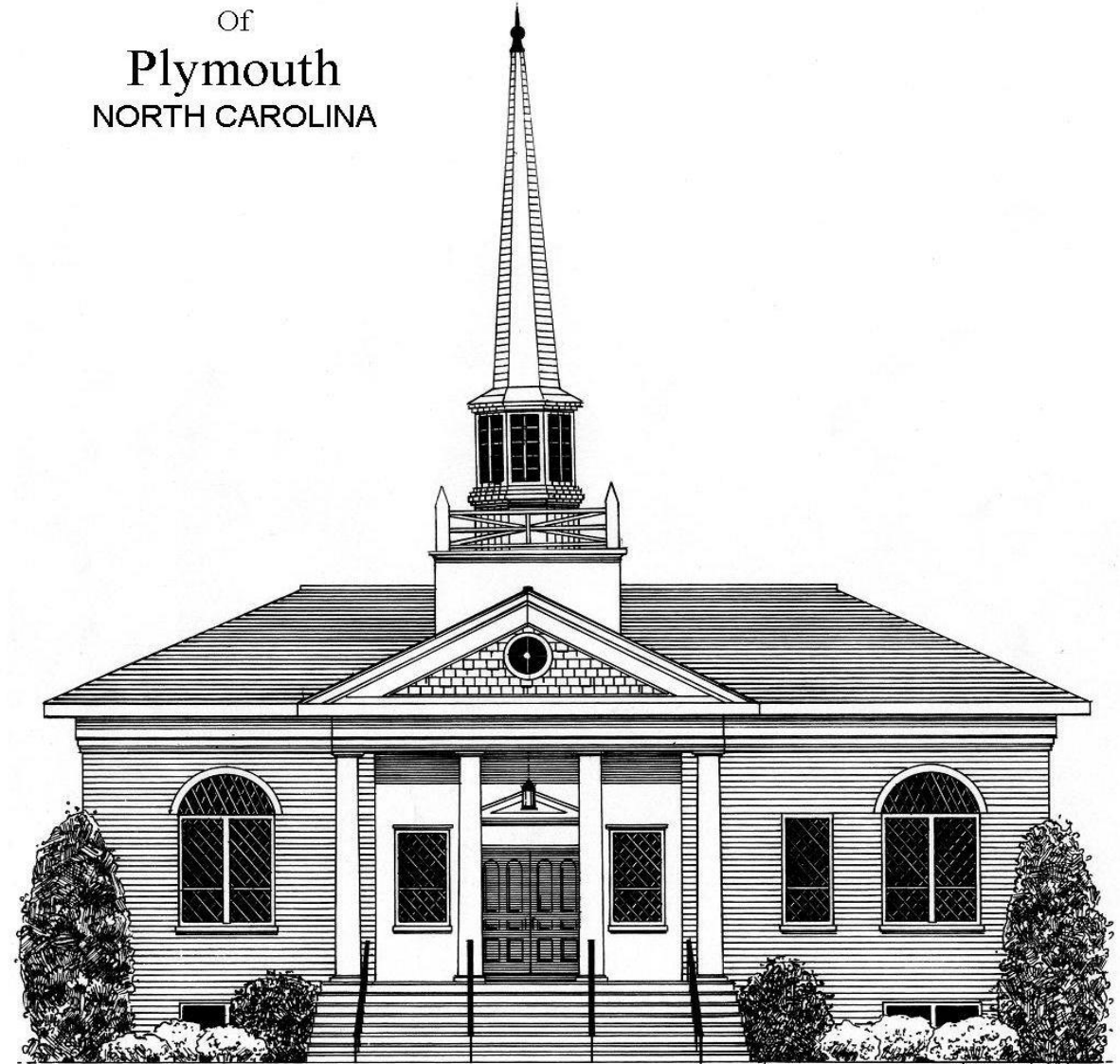
When Jacob fell asleep at Bethel, he dreamed and saw a stairway referred to as “Jacob’s Ladder.” It served as a ladder between heaven and earth with angels going up and down. Jacob, at this point in his life, was not in tune with heavenly things, which was strange considering he descended from Isaac and Abraham. Surely they taught him the stories of how God did great things. Surely he had heard the story of how Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac. All of these things seemed too far-fetched to Jacob. God seemed too far away for him to know and have a relationship like his fathers did. All this changed with that one dream.

This image of a ladder as the bridge between heaven and earth did not appear again in Scripture until the New Testament in John 1:51 when Jesus said, “*You will see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.*” This was a radical statement. Jesus declared Himself to be the ladder between heaven and earth. He is the One who bridges the gap and allows us to come to God. (excerpt)

PLYMOUTH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Choir Director – Scott Bradshaw; Organist – B.J. Lyle
Office Administrator- Danita Davis
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