

Welcome!
The Lord's Day, August 28, 2022

9:45 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Church Family Announcements
11 AM Morning Worship

Organ Prelude		BJ Lyle
Welcome & Prayer		Pastor Paul
Praise Songs	<i>Shine Jesus Shine Thy Word</i>	Congregation
Scripture Reading	Matthew 5:13-16	Pastor Paul
Ministry of Music		BJ Lyle and Scott Bradshaw
Pastoral Prayer		
Offertory Hymn#510	<i>Heaven Came Down</i>	Congregation
Offertory Scripture & Prayer		Tony Dail
	<i>Matthew 13:31,32 (Jesus said), "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."</i>	
Offering		Ushers
Doxology		Congregation

Sermon: *SaltLife*

Pastor Paul

Scriptures: John 21:4; Matt. 5:13-16; Malachi 3:16-18; Matthew 2:1-2; Matthew 3:1-2; Matthew 5:13; Genesis 12:1-3; Deuteronomy 14:2; Ezra 8:1-6; John 8:12; John 9:5; John 1:35-36; John 14:6; Ephesians 5:8-14; Mark 8:38

We have all seen the t-shirts, hats and stickers that say, "Salt Life". The statement being made by the person indicates their love and enjoyment of coastal life. Sand, Sea and the Sun. You and I are called to a SaltLife and a life filled with light! This is what Jesus said to his followers 2000 years ago, and He is speaking to you and I today.

Salt:

Light:

Hymn of Invitation #599

Jesus Is Lord of All

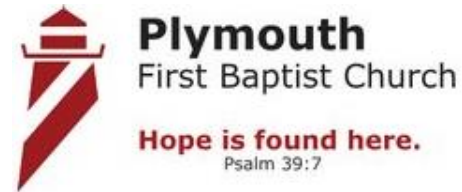
Congregation

Learn from the Owl, by Pastor Paul

Of great entertainment to Sherri and I in the early evening is sitting on the back patio and waiting to see one visitor- A Great Horned Owl! It is wonderful to watch (as best as we can see at dusk). And let me tell you, you do have to be looking closely because true to reputation, those wings are silent! I've taken such an interest that I am going to investigate building a nest and see if we can attract a pair to our backyard in the late winter and early spring. Owls evoke different emotions in people- my maternal grandmother loved them- she had many knick-knacks of owls. Why? Because her last name was Wise! And by the way, yes, there always seemed to be Wise potato chips in her cupboard!

Owls are found several places in the Bible. Owls are included in a list of birds the Israelites were not to eat. (Lev. 11) Owls are also indicators of the Lord's judgement! (Isaiah 14) Hm... maybe I shouldn't build that nest!

Owls became associated with wisdom through the Greeks and their false goddess, Athena. In addition, because of their large eyes and movement at night the Greeks believed owls had an inner light which led them in the darkness. However, created by the God of the Bible, we know that the owl actually points us to HIM. He who brings light to our darkness! (Eph. 5:8-14) So when you are out at night and hear or see an owl, thank God for HIS light giving truth embodied in HIS Son Jesus. Remember as well, the true God, Jehovah, sees even in the dark- and He is watching! (2 Cor. 4:6)



Senior Pastor – Rev. Paul T. Harrington
Choir Director – Scott Bradshaw
Organist – B.J. Lyle
Office Administrator – Danita Davis
Deacon of the Month – Mr. Tony Dail

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