



Welcome!
The Lord's Day, August 7, 2022

Sermon: God's Care through His People
Scriptures: Romans 12:1-8; Eph. 5:23; 1 Cor. 12:7, 15-20

Pastor Paul

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 *Step by Step* **Congregation**
Sanctuary

Scripture Reading **1 Peter 3:8-15**

Ministry of Music *Brother James's Air* **FBC Choir**

Pastoral Prayer **Pastor Paul**

Communion

Hymn#334 *The Blood Will Never Lose its Power* **Congregation**
Vs. 1,2

Offertory Scripture & Prayer
Matthew 5:23,24 " ...if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift."

Offering **Ushers**

Doxology **Congregation**

God's providential care is most often seen in the servant acts of His people. Throughout the NT, the primary texts for church life we read that the church is a community of people, caring and watching over one another as they serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

God shows His care throughout the creation- it is all by His grace. Let us not forget that His grace is made manifest within the lives of His people as well! He has, in accordance with His will gifted His people to serve one another.

There are lists of gifts in other places in the NT, here we read in Romans that the gifts He entrust to His people include:

- Prophecy _____
- Serving _____
- Teaching _____
- Encouraging _____
- Giving _____
- Leadership _____
- Showing Mercy _____

This is not all of the gifts, but this is a good place to start! And we are to carry these out with grace!

We are also to carry them out with humility and love. Recognizing that we are as needy as others. We are to contribute to the wellbeing of the body of Christ!

Closing Hymn#344 *Grace Greater than Our Sin* **Congregation**
Vs. 1,4

Spur one another on to good. By Pastor Paul

Jordan Peterson is a man who has come into the consciousness of much of the western world in the last few years. His book 12 Rules for life has sold 12 million copies since 2018. Within its pages he writes of taking responsibility for oneself which will change your life and help to change our society. Rule #3 states, “Surround yourself with people who want you to succeed.”

Now I must confess that in my religious upbringing, who I surround myself with was always tested on the negative side of this coin. In other words, make sure there are no negative influences spiritually: The Bible affirms this! 1 Cor. 13:33 “Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character.” You have probably heard it said time and time again, you will become what the people you surround yourself with are now. You will be defined by your associations. And a person of good character wants you to be the best you can be.

Cheer on others as they strive to reach beyond themselves. Be the person who applauds others to success and gives glory to God. Even if those successes eclipse your own- Rejoice with those who rejoice! (Romans 12:15) Be the voice of support- and also be the voice that speaks gentle honesty! Heb 10:23-24 *Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.*²⁴ *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*

I thoroughly believe Jesus wants his followers to be very best they can be in this life, but a part of that is having a true grasp of reality! Living in the truth- refusing to live in deception. Surround yourself with those who look for you to succeed in life- and be the person who wants others to succeed. You will be living out a part of the life of Christ in you.



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Choir Director – Scott Bradshaw
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