



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Discovery 101** – We are excited to hold our next Discovery 101 class on Sunday, April 28 from 3-7 pm. If you are interested in learning more about Southwinds and want to become a member of our church, join us to be introduced to the beliefs, strategy, structure and vision that serve as the foundation of Southwinds.
- **Bingo de Mayo** – It's happening Wednesday, **May, 1st from 6:30-8:30 pm**. Bring the family and participate in an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Of course, there will be prizes and a **live Mariachi Band**. This is a **family event** so **CHILDCARE WILL NOT BE PROVIDED**.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION:

- * **Closes:** April 29th.
- * **Cost:** \$15 per person -OR- \$80 for a family of 5 or more. (**MUST** live in the same household)
 - **Debit/Credit Cards ONLY** online
 - **Cash** at the **Life Groups table** every Sunday: April 14th -28th, or you may come by the - - **Office M-W & F** between 8:30 and 1pm. Change will not be provided.

AT THE DOOR REGISTRATION:

- * **Cost:** \$20 per person
 - **Credit/Debit** payments ONLY.

QUESTIONS and INFORMATION:

- * **Contact:** Talanna Williams: (209) 765-1122; twilliams@southwinds.org.

- **Baptism** – Join us Sunday, May 5th for our next Baptism Sunday, at 3 pm. The Bible teaches that baptism is an act of obedience after making a commitment to Christ. Baptism allows a believer to declare to the world their heart-felt commitment to Christ. If you wish to take this next step in your faith journey, register on the App, or contact Rene Snyder at rsnyder@southwinds.org with questions.

MY STORY

As a child what things were you taught to do at different times in your life?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Have a Volunteer Read: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Philippians 1:6

Point #1: God gives GROWTH.

"So let me ask you... Can you be honest with yourself about where you are on your spiritual journey? Can you be honest with God and with others?"

Are you a spiritual infant? Maybe Jesus has changed your life just in the last few weeks or months, and everything is new, and there's so much to learn.

Maybe you're a spiritual teenager, where you're learning what it means to have your identity as a son or daughter of God.

Maybe you're a spiritual young adult. You've gotten some spiritual grounding, but you're still learning to grow, especially in the different circumstances and seasons of life. You're learning how to function as a brother or sister in the family of God.

Maybe you're a mature believer. A spiritual father or mother. God has worked spiritual growth in your life, and you are seeking to helping others grow. What God wants, wherever you are, is to keep growing, becoming more and more like Jesus." – **Michael Nolen**

What spiritual level do you identify yourself with?

Do you want to grow?

What are some examples of planting seeds and watering in the church?

Have Another Volunteer Read: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; Psalm 127:1

Point #2: Jesus is THE FOUNDATION FOR GROWTH.

"It seems like the church in Corinth was trying to build their own foundation, but Paul says, "We already have a foundation. That's Jesus." What's the role of a foundation? If you think about it, a foundation brings stability and alignment. Without a foundation, a building won't be stable, it won't be aligned, and in the end, it will fall apart. So, to say Jesus is the foundation means he is our stability, and he is the one who brings alignment to our lives. When we believe Jesus is our foundation, then we can really sing that beautiful hymn... My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But, wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock I stand. All other ground is sinking sand." – **Michael Nolen**

What does our life look like when we place Jesus as our foundation?

What spiritual habits or disciplines do you have that keeps you growing in God?

Have Another Volunteer Read: 1 Corinthians 3:16-19

Point #3: The Holy Spirit is the POWER FOR GROWTH.

"You are the temple. God dwells in you. Think about the implications of this. The God who created the universe dwells in us. You feel the weight of that? It's remarkable. This means you already have the power to change within you. You don't have to go looking for that on the outside. God dwells within you. You have the greatest source of power this world could ever imagine within you through the Spirit. That means that the kind of change and growth we're talking about here happens from the inside out. Think about it like this. God has taken up residence in you. You are God's earthly address. And if God has taken up residence in you, then it's time to evict guilt. If God has taken up his residence

in you, then it's time to evict shame. If God has taken up his residence in you, then it's time to evict worry. If God has taken up his residence in you, then it's time to evict fear. If God has taken up his residence in you, then it's time to evict despair. There's no room for any of that, because God resides here." - **Michael Nolen**

What areas do we need to ask God to evict in our lives so we can grow in him?

What are some ways that we can avoid the foolishness of the world so we can have wisdom in Christ?

APPLICATION

How can God use the gift(s) he has given you to help plant seeds and water so that God can build his church here at Southwinds?

PRAISES

PRAYER REQUESTS