

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

September 15, 2024

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

WELCOME

HYMN #502 In My Heart There Rings a Melody

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 1:20-26

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #549 Higher Ground

HYMN #528 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

BIBLE MESSAGE Keith Lamberson

HYMN #602 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

CLOSING PRAYER

The following programs are available during the Morning Worship Service:

Nursery - Newborns to Age 2
Children's Church - Ages 3 to 8

This Week at Robertsville

Sunday..... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:3-6

Announcements

Excelcare Nursing Home Ministry - Sunday, September 15, 2:00 p.m.

Deacons and Trustees' Meeting - Saturday, September 21, 9:00 a.m.

The Manor Nursing Home Ministry - Sunday, September 22, 2:00 p.m.

Business Meeting - Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.

Solutions Walk 4 Life - Saturday, September 28. More information is available on the table in the foyer.

The Fellowship of the Gospel - Philippians 1:3-6 **Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.**

Having a good relationship with all believers is important. Paul rejoiced in his relationship with other believers, and he encourages us to do the same.

Relationship with believers (Philippians 1:3, 5).

Perhaps, you have encountered believers who act like Job's friends (Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar). Instead of building up Job, they accused him of evil while justifying their own authority and wisdom. As believers, we often focus on the negatives of other believers and forget they are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Jesus had His inner circle of friends: Peter, James, and John. The Apostle Paul had an inner circle of friends: Barnabas, Silas, Timothy, and Titus. Romans 16:1-16 presents a long list of those who aided Paul and made a difference in his ministry. Think back about those who aided and influenced you in your Christian walk. The only basis for this kind of fellowship is our common bond in Christ (verse 5).

Request on behalf of the believers (Philippians 1:4).

The brotherhood of believers leads us to pray for one another because of our relationship in Christ. The early church was known as a praying church (Acts 2:42).

Why is it that the prayers of the early church were answered, when ours often are not?

1. We fail to ask in Jesus' name (John 14:13-14).
2. We fail to have definite requests (James 4:2).
3. We fail to abide in Christ and turn everything over to Him (John 15:7).
4. We fail to believe that God will answer (Mark 11:22-24).
5. We fail to ask persistently (Luke 11:5-10).

Results of being believers (Philippians 1:6).

We are sanctified or set apart to God. God will complete what He has begun in us. There are three stages of Christian growth: 1) Positional sanctification - past. At the moment of salvation we are separated unto God. 2) Progressive sanctification - present. We are growing as believers and applying God's truths to our lives. 3) Final or complete sanctification - future. This occurs when we get to heaven.

Christian growth is a life-long process. We need to take advantage of every opportunity to grow in the knowledge of God's Word and to fellowship with other believers (2 Peter 3:18, Hebrews 10:25).