FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Sharing the Grace Across Generations

"from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." - Ephesians 4:16

The Apostle Paul describes the church as the body of Christ, with Christ as the head and every member joined together in Him. Each of us has a place and a part to play, building each other up in the love of Christ. Though we are of different ages and backgrounds, it is by God's grace that we are brought together as one family in Christ.

The baptism and confirmation services held over these two weeks are a beautiful testimony to this grace. From infants, children, youths to adults receiving baptism, as well as youths, adults and seniors affirming their faith during the confirmation service, their respective life experiences and stories of faith all testify to God's work in their lives.

Baptism shows us that God's grace is not dependent on our age, experience or achievement. Whether it is an infant just beginning life or an older adult who has walked through various seasons of life, we all need God's grace. Through baptism we are united in Christ, becoming a member of His body and a part of this spiritual family that is the church. Being part of this family goes beyond worshipping together on Sundays, as it is also about showing care, acceptance and mutual support.

Confirmation shows us how God's grace continues to work in our lives. As brothers and sisters in Christ of different ages publicly affirm their faith and commit themselves to following

Christ, we see that faith is not simply about a decision made at one point in life, but a lifelong journey of commitment and growth. So whether it is the exploration of youth, the responsibilities of adulthood, or the life reflections of old age, every stage of life brings new learning and challenges, as well as opportunities to continue trusting God and responding to His call.

Psalm 145:4 says, ***"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts."*** This verse reminds us that faith is passed on as we walk alongside one another and share what God has done in our lives. The older ones can testify to God's faithfulness through their life experiences, while the younger ones bring fresh energy, faith and enthusiasm to the church. Even children, through their simple faith in God, can encourage us to look to Him with childlike faith. When different generations are willing to share God's wondrous works and listen to each other's experiences, our faith is no longer just a personal matter. It becomes a living faith that we share, nurture and pass on from one generation to the next.

As we approach the season of Advent, we remember once again the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and look forward with hope to His return. The grace we have received is not just something we look back on, but also becomes our strength to continue following Him. May we cherish the spiritual family that God has given us — building each other up in love, growing stronger together in faith, and holding fast to our hope as we await our Lord's return.

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