

# Growing UP

September 15th, 2024

## Ephesians 4 - Maturity in the Body of Christ

**vs.1** "...I beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling..."

**vs.11-12** "These are the gifts Christ gave to the church...Their responsibility is to equip Gods people...build up the church..."

*As your leaders Christ has given us a job to equip and build up the church...**to build up YOU!***

**Ephesians 4:14** "Then you will no longer be immature like children...tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching."

**vs.16** "He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts to grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."

***Our growth is interdependent on the growth and choices of each other*** in the body of the Christ, the church!

**2 Timothy 4:7-8** "...Instead, **train yourself** to be godly. Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."

## Colossians 3:1-16 - Living a new life

**2 Timothy 1:7** "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and **self-discipline**"

**self-discipline** ; correction or regulation of oneself for improvement

Disciples of Christ learn to lead disciplined lives.

*How are we allowing Jesus to help us grow in maturity?*

*How are our gifts helping others grow into maturity?*

**GET CONNECTED** **Fill out a Connect Card** Connect Cards can be found in the seat in front of you. If you have never filled one out, we invite you to do so and bring it back to the Connect Area in the lobby after the service where some folks would love to meet you.

**PRAYER AREA** **During the Service** Each week there are people in the back corner who would love to pray for any need you have.

**NEXT STEPS** **Starts October 6th** Learn more about our church and how to get connected through this 4 week class offered during the message portion of our service.

**GIVE TO MISSIONS** **Help us meet our goals** Fill out a missions pledge card or scan the QR code to pledge toward one or more of international partners!



*this week...*

**THURSDAY PRAYER** **Join us at New Life Church** Let's meet together at 10 am to pray with other Christians in our community.

**FAITH RECOVERY GROUP** **Fridays at 5:30pm in Massena** Find healing in your recovery and share a meal with like-minded folks at NTC Massena on Friday nights.

**HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS INFO MEETING** **Monday at 7:30pm** Come out and learn more about this new ministry opportunity in our city.

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**SANDWICH SUNDAY** **Next Sunday** We are excited to take some time to break bread and fellowship together. A variety of fresh sandwiches, chips and desserts will be provided. Please stay and join us.

**CROSS CURRENT CORN MAZE TRIP** **Next Sunday** 7th-12th graders are invited to join us for a trip to the Corn Maze in Saranac Lake. The cost is \$10/person and we will be leaving the NTC Massena at 2pm.

**HOPE ABLAZE YOUTH CONFERENCE** **October 4th at 6pm in Malone** Living Hope Church's annual youth conference is coming up! More information can be found on Living Hope Church's Facebook page.

**PARTNER PARTY** **November 9th at 6pm** Mark your calendars and save the date for our annual partner party where we will come together and celebrate the previous year and look forward to the next together!

**Open the ChurchCenter App or scan the QR Code to register for an Upcoming Event or find a Group to Connect to.**

