

Flood relief: Perry County



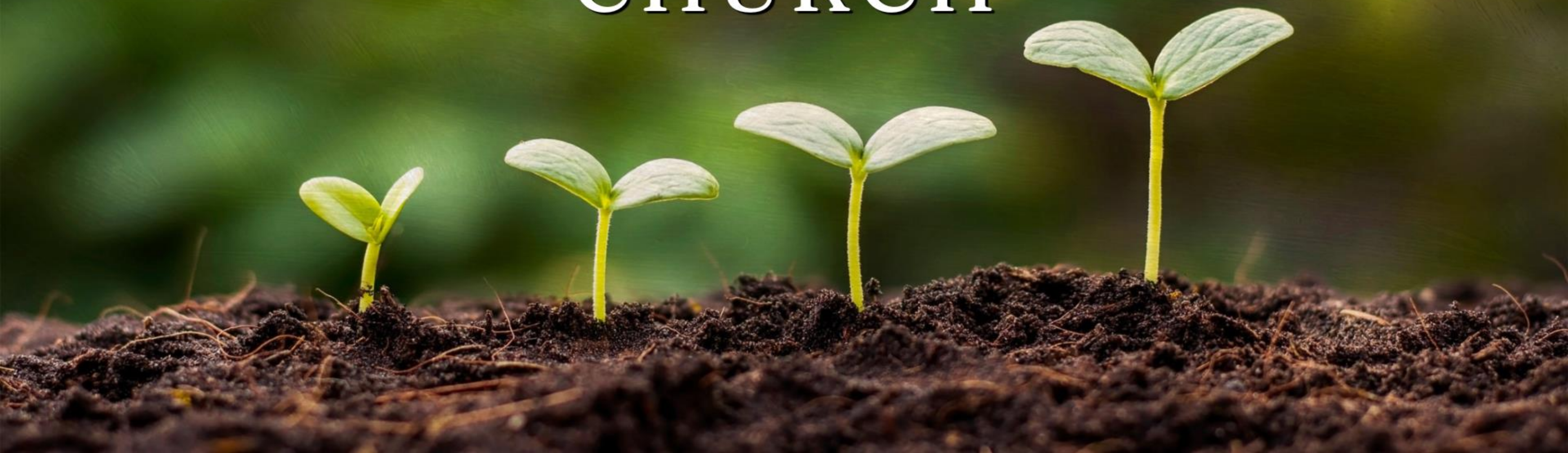
**THANK YOU
Corner-
stone!!!**

**You guys
did
awesome!**

***More to
come!***



THE
MATURING
CHURCH



The Maturing Church...

Serves

Eph. 2:1-10; Phil. 2:3-4

The Maturing Church: review...

- 1. A Church is a PEOPLE called out to witness God's grace and mercy to the world.
- 2. The 'ecclesia' is made up of INDIVIDUALS called to grow in Intimacy with Jesus!
- 3. Conviction from the Lord fuels and guides our Growth as Believers and therefore as a Church!

The Maturing Church... **SERVES**

- SERVICE in the Scripture:

“A lifestyle of active & obedient imitation of God and Jesus, preferring others and engaging work, behavior and acts of sacrifice on their behalf”

- Gal. 5:13 *“Use your freedom to serve one another”*

WHY does the Maturing Church **SERVE**?

- 1. Service is a hallmark of God's character
 - Is. 1:17 "Do right...Defend...plead..."
- 2. Service is a hallmark of Jesus' character
 - Matt. 20:28 "...not to be served but to serve!"
- 3. Service is a hallmark of the Believer's character
 - Gal. 6:2 "Bear each other's burdens..."

WHAT is the blessing of SERVING?

- 1. Service actively kills my innate SELFISHNESS
 - Phil. 2:3-4 “look...to the interests of others”
- 2. Service reminds me of what is truly valuable
 - Gal. 5:13 “...serve one another humbly...”
- 3. Service teaches me God’s purpose for me
 - 1 Pe. 4:10 “Use whatever gifts you have...”

WHAT is the blessing of SERVING?

- 4. As I serve others I know and experience God more deeply!
 - Mark 9:35 “... last and the servant to all.”
 - Acts 20:35 “better to give than to receive.”
 - Col. 3:23-24 “Work as if working for God...!”
 - Eph. 6:7-8 “Serve as if serving the Lord...!”

WHY don't people Serve?

- 1. I didn't know that what I was missing.
- 2. I don't know of any service opportunities
- 3. Other people are already serving so I'm good.
- 4. I don't have enough time
- 5. I don't want to
- 6. I don't know where to serve or how to serve
- 7. I don't think I'm able to serve

WHERE can I Serve here at Cornerstone?

- 1. Ministry Teams
 - Youth ministry
 - Children's Ministry
 - Kitchen/coffee
 - Connect
 - Prayer
 - *etc!!!!*



WHERE can I Serve here at Cornerstone?

- 2. "One-off" opportunities:
 - Life Groups
 - Men's Fellowship
 - Women's Fellowship



WHERE can I Serve here at Cornerstone?

- 3. Partner Ministries:
 - Life Wise
 - Heartbeats
 - Young Life
 - Salvation Army



WHERE can I Serve here at Cornerstone?

- 4. Where is the Lord leading you?
- Recovery Groups
- Addiction support
- Bible Studies
- Areas where YOU have been impacted or see a need!



As always, Let's FIRST ask of the Lord!

- 1. Are you serving? THANK YOU!!! Way to go!!
- 2. Don't know where to Serve? Let's start by asking the LORD for direction!!!
- 3. You want to serve and know you ought to be serving! But you feel handcuffed by your schedule or some other obstacle. Come pray with us for wisdom and movement!