

# WEST SUFFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

1 August 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Hymn #610 "How First a Foundation"

OT Scripture Isaiah 55:1-9

Hymn #222 "Church of God, Beloved and Chosen"

NT Scripture Ephesians 4:11-16

Hymn #494 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

Message: "The Means of Our Growth in the Mind of Christ"

James 1:22-25

Hymn #234 "For the Bread and for the Wine"

The Lord's Table

Benediction

Wed Evening: "The Prayers of Christ"

Next Lord's Day: "The Fellowship of Faith; Paul's Companions"

Romans 16:21-23

**A note for parents of small children:** Our church encourages its members and our visitors to include their children in our worship services. We understand that this practice will result in some distractions from time to time, and that forbearance and patience are required by all. Our foyer and all classrooms are equipped with speakers in order to serve as worship service behavior training areas or as cry rooms, as necessary. Please be mindful of others who may be being distracted from worship and avail yourselves of them.

*"There is no longer a Christian mind....as a thinking being, the modern Christian has succumbed to secularization. He accepts religion — its morality, its worship, its spiritual culture; but he rejects the religious view of life, the view which sets all earthly issues within the context of the eternal, the view which relates all human problems — social, political, cultural — to the doctrinal foundations of the Christian Faith, the view which sees all things here below in terms of God's supremacy and earth's transitoriness, in terms of Heaven and Hell."*

Harry Blamires  
The Christian Mind (1963)

*"One's faith ought to be thought through; otherwise, we will remain spiritual children....the use of the mind is not opposed to faith, but is its fruit. The human effort required to develop a good mind does not contradict the grace of God but rather grows out of it."*

William Edgar  
The Christian Mind (2018)

## The Means of Our Growth in the Mind of Christ

Jesus developed the mind of Christ in His humanity, resulting in

His understanding of His Father's will (Luke 2:40, 47, 50).

Who was His teacher? (John 7:16; 8:28)

How was He taught? (Is 50:4-6)

Much of what He learned was expository. (Mt 9:13; 12:7; 22:29)

Wisdom is the application of scriptural truth to the issues of life.

How can we attain wisdom? (Josh 1:8; 1 Pet 2:2)

The OT provides all that we are with all that we need

(Ps 19:7-11; 119:97-100)

The NT confirms these things. (2 Tim 3:16-17; John 5:46-47)

How do the scriptures renew our minds?

Dt 17:18-20 Would that be good for you?

Why read all the Bible?

to gain familiarity with all of Scripture

to grasp the orientation of its parts

to experience a comprehensive transformation (2 Cor 3:18)

to maintain a proper scriptural balance

to be directed to complete obedience (Neh 8:14; 13:1-3)

James 1:22-25