

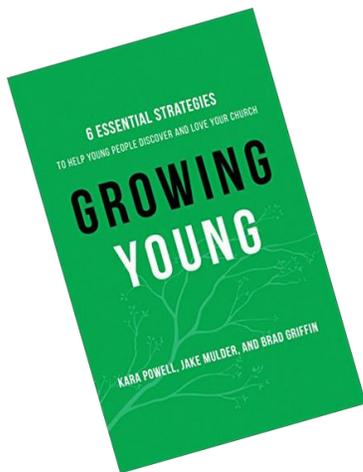
First NEWS

February 15
Weekly E-Newsletter

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Lent 'n Learn



LENT 'N LEARN is an eight-week study of the book **Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church**

You could purchase the book or audio book from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or a local bookstore and read or listen to the eight chapters, but we will present each chapter at the eight classes and discuss each chapter after the presentation. Presenters include Gael, Gregory, Prince, and others who are yet unnamed. Here's the class schedule:

Chapter 1

Sunday March 10, 9AM starting time for each Sunday morning class,
room to be announced

Wednesday March 13, 6PM starting time each Wednesday evening class,
room to be announced

Chapter 2

Sunday March 17
Wednesday March 20

Chapter 3

Sunday March 24
Wednesday March 27

Chapter 4

Sunday March 31
Wednesday April 3

Chapter 5

Sunday April 7 – Gael
Wednesday April 10

Chapter 6

Sunday April 14 (Palm Sunday)
Wednesday April 17

**WE WILL SKIP EASTER SUNDAY AND THE
FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY**

Chapter 7

Sunday April 28
Wednesday May 1

Chapter 8

Sunday May 5
Wednesday May 8

As a result of the 2017 church survey and leadership team meeting, a group started meeting on Wednesday nights for “Envisioning Prayer” about the future of First Christian Church. Recently that group has been focusing on the words, “Learn, Pray, Prepare.” This book study is a continuation of the life of that prayer group into which the entire church is invited. Please join us for this book study during Lent, a season of preparing to celebrate new life in Christ and the new life he can bring in our church.

Thousands of churches are studying this book and catching a vision of a more preferable future.

From the inside flap of the book cover:

Unleashing the passion of young people in your church is possible!

“Churches are losing both members and vitality as increasing numbers

of young people disengage. Based on groundbreaking research with over 250 of the nation's leading congregations, Growing Young provides a strategy any church can use to involve and retain teenagers and young adults. It profiles innovative churches that are engaging 15 to 29-year-olds and as a result are growing--spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically. Packed with both research and practical ideas, Growing Young shows how to position your church to engage younger generations in a way that breathes vitality, life, and energy into the whole church."

There are 141 reviews on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). 85% of reviewers give the book 5 stars, 15% give 4 stars, 1% give 3 stars, 1% give 2 stars, and 1% give 1 star.

I'm especially encouraging our older members to join in this study. On page 271 of *Growing Young*, Hank who is 76 years old and was part of the research for the book said about his church, *"This is a changing church, and we're part of a changing world. I've learned that I need to be big enough to change with it."*

-- Gregory



February 17 Serving Schedule

Elders:

Chris Hansen, Paul Sutphen

Deacons:

Jason Karlik, David Voigt, Gael Thompson, Jerry Thompson

Lay Leader:

Dawn Jester

Fellowship Time Each Sunday at 10:00 am.

A Special ***Thank You*** to Shepherd Group #2
for hosting the Fellowship time on February 10.

Please join us this Sunday, February 17 at 10:00 am

and our host group will be Shepherd Group #3.

Calling all who can MEND and SEW!

We need help repairing current ***Stations of the Cross*** costumes as well as creating some new ones. We have the patterns and will supply the fabric. It is very basic straight sewing but does require a sewing machine. The repairing can be hand sewing in some cases. We also need cloth belts, head pieces, etc. **Please contact Gael** if you are able to help:

832-858-0932, gael@fcc-sm.org

Cancellation Notice

We are sorry to announce that the trip to Cane Ridge, Lexington, Kentucky has been cancelled. For information concerning deposits, please contact the Travel Agency:

AFC Vacations 858-481-8188 or afcvacations.com