Our scripture this morning comes from 1 Corinthians 3:6-11. While you’re finding that, One morning, a guy hears a knock on his door. He’s in a foul mood. He opens it up to find a snail looking up at him hopefully. He picks up the snail and throws it across the street. Two months later, he hears a knock on the door and opens it to see the snail. The snail says, "What was that all about?!" What we plant today, good or bad, may take months or years to return to our door… but return it will.

**1 Corinthians 3:6-11 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 7So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, *you are* God’s building. 10According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

This past week, we had a great Vacation Bible School. Seeds were planted. When the seeds will sprout, the timing of the growth, what the seed will look like… that’s up to God. Some of us planted, some watered, but it is God who gives the increase in His time and in His way.

In our scripture, Paul says he planted, he sowed and Apollos watered. 2 Corinthians 9:10 says that God gives seed to the sower. The seed Paul sows is the seed we all sow… the Truth of God’s Word. As we sow, it’s our prayer that the seed fall on good soil. We know that some seed the birds will eat; some falls on stony ground; some falls in thorns; yet, some falls on good ground and produces 100 times, 60 times, 30 times what was sown. It’s not the seed that gets gobbled by the bird, or falls on the stones, or gets caught in the thorns that produces… it’s the seed that falls in the good soil of a humble, broken, and contrite heart. God is searching for the good soil of a repentant heart.

When the Truth of God takes root, a disciple is produced. We seek to yield spiritual fruit – Love, Joy, Peace, Forbearance, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. That sounds a lot like the traits we find in our Master – our Hupo Grammos – the Master Copy we are all seeking to follow.

As I looked around Bible school this week, I couldn’t help noticing that God has given the increase in this church. Many years ago, people planted and others watered. God gave the increase! Many teaching, leading, crafting, decorating, and working were sitting in the classes just a few short years ago. How God has blessed – Paul says, we are God’s field… we are the good ground the seed landed on… we are God’s building, built on Jesus Christ!

Like our snail friend earlier, it may take some time, but God will prosper the seed planted last week. Maybe a year, maybe ten… we don’t know! Souls will be saved because of the Truth planted last week in Vacation Bible School. We may not know until we reach our final reward… But imagine someone walking up to you in heaven and saying, “Thank you… At Old Lea Bethel Baptist, in June of 2019, I was the good ground the seed you sowed landed on.”