

March 14, 2021

"Your Word is a light unto feet and light to my path." Psalm 119:105



FBCG Kids

God Holds Everything Together

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do not appear. (Hebrews 11:3)

Did you ever wonder what holds this world together? Why don't we fall apart as we walk around? Why don't the planets spin out of their orbits? What keeps the sun (a huge flaming ball of gases) all together instead of splitting up into thousands of flaming little sun-balls? What holds our insides *in* and keeps the outsides *out*? If you think of water in a pitcher, the pitcher holds the water in and keeps everything else out, right? But what is it that holds the pitcher together? As we walk around outside, we do not fall apart. Why? Because our skin holds us together! But what really is it that keeps your *skin* holding together?

Some say that Newton's Law of Gravity holds us together, or a

bunch of other recognized scientific laws. Isaac Newton did not create gravity, though; he just discovered it. Who invented gravity and designed it to do what it does? Some people say they just don't know what keeps the universe running.

We are able to learn the true answer to the question of how the world keeps going, because the Bible tells us. It is God Who holds your skin together and keeps the planets in their proper orbits. God created the whole universe by simply speaking, as He tells us in Genesis 1. In the thousands of years since He first made Creation, God has been holding it together. He created our bone structures and skin. He created gravity. He created solids and gases and powders and globby things and sticky things.

God is a very powerful God, and He is also good. By His

providence and power, He keeps everything and everybody going. The next time you step out into your yard, be glad that your lungs and liver don't fall into the grass! Be thankful that your lips and teeth are there to keep your tongue from sliding out. And take a moment to remember that God created this world in a very specific way so that things would work just right. Everywhere we look, we can see reminders that God is a great God and a good God Who not only created the world, but keeps on taking care of it. As the sovereign Creator and Sustainer, God gets the credit for keeping everything together.

My Response:

» *How can remembering that God is in charge help me respond rightly when things in my life seem out of control?*
 » *Can I point to things in my life that help me see God taking care of even today?*
<https://equipu.kids4truth.com/god-holds-everything-together/>

Calendar Events:

March 14—Missionary speaker.

March 15—19 Spring Break

April 2-3 Family Easter Scavenger Hunt.

Register online.
www.fbcgreenville.com/events

April 4 Easter sunrise service at the Homeplace.

NEW service times 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM

April 9-10 Preteen Weekend. Register online.
www.fbcgreenville.com/events

April 25, VBS Leader Meeting, 4 PM, CAC. Leaders and Assistants please register online.
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Announcements and Resources



Sunday, May 9, 10:30 AM service will be Parent/

Child Dedication. If you would like participate, please contact Kim. Families will be socially distanced on the stage and on the floor in front of stage. Any age child may be participate.

Preschool, Children, Students and some Adult Sunday school classes will resume on **Sunday, April 11. Preschool and Children Sunday School will be at 9:00 AM.**



Pre-register for VBS. **VBS will be June 7-11. 9 AM –NOON.**
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NEW OPTION for the Kinder—6th Graders. Students will have the option of attending the Worship Service or attending the Take TWO class. The Take TWO class will meet in the Kinder SS Room. The class will attend the music portion of the Worship service and then return to the classroom for their lesson.



There is a **Prayer Wall** on the church website. The Prayer Wall is a place to post a prayer need or to pray for the needs that were posted.

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Fruit of the Spirit

PATIENCE

Have you ever lost your patience with someone before? Maybe a friend or a sibling? You find yourself saying something mean because you are frustrated with them and tired of waiting on them.

Patience is something that everyone struggles with. It's easy to lose your patience when you are stuck in traffic, in line, or when someone bugs you. Today we will be looking at what God's Word says about patience & kindness. First, let's see how God is patient.

Read [2 Peter 3:8-9](#).

God sees time in a different way than we do. For example-- isn't it weird how some days it feels like time flies by and other days it goes on forever? In the same way, time is different for God. He is waiting patiently for us because He wants as many people to have the opportunity to know Him as possible.

Read [1 Thessalonians 5:12-14](#).
Verse 14 says that we are to be patient towards who?

We are to be patient with all, everyone. List the groups of people mentioned in the first two verses below.

Have you ever thought about what it looks like for God to be

patient with you? He is so patient with us every single time we mess up and choose sin over Him! God's patience is unparalleled. It says that He never tires of us and always desire for us to know Him. Think about that kind of patience. It must be driven by love!

Is it easy to lose your patience with people?

What do these verses say we are supposed to do?

In the same way that we see God being patient with us we can be patient with others! We can show Christ's love when we show grace and forgiveness with others. Patience is more than just not getting mad when someone is making you wait. It's about really caring for others and seeing their needs as more important than your own. A fruit of the spirit is a bi-product of a life lived for Christ! Patience is a part of that!

Pray and ask God to give you patience to love others like He does! To see those around you the way that He does.

KINDNESS

Dictionary.com defines kindness as: of a good or benevolent nature or disposition, as a person: a kind and loving person. Considerate, or helpful; mild; gentle; loving; affectionate.

Read [Psalm 145:13](#).

The Lord is faithful and kind in

what?

Give an example of when you have seen God's kindness in your life. How did seeing God's kindness in your life change your relationship with Him?

Read [Ephesians 4:32](#).

We can't control how other people treat us-- the only thing that we are responsible for is how we respond. This verse says that we are to be kind & tenderhearted-- in other words we should be easily moved to love towards others.

Why should we be kind and forgiving towards others?

What can you do this week to be more kind?

Commit to do something for someone else to show God's love and kindness to them. Maybe this person is a family member, a friend or a stranger. (Ideas: an encouraging note, clean the kitchen for your mom without being asked, bake someone cookies, etc.)

Praise God for His constant kindness towards you. Praise Him for specific people in your life that you see God's kindness lived out. Ask God to give you a heart for others and the words to treat them with the kindness that He shows you. By Stephanie Miller Used with permission mintedtruth.org/blog/2017/5/31/fruit-of-the-spirit-day-six

Mission Moment ...



Throughout this last year, ministry, missions, education, businesses, ... everyone has had to become creative in how to choose to function despite the restrictions that were in place. One church outside of the Atlanta area has done local and international missions for years. Missions is nothing new to them. They have an initiative called **3-2-1 Serve**.

Throughout this pandemic year, their church has continued to serve their community each month with this **3-2-1 Serve** initiative.

- **Serve Your Community 3 Times**
- **Serve Your Neighbors 2 Times**
- **Share the Gospel At Least 1 Time.**

Some of the ideas used:

- Pay-it-Forward in the drive thru
- Bring breakfast to work "just because"
- Pray with a server at a restaurant where you are eating.
- Send treats to the office staff of your child's school.
- Serve at Food Distribution
- Provide a meal for a neighbor or shut-in, assist with yard work
- Send notes of encouragement
- Offer to run errands
- Host an outdoor cookout.