

May 2, 2021

"They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

Acts 16:31

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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Calendar Events:

May 9—Parent/ Child Dedication, 10:30 AM; Mother's Day.

June 6—SS Promotion.

June 7—11 VBS, 9 AM—NOON. Register online www.fbcgreeneville.com/events



FBCG Kids



Take TWO class

In the Take TWO class (10:30 AM hour), our students are going through the Experiencing God for Kids study, by Henry and Kim Blackaby. Adults, if you have not done the Experiencing God study, I highly recommend it.

Each week, students will discover one of the 7 Realities of Experiencing God:

1. God is always at work around me. Jeremiah 29:13
2. God wants a personal relationship with me. Deuteronomy 31:8
3. God wants me to be part of His work. John 3:16
4. I must have faith and take action to follow God and join in His work. Ephesians 2:10
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6. I must be willing to make changes in my life to follow God's plan. 1 Chronicles 28:20a
7. I know and experience God when I obey Him. Matthew 6:33

Students that have been attending the class have received a book. **Please have students bring their Bible and book each week.**

In June, we will begin a Walk Thru the Bible series. We will do an overview of the Books of the Bible. One of the resources we will be using for this next study will be the Go Fish Guys "Bible Book Bop" song. The Go Fish Guys have some fun music and this

particular song will help us learn the Books of the Bible. Check out the Go Fish Guys on youtube if you are not familiar with them. Students will need their Bibles as we play games to get them more familiar with the locations of each book.

Current Pre-K students are joining the Take TWO in the Worship Service for the music portion of the service. Parents should have received an email about this. When the students leave the service, the Pre-K students return to their classroom for their lesson. On June 6, they will promote either to the Take TWO class or to the Worship service with you. This is one step to prepare them for that.

Announcements and Resources

The Chosen—If you've not watched it—Take time to watch it. Season one has eight episodes. Season two has three episodes that are available to date. They are releasing each as they are ready. It is available in multiple places. YouTube has the series.

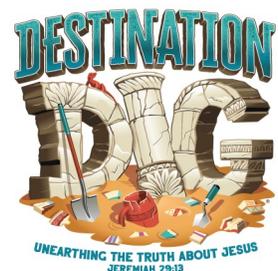


Women's Bible Study Online—
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1056348521487070>

This study just is from April 26—June 7 (skipping May 31). Meeting Mondays, 6:30 PM. The sessions will be on FB Live. The group will go through the book It's Not Supposed to be This Way by Lysa TerKeurst. Participants get their own book. If you can't join at the specific time, it's ok. The sessions will be left on the link so that they can be viewed later. Hop on and join the group.



Vacation Bible School, June 7—11. 9 AM -NOON. For those that have will be completing Pre-K—8th grades. Invite your friends. Preregister online at www.fbcgreeneville.com/events. Sign up to participate or to volunteer.



Fruit of the Spirit

GENTLENESS

Have you ever thought about how someone's tone in their voice can change the meaning of how they're understood? For instance saying "hello" in a creepy voice doesn't have the same effect as saying it cheerfully?

What do you think of when you hear the word gentle?

Read 1 Timothy 6:11.

Several times through this study we have talked about the word *pursue*. You see it through a lot of the Bible when it says we need to flee (get away from) sin and pursue different attributes or in this case fruits of the spirit.

What do you think it means to pursue gentleness?

Gentleness isn't our natural response when things don't go our way. Think of a toddler when you tell them no. They typically throw a little hissy-fit and stomp their feet in defiance to let you know they aren't happy. How do you typically respond when someone makes you mad? Or when you are frustrated? Or tired? It's really easy to snap at someone and not respond in a Christ-like manner. That's what God wants from us-- our attitudes.

Read Matthew 5:21-11.

What beatitudes stand out to you

Matthew 5? List them out below.

How do the beatitudes show a gentle attitude towards others? Be specific.

Read over Matthew 5 again and pray that the Lord would give you an attitude that glorifies Him. Pray that your responses towards others would be fueled by love and gentleness.

SELF-CONTROL

When you think about the fruit of the Spirit "self-control"-- what do you think that means?

It goes back to the struggle of "flee v. pursue". We aren't babies anymore-- we can control whether or not we scream, cry, spit up, etc. In the same way children learn how to control themselves we can too. We can't control what happens to us, the drama around us, what others do or say to us-- but we CAN control how we respond!

Read James 1:19-20.

What do these verses say about how we are to respond to others?

What out of this list do you struggle with?

Having self-control can sometimes be quite difficult. Sometimes that last piece of cake looks really good? Or you say something that you shouldn't when you are mad? It's easy just to say "I got caught up in the moment!" and move on.

But when God calls us to be self-controlled that means we have to make an active choice to honor Him in our words and actions! This doesn't mean He wants us to always "pretend to have it under control." No way! That's impossible! God wants our hearts and devotions most of all! To be self-controlled in your walk with Christ means that you make an effort to pursue Him and love other intentionally!

Ask the Lord to reveal an area in your life where you can have more self-control? Your words? Actions? Etc. Commit those areas to the Lord. Pray that the Lord will be evident and visible in your life to others.

We have spent the last couple of days studying the Fruits of the Spirit. Fruits of the Spirit are the bi-product of a healthy growing relationship with Christ! It's like cause and effect. Because you are in a growing relationship with Christ the effect (or outcome) will be these fruits in your life. These attributes can only come from knowing who our God is!

For our last day in this bible study you are going to read a famous passage of Scripture in the book of John. It's Jesus teaching His disciples about what it means to abide in Him. To abide with Christ means that we are to remain, stay and dwell in His presence. Read through the passage a couple of times and then answer the questions below.

Read John 15:1-17.

What does it mean to abide in Christ?

Who is the vine? Who are the branches?

How does the world know that we are Christ followers?

Why are we to love one another?

It's by understanding who God is that we can live for Him! He is the source! Fruit is grown on a tree because it is planted and rooted, you don't see fruit continuing to grow on trees that aren't alive! The purpose of a fruit tree is to grow fruit! People don't grow orange trees to simply take up space and look at them? Nope! They take the trouble to cultivate, plant, water and tend to the branches so that the fruit can be enjoyed!

Because of what Christ did for us on the cross we can live a life that honors God! We can do this because God has equipped us! Having an active faith means that you are daily making a decision to pursue Christ and things that glorify Him in your life. It also means that you must be actively trying to cut things that don't honor Him out of your life!

End out this time and study by reading over John 15 again. Pray to the Lord and ask Him to powerfully demonstrate these fruits as a result of the Spirit's leading in your life! By Stephanie Miller Used with permission mintedtruth.org/blog/2017/5/31/fruit-of-the-spirit-day-eight

Mission Moment ...



PLEASE GO READ THIS MISSION STORY IN FULL: The title: **Children's lives spared after food delivery.**

We all know that things have changed this last year. In some countries, they are still or back under strict restrictions. There is a shortage of supplies and people are continuing to lose their jobs. God is still

working despite the limitations and hurdles. Here is a teaser to entice you to read the story. The parents were preparing a meal for their children. The parents put poison in the food. This was going to be their last meal as it was all they had left. They did not want their children to suffer any longer. The father told

the mother to wait a little longer to give the children the meal. And then something happened. Read the story to find out how God works. https://www.imb.org/2021/03/22/childrens-lives-spared-food-delivery/?msdyntrid=uNjOQfac3IFORUKajpvWot2X_nCMj8nklakphjY2ao