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Bearing Fruit

In order for future growth to take place in the plant kingdom, all vegetation must bear fruit. Without fruit a tree can grow tall and strong, but it will not reproduce and its death will bring the end of its existence. Therefore, bearing fruit is a necessity for the future, and failure to produce fruit signals a problem or a deficiency in the plant. The same is true in the God's Kingdom. Bearing fruit is a necessity for any faithful Christian, but it will not happen unintentionally. Bearing fruit means a decision must be made to make sure that Jesus Christ is in the center of our lives because He is the source of any fruit that grows in our lives. Look at His words in **John 15:5,6**

⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

Jesus paints the picture of our connection with Him. He is the vine and we are the branches and He lets us know that bearing fruit is a necessity. If we fail to bear fruit the vinedresser (the Father) will take us away John 15:2. The Father does not want to take us away, but just as a farmer expects a return from His crops God expects a return from our lives as His children. We must remember that while our fruit does not earn us God's favor (we already have that as His children), it is an indicator of our connection to Christ. It is not that God will remove Christians who do not bear fruit, the fact is that if we are not bearing fruit then we are not really connected to Jesus. A failure to bear fruit shows a problem or a deficiency in our connection with Christ. May we all take heed to pay attention to this warning about our connection to our Savior Jesus Christ. If it is not one that causes fruit to show up in our lives, let us strive to reconnect in a way that will help us to bear more fruit.

John

Whether This Or That

Ecclesiastes 11:6 Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

A phrase often shared among people as they depart from one another is "Take it easy." This is far from what Solomon is teaching. Solomon was recommending that important jobs be taken care of first thing in the morning. Crops can't grow if seed is not sown. If seed is not sown then you will not be eating the crop in the months to come. Once these important jobs are completed, it is not time to sit down and rest. A person was to move on to another task. Daylight was not to be wasted. Simply put, Solomon was advising that we do our best and give our strongest effort so that we might have the greatest success.

Consider this spiritual application as well. As Christians, we are sowing seed. There are pressing needs that need to be addressed and they should be taken care of first. It is our hope and prayer that the seed will sprout and grow producing Christians. After this message has been proclaimed then it is time to move on to others in delivering the message. We never know which of our efforts will succeed but we strive to find that success. Are we looking for opportunities to sow seed? Souls are in need of salvation and we have the answers. Let's resolve to give our best effort in the service of God. Don't let your hands be idle in his work.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Donna Altobell
- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
- Ann Brady - Life Care, Rm. 226-B
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown
- Bill Carroll
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 113A
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman-treatments
- Athaleen Cox-Life Care, Rm. 143B
- Vera Daniels - NHC Columbia, Rm. 135-A
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Nell Hood
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk - treatments
- Kristi Mick-broken elbow
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, Rm. 6
- Patsy Tyree -treatments
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- Karen Colyer** was in MRMC last week
- Jocinda Martin** - friend of Lisa & Jason Kelley
- Patricia Vaughn** - aunt of Lisa Kelley
- Rick Heavner** - friend of the Britt's
- Joyce Crowe** - Debbie Massey's mother
- Johnny Andrews** - friend of Kim Fitzgerald
- Doug Wilson** - brother of Peggy Jones
- Georgia Cook** - mother of Jennifer McNeese
- George Ervin** - Angie Massey's dad
- Wanda Nix** - sister of Debbie Massey
- Helen Deen** - mother of Sharon Davis
- Linda Hanback** - friend of Mobley's - cancer
- Linda Collier** - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry
- Stacey Brown**-niece of Cindy Hargrove-double lung transplant
- Jean Posey** - sister of Jean Sims
- Natalie Kuykendall** - undergoing chemo

WORSHIP LEADERS SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

- Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
- Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
- Prayer.....Jerry Ballard
- Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Trent Hill

Conner Arnett	Lee Winchester
Eric Hixson	Max Ballard
Ryan Massey	Ed Hargrove
Dustin Stutts	Sonny Hargrove
- Read: Acts 19:1-6.....Gary Boyd
- Sermon: A Vital Question.....Joe Macer
- Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

- Welcome/Song Leader.....Lenny Davis
- Prayer.....Ryan Grice
- Read: Romans 5:1-5.....Shaun Townsend
- Sermon: Fruit of the Spirit - Peace.....John Thomas
- Presiding.....Boyd Wood
- Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Joe Macer

Ushers: Mike Kinzer, Tommy Hight, Terry Burgess
 Greeters: Nathan Hixson, Kevin & Kathleen Mick, Jacob Pollard
 Visual: Chris Mobley, Jerry Thornton
 Security Team: A.M.& P.M. - Greg Lusk, Tracey Wilkins

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NURSERY CARE

- A.M.....Jennifer Winchester, Katie Hixson
- P.M.....Teresa Lyle

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 6:30 P.M.

- Song Leader:Jacob Pollard
- Announcements:John Thomas
- Prayer:.....Dennis Thomason
- Speaker:.....Anthony Booker