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In many of the New Testament epistles that were written to individual saints or congregations of God's church, the Holy Spirit speaks of Christians bearing fruit or being fruitful in the Lord's service. How "fruitful" are you? How fruitful am I??

The Lord wants me to be fruitful. How does God get this point across? John 15:1-8 makes this clear. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit....Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

How else does the Lord make it known that He wants Christians to bear fruit? In contrast to "the works of the flesh" which prevent people from inheriting the kingdom of God (Gal. 5:19-21) the Bible sets forth "the fruit of the Spirit," which includes joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Gal. 5:22,23). Indeed, the Lord wants every Christian to demonstrate these in his/her life. In addition, he expects us to bear fruit BY TELLING US NOT TO BE UNFRUITFUL! Titus 3:14 – "And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful." We are also exhorted to add to our faith virtue, followed by knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly love, and love (2 Peter 1:-7)

The Lord wants us to be fruitful in the right things. What might that be? He wants us to be fruitful in the ways of righteousness or good works. That would surely include those "fruits of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22). He wants us to be fruitful for HIS glory. What is it that brings glory to the Father?? Jesus said, "Here is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit..."(John 15:8). We should not be interested in doing things I order to bring attention to ourselves. Our motive in bearing fruit ought not be to have others praise US. The Master said that our good works should be seen by others alright but our goal must be for those that see our good works/fruits to glorify our heavenly Father (Matt. 5:16). The Lord understands that His children will be fruitful at different levels. (Matt. 13:23). Jesus identified the good ground as representing one that possesses "an honest and good heart" (Luke 8:15). Is the one that brings forth fruit 100 fold more faithful to God than one at 30, and of greater value in His sight? Not at all. God knows if WE are doing our BEST. Are YOU? Am I?

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: September 4-Jennifer Moore, 7-Jack Lawrence, 8-Garrett Wright, 8- Gail Keel, 10-Noah Brasher, 18-Clint McClain, 21-Brooke De Priest, 21-Logan Chrisman, 22-Christine Aden, 22-Shane De Priest, 23-Jimmy Kelly, 23- Jay Cruz Rogers, 25-Betty Jo Sullivan, 26-Rita Foster.

Anniversaries: **September** 20-Keith & Scarlet Peevyhouse, 30-Dale & Rhonda Aden.

Last Week's Record					
Bible Study	76				
AM Worship	90				
PM Worship	52				
Wednesday 44					
Offering \$21	13.00				



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Services:

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

We must hear the word of God. Romans 10:17

We must believe the word of God. Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16

We must repent of our sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

We must confess Christ before men. Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

We must be immersed for the remission of our sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT. 29TH- Floors in church bldg. will be waxed. EVERYONE STAY OFF FLOORS THAT DAY.

October 13th – Jay's Scholarship Golf Tournament, Woodland Hills Golf Course; <u>LarryLewis@taud.org</u>; or 234-0360 October 9th - 2nd Sunday Fellowship Luncheon

October 25th- Gospel Meetings begin at Fairview and Eastwood

THOSE TO SERVE IN SEPTEMBER

Prepare Communion Trays: David & Pam Bryant Power Point: Greg McClain

Greet: Charlie & AnnieWachsmuth Announcements: Charlie Wachsmuth

Song Leader AM: David Bryant Song Leader PM: Keith Peevyhouse Wednesday: Nick Bryant

Preside at Table: William Moore & John Henry Long

Serve on Table: Jacob Keen, Peyton Lindsey, Dylan Holt, Zac Chrisman

Date Sept. Sunday	AM Opening Prayer	AM Scripture Reading	AM Closing Prayer	PM Opening Prayer	PM Scripture Reading	PM Closing Prayer	Date Sept. Wed.	Wednesday Opening Prayer	Wednesday Devotional	Wednesday Closing Prayer
4	Dale Aden	Norris De Priest	Joshua Brasher	David Brasher	Jack Lawrence	Daniel Rogers	7	David Bryant	Steve Foster	Dylan Holt
11	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine	Terry Hall	Nick Bryant	Logan Chrisman	Monte Morris	14	Greg McClain	Mark Wright	Zac Chrisman
18	Steve Foster	Daniel Rogers	Monte Morris	Norris De Priest	Noah Brasher	David Brasher	21	Charlie Wachsmuth	Dale Aden	Joshua Brasher
25	Dale Ballentine	Joshua Brasher	Mark Wright	Dale Aden	Jacob Keen	Zac Chrisman	28	Steve Foster	David Bryant	David Brasher

HEALTH WATCH & SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST David Wheeler, Elder at Bargerton; Jackie Foster; Dale Ballentine-surgery postponed; Harper Jordan, newborn daughter of Stephen/Megan in Vanderbilt; Sympathy to the he family of Kathy Pinson Bateman, passed away 9/18. Funeral services at Cumberland Presbyterian, Trezevant, 9/21/16.

SHUT-INS & NURSING HOME Laverne Belew (Home), Helen Pinson (Harmony Hill), Betty De Priest (McKenzie Healthcare), Margaret Barlowe (Van Ayer Manor), Martha Nell Reed (Lakeside Retirement Community), Elvy Sauls Jr. (Life Care of Bruceton/Hollow Rock), Ruth Bennett.

PRAYER LIST* Dorian Flynn, Aden Hillsman, Keith Parker, Roger McCaig, Helen Watkins, Don Foster, Penny Warren, Michael Norton, Randall Hollingsworth (Pam's Cousin), Glenda Bell (Dennis Mitchell's aunt), Cash Wroten, Bobby Russell (Elder at McKenzie), Clay Sydnor, Ben Nelson, Dawn Blurton (Mark Wright's friend), Tim Aden, Kathy Watkins, Nettie Mayberry White, Randle Smith, Anita Mayo (Barbara Holt's sister), Rachel Arrington, Larry Hays, Derick Lamen (David & Gail's friend), Alice Moore, Cathy Glasgow, Jimmy & Kaffie Greene, Kinley Fowler, Tom Aden, Evelyn Miller, Joann Mewbourn Goodman, Denise & Mark Algood, Otis Brown Foster, Missy Denton, Rena Arrington.

CANCER: Reanna Wallace (Mandy's sister in law), Eric Champagne (Tim & Wendy's friend), John Reaves (Tim's & Wendy's friend), Martha Fidler (Charlie's sister), Christy Dickson (Mandy's cousin), Mark Crocker, Sonny Phillips (Brittany Morgan's father-in-law), Rhyan Loos – 6 year old (friend of Hayden McClain), Marilyn Crocker, Mae Stanford (Julie Miller's friend), Josie Rivera (Julie Miller's friend), Wanda Barnes, Hattie Berry, Bobby Lowe, Vicky Parrish, Mac Woods, John David Presson, Brenda Johnson, Ian Edwards, Pat Schneider, David Fowler, Elizabeth Cronin, Karen Allen, Kenneth Foster, Christine Johnson.

*IF YOU HAVE PLACED SOMEONE ON THE PRAYER OR SICK LIST, PLEASE GIVE UPDATES SO WE CAN KEEP CURRENT.