



SUMMERDALE YOUTH NEWS

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"THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS PATIENCE"

The apostle Paul wrote to the church of Galatia and said, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." The message of Galatians 5:22-23 still resounds today. If we are born of the Spirit (John 3:5, Acts 2:38, Romans 8) it is natural for us to bear the fruit of the Spirit. What does that mean? In this space today, I would like for us to consider "PATIENCE" as a fruit of the Spirit.

I tell my children, "We only do what we want to do. No one can force you to do anything." Isn't it interesting that when we are determined to do something we always find the time and strength to do it. Even if it is against all odds or if it is painful. Almost everything we do in life requires perseverance and PATIENCE. Romans 8:25 says, "But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with PATIENCE." We have an earnest expectation (hope) of eternal life with God but we have to have PATIENCE to receive the final reward.

The Bible uses the word PATIENCE 25 times and the word PATIENT 12 times. Imagine if you combine those with the times we see the words wait, perseverance and long-suffering. The Bible has much to say about PATIENCE. In fact, from the very beginning of the Bible we learn PATIENCE. I often remind myself that the first promise of a Savior came in the garden, immediately after the fall of man (Genesis 3:15), but would not be fulfilled for a very long time. As we continue to read the Bible we will find that God already had a plan prepared before this happened, and it didn't catch Him off guard, but mankind would have to wait around 4,000 years before that promise would be fulfilled by sending Jesus to the world. They waited for years, decades, centuries, even millennia until Jesus would come to the earth.

Once we can completely comprehend why Jesus came we will have a better understanding of His earthly ministry and work. We will also better understand God's timing. Read Ecclesiastes 3 and you'll get it. We have to be PATIENT and wait on the Lord (Isaiah 40:31).

Jesus had to come at the right time and in the right way. One of the reasons why this was essential is because He also came to serve as an example for us (1 Peter 2:21-25). Mark 10:45 says, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." He PATIENTLY waited until it was His time to die, but in the meantime He served the Lord and others. The king of kings became a servant and was crucified like a criminal for us. Would you say His PATIENCE paid off? Maybe not! However, it worked out according to God's plan... His perfect plan.

If you are a follower of Jesus, then you should read your Bible. The story of Jesus perfectly illustrate hundreds of other children of God in Scripture that throughout time learned to trust God and have PATIENCE. When we wait on Him, it will get better. Almost everything we do in life requires PATIENCE. We may get caught in rush hour traffic, long lines in bank drive thru, low batteries, endless checkout lines and to be honest, getting mad does not help the situation at all. Romans 8:25 says, "But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with PATIENCE."

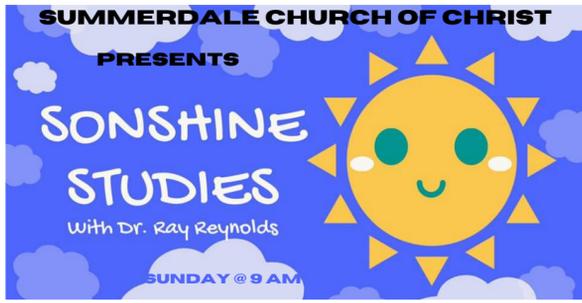
Waiting on God is about trusting Him to do His part. We must listen to words from one of the songs of Korah (Psalm 46:10). We need to listen to the way they saw God speaking to His people... "Be still, and know that I am God." Are you being still? Do you know that the Lord is your God? Then... be... PATIENT.

May God bless you and keep you! Choose PATIENCE.

*You are loved,
Ray*



SYG NEWS & EVENTS



The "Sunshine Studies" online series is for our children and is available online at 9 AM each Sunday morning via YouTube. It is fun for the whole family and everyone can benefit from these lessons. The studies for the next several weeks will revolve around the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). We will continue this series of Bible lessons until Sunday morning Bible classes resume at the building in the near future.

Are you ready for another Game Night? All youth and young families are invited to take part in another game night on Friday night August 21st at 7 PM. It has been suggested that we have indoor cornhole tournament in addition to Charades. Bring your favorite cornhole sets. The menu is TBA but top votes are for pizza, quesadillas, or ham & cheese croissants. We encourage everyone to observe the rules of social distancing and masks will be provided if you do not have one.



School supplies are being collected for Snook Christian Academy. There are two boxes in the back of the fellowship hall. One represents the University of Alabama and the other represents Auburn University. Each year we have a challenge to see which box fills faster. It is rumored that Auburn has the edge. However, we still have two weeks to collect. What can you donate? Specifically we need notebook paper (not spiral), copy paper, composition books, pens, #2 pencils, hand sanitizer, paper towels, Clorox wipes, highlighters, plastic folders, crayons, magic erasers, art supplies, washable markers, card stock, construction paper, Kleenex boxes and 3 ring binders.

We've got questions. You've got the answers. Don't throw us shade. It's time to spill the tea. Each week one of our teens will be asked a series of random questions. We call it "7 Groovy Questions." You can find it on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube. So far we have interviewed Brady Long, Sebastian Hall, Carter Long, Zane Rider, Caryn Coxwell, and Hayden Joiner. Who will be next? Corbin Hall! Follow us and watch on YouTube.



Welcome to the church family London McDonald! He was baptized into Christ on Tuesday, July 28. London is a student at Snook Christian Academy. He and his mother Rene will be attending with us now. Their address is 2446 West Ashford Park Drive Foley, AL 36535.



The theme of our church family for the rest of 2020 will be "Its All About the Love."



TENTATIVE YOUTH CALENDAR:
 August 21 - Youth & Young Adult Game Night
 August 26 - Teen Zoom Devo & Bible Study
 September 4 - SCA vs. Jackson (Home)
 September 11 - Pickens vs. SCA (Away)
 September 13 - Gulf Coast Area-Wide
 September 18 - SCA vs. Cornerstone (Home)
 September 25 - Youth & Young Adult Game Night

2020 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE		
August 28	ROCKY BAYOU	Away
September 4	JACKSON ACADEMY	Home
September 11	PICKENS ACADEMY	Away
September 18	CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN	Home
September 25	OPEN	
October 2	WILCOX ACADEMY	Away
October 9	MEADOWVIEW	Home
October 16	SPARTA ACADEMY	Away
October 23	SOUTH CHOCTAW	Away
October 30	OPEN	
November 6	AISA PLAYOFFS	TBA
November 13	AISA SEMIFINALS	TBA
November 20	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	Troy



Let's support our hometown Eagles! There are three home games on September 4, 18 and October 9. We should pack the stadium.

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