



SUMMERDALE YOUTH NEWS

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"THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS GENTLENESS"

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 "GENTLENESS" as a fruit of the Spirit.

Do you love pie? I do. At least when I am not dieting! I love apple pie, cherry pie, pecan pie, chocolate pie, blueberry pie, . . . well, the list goes on and on! But there is one kind of pie that I would rather avoid at all costs . . . humble pie! Have you ever heard that expression before? You know, "He (or she) had a nice slice of humble pie." It tastes bitter. It doesn't wash down very easy. We don't mind serving it, just not eating it! Who really wants a slice of humble pie?

GENTLENESS is often translated as humility. There are times that God has a way of humbling us. I am reminded of the young preacher that was very successful as a circuit preacher. He went from town to town holding meetings and conducting church growth seminars. After a passionate message one evening in a large congregation he was stopped by a sweet elderly lady that had worshipped in that congregation for several years. She said, "You must be proud of your accomplishments." The man smiled and replied, "Why, yes, I am." "And you seem to be so proud of your successes in the church," she stated. "Of course, I am," the man quickly responded. After a brief pause she looked at him in the eyes and said, "Why is it that you take the glory for what God has done?" Ouch! But her point was clear: "God alone deserves the glory!"

Maybe you have said it or maybe someone has said it to you. "You are the reason this church is where it is today." "You are the heart and soul of this business. They couldn't make it without you." "This ministry would not be here if it were not for you." "He/she would never make it without you." "No one is better than you." It sounds so good. It feels nice, but somewhere tugging on the back of our mind we remember that Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (NKJV). We need to practice humility. We need to learn the importance of GENTLENESS and meekness.

Sometimes Satan build us up into thinking that we really are the best. God wants us to be edified but He also wants, and might I add deserves, the credit for our good works. The result of good works is for men to glorify our Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16). If we believe that we are the best, God may be waiting to serve us some humble pie. Remember the humble will be exalted (Luke 14:11).

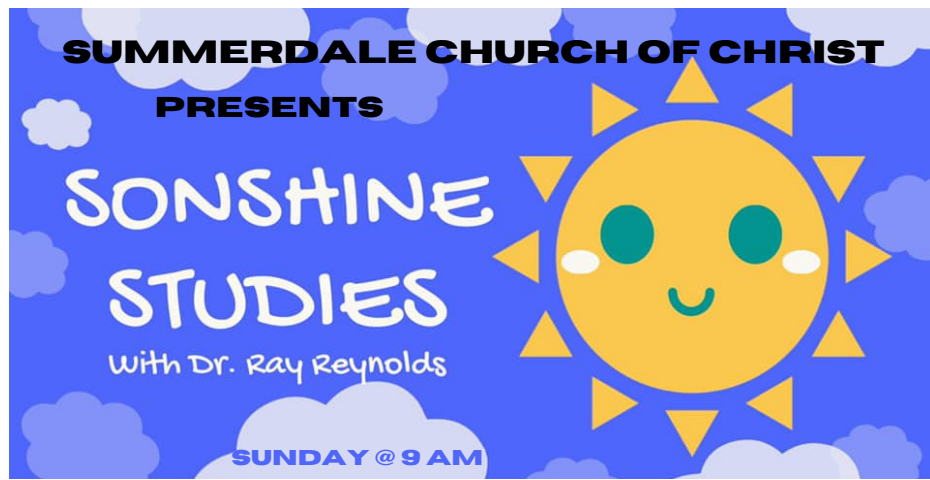
We need to be GENTLE to keep our pride in check. GENTLENESS is expressed in our words and actions. It requires us to practice discipline and have patience with others. Think of all the Scriptures that teach us to be GENTLE or the seek GENTLENESS in our spirit. Why is this so essential? To keep us from eating too many slices of humble pie! Our GENTLENESS should be evident to everyone around us (Ephesians 4:2, Philippians 4:5, Titus 3:5). It is part of our DNA as a believer in Christ (Colossians 3:12). We even use GENTLENESS when we are defending our faith (1 Peter 3:15) or restoring the weak (Galatians 6:1-2).

Our Lord is GENTLE. He expects His children to do their best to practice GENTLENESS.
May God bless you and keep you! Choose GENTLENESS.

*You are loved,
Ray*

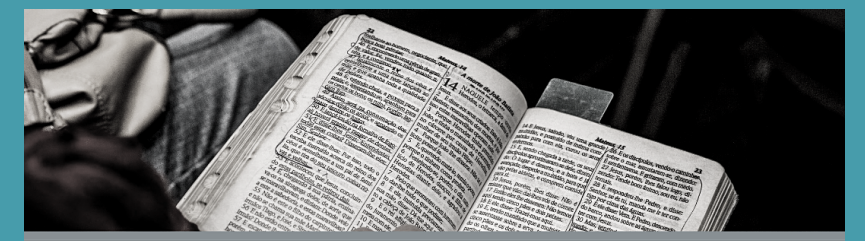


SYG NEWS & EVENTS



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.

We are excited to announce that the teens have resumed mid-week classes Wednesday. Every Wednesday night we will be having a Family Bible Hour class in the fellowship hall for the youth and young families at 6:30 PM. All teens are encouraged to invite friends to join us as well. Our study on "The Greatest Commands" will continue from the Zoom classes. We will have a meal together and then class. Just bring a side item for the meal, a mask, and your Bible. See you on Wednesday night!



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 6:30 PM
TEENS & YOUNG FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR



The Gulf Coast Area-Wide is planned for September 13th here tonight. We will be doing a parking lot service with prepared food in bags for convenience. Dinner and games will begin at 5 PM. The worship service will begin around 6 PM. Anyone willing to help should be here at 3 PM. The guest speaker is President David Shannon from Freed-Hardeman University and guest song leader will be Casey Crawford from Scenic Hills. Please reach out to Ray for more details, to give feedback, and find out how to help with this event.

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, Hayden Joiner, and Corbin Hall. Who will be next? Tay Lyle. Follow us and watch on YouTube.



We realize that this has been an unorthodox year for worship, Bible study, and service projects. However, we want to encourage parents to keep track of service hours for Good Samaritan. Please give any stats to Ray about songs, devos, readings, etc. for the official notebook.



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

TENTATIVE YOUTH CALENDAR:

- September 13 - Gulf Coast Area-Wide
- September 16 - Family Bible Hour @ 6:30 PM
- September 18 - SCA vs. Cornerstone (Home)
- September 23 - Family Bible Hour @ 6:30 PM
- September 25 - Youth & Young Adult Game Night
- September 30 - Family Bible Hour @ 6:30 PM
- October 7 - Family Bible Hour @ 6:30 PM
- October 9 - SCA vs. Meadowview (Home)
- October 9 - 5th Quarter (9-10:30 PM)

2020 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE		
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

Home games are played at Summerdale Middle School.

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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