

The Fruit of the Spirit: The Case for Love

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Have you ever been confused by Paul's discussions of THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. It is a single fruit and yet 9 graces are listed. Isn't it a human tendency, when given a list, to start working on it one by one, checking off what we have accomplished? But this is THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, singular. One person called it a singular plurality or a collective singular.

How is it explained? How is it obeyed?

In Sunday School recently, we studied Paul's definition of love found in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. There is a close correlation between the attributes of love and the graces of THE FRUIT OF THE Holy Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23 as illustrated below:

Love (1 Cor.)
Defined by Paul

Love (Gal 5)
THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Love is Patient
Kind

Patience
Kindness

Love does not Envy. (It is glad for)
Boast. (It is humble)

Joy
Gentleness

Love is not Rude or Self seeking (It is polite and
selfless)

Kindness
Self-control

Love Keeps no record of wrongs
(It forgives/forgets)

Peace

Love does not Delight in evil. It rejoices in the truth

Goodness

Love always Protects, Trusts, Hopes, Perseveres

Faithfulness

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Since God is Love (John 14:16) it could be believed that. THE FRUIT OF HIS SPIRIT would be love, and the richness of this love further defined by the other graces.

Consider further importance Jesus gave love. He told to the teachers of the law that the most important commandment is to love the Lord you God.... the second...your neighbor. (Mark 12:33)

He told His disciples to "Love one another...by this all men will know that you are my disciples." (John 13:34) again to His disciples he said, "(If you love Me, you will obey what I command." (John 14:15) and He said that he chose them and appointed them to "go bear fruit-first that will last...This is my command: Love each other. (John 15:16-17)

Paul said of love in 1 Cor. 13

It is the most excellent way verse 13.

...these 3 remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love. Verse 13

You may exercise the gifts of the Spirit, tongues/prophecy, but without love you are a sounding gong/nothing. verses 1-2.

Love never fails verse 8.

Paul summarized the about by saying "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy." (1 Cor. 14:1)

How do we follow the way of love? Paul says "...live by the Spirit..." keep in step with the Spirit. (Gal 5:16-25)

That is the subject of the next month's article, Discipleship: Activating God's Power, The Holy Spirit, based of Billy Graham's book. The Holy Spirit.

The disciple of Jesus is to be known by his /her love.

Senior Send Off.....



Central High School

Zachary Decker

Zachary is completing an employment training program in order to begin working this summer.

Clean-Up Day...

Several students gave up their Saturday morning on May 13th in order to serve our neighbors and earn credit for this summer mission trip. Under the leadership of Mark Sonnenmoser, Sherwood Neighborhood Association President, five students trimmed bushes, raked leaves, and mowed grass for houses in our little corner of Saint Joseph. Adam, Calvin, Harry, Grace, and Kristen, great job! We're proud of the young adults you are becoming!



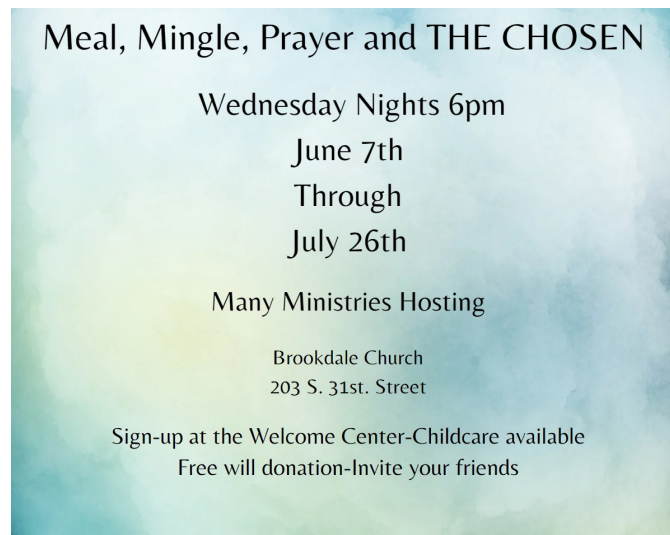
Mothers Day at Brookdale



WOMEN'S SPRING BRUNCH



Brookdale's Women's Ministry hosted a Women's Spring Brunch on May 13th from 10-Noon. Wise advice from the generations were shared and several delicious potluck brunch dishes and the ladies swapped recipes.



Many Brookdale Church Ministries are working together to provide meals every Wednesday, this Summer in June and July. Enjoy 8 weeks of meals and fellowship and viewing Season Two of “The Chosen” along with our prayer ministry for two of those weeks. The first week will be June 7 and it will be concluding on July 26. We will have a sign-up sheet for each week at the welcome center. The menu items will be announced later. There will be babysitting available. Join us when you are able.

Contact Julie Schmitt or Karen Gladhart for more info.

SALT will visit the Patee House Museum ...





SUMMER

Activities at Brookdale

Mark your Calendars!!!

Day Trip to Chillicothe MO
 July 7th (Cost \$20)
 For grades 4-6 (completed)
 Hike at Pershing State Park
 and have a devotional
 Eat some PIZZA! SWIM!
 Eat Supper and DQ
 Leave at 8am return at 8pm
 Invite your friends,
 RSVP by June 19 (816.279.0983)

Mom, Me & My Friends
Pool Party
 July 10 & July 31
 11:00am-12:30pm
 Snacks and drinks provided.
 Invite your friends and enjoy
 some fun poolside fellowship.
 Pool Location- 2716 Francis
 Street (Sue's home)

W.O.W Wednesdays
God's World of Wonders
 @ the SMC 3015 Felix
 Grades K-6 (completed)
 9:00am-12:00 noon
 July 12 - Western Wednesday
 July 19 - Wilderness Wednesday
 July 26 - Water Wednesday
 wear your swimsuit under your
 clothes. You will get wet.
 Lunch is provided!



Pool Party &
Bible Study
 3rd-6th Grade Completed
 2716 Francis Street (Sue's)
 Time - 1:30-4:00
 June 15 & 29 July 6, 13, 20, 27
 Come for some summer fun and
 learn more as we will be
 EXPLORING THE BIBLE. Cost of
 book is \$7.

Plans are in the works for our
Going Local Mission Trip
 August 1-3 (subject to change)



June Birthdays

- 4 - Grace Larson
- 9 - Janell Sonnenmoser
- 13 - Dennis Peek
- 15 - Randy Poggemiller
- 16 - Mikaela Quick, Brandon Walley
- 17 - Corey Lemon
- 18 - Emma Funk, Brandon Furlong
- 21 - Isaac Miller, Spencer Miller

- 25 - Russ Gallinger, Chuck Hadle, Abbie McGhee
- 28 - Bev Walley
- 29 - Tucker Dahle
- 30 - Sarah Bolander

July

- 1 - Jenny Hudgens, Kaden Miller
- 3 - Ron Bachman, Marianne Field
- 4 - Will Blazer, Amelia Funk

Session Summary-May 2023

An offer was extended to the Transitional Pastor Candidate, but that offer was declined. Session will be discussing the next steps in our pastor search at our next meeting.

We will celebrate communion on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Bryan Gregory will be our guest speaker that day.

Elder Ann Weston will take Communion to shut-ins in June.

Financial report was reviewed. Giving was up last month and exceeded expenses.

Dan Bryant will lead Adult Sunday School over the summer with a series by John MacArthur entitled "Slave".

Monthly prayer meetings are continuing on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Prayer Chapel.

Funeral procedures were approved.

Various reports were reviewed from Brookdale ministries.

Next Scheduled Meeting June 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.



The Youth want to thank all of you that participated in their Annual Basket Auction and all the generous donations. You all are much appreciated for supporting our youth mission trip.

June Brookdale 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	5 5:15 Finance	6 6:30 Men's Ministry 1:00 SALT 5:15 Personnel 5:30 Dance Fit 6:30 Deacons 7:00 Square Dance	7 6:30 Men's Prayer Break-fast 5:30 Dance Fit 6:00 Meal, Mingle, Prayer, The Chosen	1	2 6:30 Men's Bible Study	3 10:00 Dance Fit
11 Communion 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	12	13 5:30 Dance Fit 6:00 Trustees 7:00 Square Dance	14 6:30 Men's Prayer Break-fast 11:00 Daytimers 5:30 Dance Fit 6:00 Meal, Mingle, Prayer, The Chosen	8	9 6:30 Mens Bible Study 2:00 Book Club at Doris Wyckoff's	10 10-12 Youth Window Wash 10:00 Dance Fit
18 Father's Day 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	19	20 5:30 Dance Fit 6:30 Session 7:00 Square Dance	21 6:30 Men's Prayer Break-fast 5:30 Dance Fit 6:00 Meal, Mingle, Prayer, The Chosen	15 Haven House Food Kitchen 1:30-4 Pool Party/Bible Study 3-6 grade	16 6:30 Men's Bible Study	17 Youth Trip 10:00 Dance Fit
25 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	26	27 5:30 Dance Fit 7:00 Square Dance	28 6:30 Men's Prayer Break-fast 11:00 Daytimers 5:30 Dance Fit 6:00 Meal, Mingle, Prayer, The Chosen	22 10:00 SALT Patee House Museum	23 Youth Trip Return 6:30 Men's Bible study	24 10:00 Dance Fit
				29 1:30-4 Pool Party/Bible Study 3-6 grade	30 6:30 Men's Bible study	





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to the brokenness of life.*



Bible Study Fellowship

Women’s Bible Study Fellowship met this past year every Thursday morning 9:30-10:30 from September 22-May 23, journeying on a life-changing study of GOD”!

Thru the stories of the Old Testament, we learn how people, just like “us”, simply wore different clothes, had longer & weirder names, & lived without air conditioning, had HEARTS just like ours : either inclined toward God or inclined toward evil. God clearly says ‘this is the WAY-FOLLOW ME.

You are invited to join us next year as we study the book of John. Starting in September and going thru May, Donna Smith will be co-leading with Nancy Savely. Find out more at: www.bsfindernational.org.

If you’re new to BSF, you can register online or grab any of these ladies to learn more. Workbook provided

