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A Thanksgiving To You

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Eric Susberry
Pastor

Each year in April, you, the people of Victory in Christ Kingdom church, are so kind to show how much you appreciate myself and my wife with the Pastors' Appreciation and this year's appreciation was the tops! Furthermore, you have shown us love and appreciation throughout the entire year! We would like to address our love and appreciation to you in return.

About 30 years ago,

God began to nudge and press on my heart to change my direction from building a personal business (Construction and Real Estate) to building His business of sharing the message of Salvation and Kingdom advancement. To be totally honest with you, I struggled with obeying and surrendering to God in this area. Yet, today as I look back I'm thankful that I caved in to His plan for my life and further, for a church that supported me.

I am reminded of the

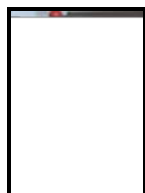
Apostle Paul who wrote a letter of thanks to the church of Philippi—a church that supported him. Paul stated in Philippians 1:3-4, *"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy."*

VICK is an amazing church congregation. God has done, is doing, and will continue to do some great and wonderful things in this beloved assembly. There are so many things we, as your pastors, are thankful for. ~continued to page 2

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- Article by Kayla Metcalf
- Coming Up!
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The Fruit of the Spirit Tested



Caren Susberry
Assistant Pastor

The Fruit of the Spirit talked about in Galatians 5:22-23, expresses the nature of God and reflects the character that should be evident in us as born-again believers. It is not just to be displayed in the church or when everything is going well. It is to be our distinction; what identifies us with Christ, everywhere we go.

But how do we and others know that it is in us if we are not put to the test?

For those of you that come out to mid-week service, you know that I am teaching on 'The fruit of the Spirit.' The previous week I discussed specifically the attributes of peace, joy, and longsuffering. I believe I said something like, "There is a mark of Joy. Remember that Paul was in prison, yet his heart was filled with joy. Joy does not depend on the circumstances or what is happening. The fruit of longsuffering means patience, bearing and

suffering a long time. And longsuffering does not strike back."

I have learned through the years that whatever you have learned or taught will be tested. Which stands to reason, for how do you know you have it if you are not tested on it? I want to share my test. One Saturday, I went to an afternoon luncheon hosted by a pastor friend of mine. Even though it was a cold, wet, and snowy day in April, I was dressed in all white from head to toe. I believe I looked rather nice. ~Continued to page 2

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident in this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ." Phil 1:3-6 (NKJV).



"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV)



A Thanksgiving To You...cont.

I am thankful for: each person who walks through those doors each week and who are faithful in attendance and financial support; those who clean the church and office; those who work with the children; the greeters and ushers; those who work with the Newsletter and Sunday Bible School and those who work with media.

I'm thankful for: those who decorate the church;

those who faithfully pray and intercede for others; the music ministry; the dance ministry; the kindness ministry; our senior ministry; those who work in the office; those who bring cases of water to be distributed to the community; and those who write cards of appreciation to their pastors throughout the year. I'm so thankful for my supportive wife who works very hard and who I

would not want to be in ministry without. I'm thankful for those whose work goes on without notice by me, but noticed by God; for those who count the offerings, work in the kitchen, heads of ministries, and my ministers.

Like Paul, I'm thankful because you are my fellow laborers in Christ. We are truly linked shoulder-to-shoulder in kingdom work and for that I am truly, eternally grateful

The Fruit of the Spirit...cont.

In fact, Pastor commented on how nice I looked. Most were dressed in white because we were asked to participate in the affair by wearing white.

The hall was decorated beautifully, the fellowship was good, and the Word spoken was enriching. Things were running on schedule and lunch was about to be served. I was particularly excited about this because I had not eaten and it was late in the afternoon. The soup was going around the

table and it looked good, but when the waiter got to me something happened... and he ended up pouring hot cream of chicken soup all over the left side of me from my shoulder, down my arm and leg. It also got the pastor who was sitting on my left side. My first thought was to be upset because I hate to get dirty and my arm was burning with hot soup. But I didn't. I thought about the teaching on the Fruit of the Spirit and about how my friend and host would

feel if I would have made a stink about it. So, I very calmly—with help—cleaned myself up and received ice to put on my arm. And just when I thought that was the end of it, a 75 year old pastor at the table said, "I'd like to say, I am impressed at the way you handled that situation.

I thank God my light shined in that situation and that the Fruit of the Spirit was evident in my life. But more importantly, that I passed the test!

Called in Your Youth~ Kayla Metcalf

In the year of 2019, I find individuals are being called into ministry younger and younger. It often makes me think of Elihu when he says "I am young in years, and you are old; that is why I was fearful, not daring to tell you what I know. I thought, 'Age should speak; advanced years

should teach wisdom. But it is the spirit in a person, the breath of the Almighty, that gives them understanding. It is not only the old who are wise, not only the aged who understand what is right," (Job 32:6-9).

Even though Elihu was young, he had knowledge and understanding that

the older men did not have. Further, it was important that he did not just keep that knowledge, but that he shared it. The situation Elihu faced can be applicable to today for age is not necessarily a measuring stick for wisdom.

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Called in Your ~Continued

We know Paul tells Timothy in 1 Tim 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you're young, but set an example for believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." In other words, we shouldn't let our age dictate whether we will take a stand for our God!

God calls his people to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. And as Elihu would say, it is the spirit in a person, the breath of God who gives us the understanding to go out and preach a sound doctrine. Not your years. That means he's talking

about you and I. We are not to sit here and be content letting older generations take on God's mandate when there are many individuals to bring to Christ.

As I stated earlier, younger and younger individuals have been called into the ministry. I myself am in the process of going through the junior ministers' class. It all goes back to Elihu when he says I am young but wise. The younger generation of this time are being called, trained and raised for such a time as this so that we may go before the Lord and do what is right and just. Oftentimes, when I think

about my age and how I'm one of the younger students in the junior ministers' class, many doubts begin to cloud my mind about my age and how I won't be able to amount and do the things that the older individuals in the class can do.

However, Elihu said it best, "It is the spirit in a person, the breath of the Almighty, that gives them understanding... it is not only the old who are wise," which means I am more than qualified because He is the qualifier. I cannot stress enough how important it is to know that no matter the age, God is willing, if you are!

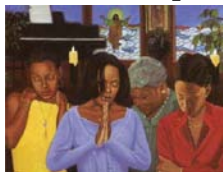
Dear Mother Eunice, I'm sure you're familiar with the Bible verse about training up your child in the way that he should go, but other than taking them to church and living a godly life before them, is there anything else I should be doing?

Time. Spend time with your children. That seems like an obvious answer, but it's not. And by time, I don't mean being in the same room as them, I mean get to know them. Put down the phones and the tablets. Matter of fact, as we approach summer, hide them away! We often act like our children are the only ones on them, but we parents can be just as bad. Let's face it, social media has become almost a living entity of its own. There is always the Fear of Missing Out (FOMO) lurking in the background. Even for us older folks. You can't train up a child in your day to day life if you don't take the time to know them...to know their hearts, their dreams, their gifts, and their talents. And vice versa. I would encourage you and your family to put down the phones and tablets this summer. Take day trips, have game nights, go on a picnic, visit a museum. Do something that doesn't require a screen. And enjoy the process of raising a godly child.

Things to Look Forward To!

VBS 2019
ROAR!
Life is Wild * God is good
July 8 - 12 @ 9am - 1pm
Ages 2 - 17
Cost: \$20
*Bible Lessons *Lunch *Arts Crafts *Bible Bucks
*Worship Songs *Carnival games & prizes
[Click here for additional information & registration](#)

MAY 25, 2019
Women's Fellowship



12pm-3pm

Fall of 2018- Ongoing



Watering the Community

JUNE 16, 2019
Father's Day



Come celebrate Dad with us!

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Service*
at: 10:00 am

Sunday School
at: 8:45 am

Midweek Service
Wednesday at 7pm

*The Nursery is open during Sunday & Midweek Services.

Want to Know More About Our Church?



Praise God we paid off our church last year and now we can do some much needed repairs to our church building! Don't forget to finish your Building Fund Pledge!

**Coming in 2019:
Bookstore**

Weekly Intercessory Prayer Schedule:

Every Sunday 8am

1st and 3rd Tuesday
10am-12pm

Every Tuesday
6:00-7:00pm

Fast Day Every Tuesday
Fast until Noon

Every other Wed at
6:15pm

Every 1st Wed. at 10pm-
6am

Every Saturday 7-8:30am

Sunday Bible School has classes for everyone!

- Study of the Book of 1 Samuel
- Chasing Greatness
- Girls With Swords: Spiritual Warfare
- Young Women After God's On Heart
- Classes for children of all ages!

It's not to be missed!



Victory in Christ Kingdom a place where you can walk in total success in all areas of your life!