

Sunday Sermon's

AM - The Fundamentals of Unity in the Church - Ephesians 4:1-6- Ray Pack

PM - I Am the Vine - John 15:1-11 - Ray Pack



South Jackson Beacon

"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

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South Jackson Events

Today

Feb 21st

Men's Business Meeting - 3:30 p.m.

Ephesians

4 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.



Those Privileged to Serve

Feb 21st - MORNING WORSHIP
6 A.M. Joe Venable, Mike Wages

Announcements: Jonathan Orr

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture: Seth Newell

Opening Prayer: Eddie Anderson

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Chip Thomas

Communion:

F. Kidder, Q. Green, K. Wadley,
M. Thomas, H. Davis, G. Phifer

Greeters: Carol Swader, Sharon
Turner

Nursery Att: **A.M.** Charnaë James,
P.M. Joslyn Newell

Feb 21st - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Les Farough

Opening Prayer: James Eddleman

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Charlie Richardson

Communion:

Les Farough, Alex Farough

Feb 24th- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Seth Newell

Opening Prayer: Ray Pack

Invitation: Walt Ferguson

Closing Prayer: Gaylon Cooper

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~News and Notes~

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

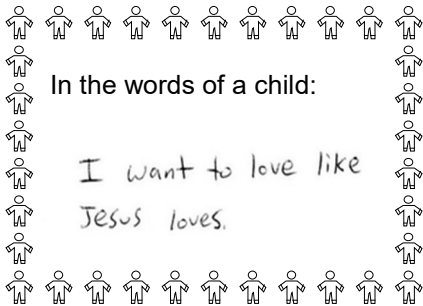
Lisa Dukes will be going to the doctor on the 25th to find out if they removed all the cancer when she had surgery. Please pray that the news will be good.

Clint Scott will be having surgery on Tuesday in Memphis on his back. Please pray that the surgery will be successful.

Members: James and Dot Eddleman, Ron & Nadine McDonald, Iva Hopper, Teresa Yearwood, Mary Bolen, Ted Lingren, Inez Rigsby, Helen Avent, Freddie Stewart, and Carleton & Cindy Kidder

Friends & Family: Horace Yearwood, Leon Morton (Mary Lewis' brother), Jean Goad (Gowan's neighbor)

Please remember our young people in your prayers this week as they will be traveling to Gatlinburg for CYC on Thursday of this week.



Pantry Item this week is for
Tennessee Children's Home:
Juice: Apple, Orange or Grape

Those Privileged to Serve

Feb 28th - MORNING WORSHIP
6 A.M. Eddie Anderson, John Smith

Announcements: Jonathan Orr

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture: Carleton Kidder

Opening Prayer: Gaylon Cooper

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: James Eddleman

Communion:

F. Kidder, Q. Green, K. Wadley,
M. Thomas, H. Davis, G. Phifer

Greeters: M/M Joe Venable

Nursery Att: **A.M.** Sybil Jones
P.M. Sissy Orr

Feb 28th- EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Seth Newell

Opening Prayer: Ken Ross

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Quantum Green

Communion:

Les Farough, Alex Farough

Mar 2nd - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Seth Newell

Opening Prayer: Bobby Richardson

Invitation: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Alex Farough

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Branches Cougan Collins

Have you ever thought of yourself as a branch? It may sound silly but in John 15:1-6, Jesus uses the analogy of a vine and branches to describe the relationship that He shares with His followers.



Let us see what lessons we can glean from this analogy. We need to understand that these branches are not referring to denominations as some like to teach because there were no denominations in the first century (1 Cor. 1:10-13). These branches refer to individual Christians. As Jesus said, "you are the branches".

Since we are the branches, what is our relationship to Jesus? Jesus called Himself the "true vine". Just as a vine supplies all of its branches with the nutrients they need to produce fruit, Jesus supplies all of His followers with what they need to produce spiritual fruit that will be pleasing to God. What is this fruit?

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law (Gal. 5:22-23)

As a Christian, we must strive to produce the fruits of the Spirit, but we cannot do this unless we have been grafted into the true vine by becoming a Christian. One becomes a Christian by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17), believing Jesus is the Son of God (Jn. 8:24), repenting (Lk. 13:3), confessing Jesus as Lord (Rom. 10:9-10), and by being baptized into Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). One is put into Christ or we could say grafted into the true vine at the point of baptism (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3).

We also learn that when the branches produce fruit it says that the Father "prunes" them so they can bring forth more fruit. When we live in such a way that we are producing spiritual fruit, God, through His providence, and the teaching of His Word, will help us to thrive (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3).

Finally, we would be remiss if we did not mention the consequences of not producing fruit. Jesus says that the branch that does not produce is thrown into the fire. A branch that does not produce fruit is a burden on the rest of the plant. Therefore, the vinedresser (the Father) cuts that branch off so the others can flourish. If we do not produce good fruit in our lives as we serve God, we will be cut off. The question is, are you a branch that is producing fruit or one that is about to be cut off. We invite you to worship and study with us to learn more about first century Christianity.