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A Note From Pastor Vince



How do you feel about the one anothers in Scripture? I'm talking about the commands to love

Vince Scarbrough Pastor of Member Care one another, bear one another's burdens, forgive one

another, care for one another, build up one another, be patient with one another, etc. To be honest, I love every one another when they are expressed toward me. But when it is time for me to one another the others in my life, I am not a big fan of all of them – actually, I am not very good at several of them. That has nothing to do with the others in my life; it has everything to do with my heart.

People have this incredible way of poking and squeezing the spiritual fruit in my life, only to reveal just how much of my fruit is fake or rotten to the core. Again, that is a reflection of my walk with Jesus, not a reflection on the others in any way, nor a reflection on my Savior.

The fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5 is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

gentleness, and self-control. Love is that outgoing, self-giving kind of action that God himself put on display when he loved the world so much that he gave his only Son (John 3:16). Goodness and kindness includes the idea of generosity and goodwill toward others. Faithfulness refers to trust or confidence in someone or something, reliability of another. Self-control is the ability to hold oneself in, to keep oneself under control and in check.

It is significant that the Spirit is the one responsible for this fruit in the life of the believer. Since these qualities are the fruit of the Spirit, it is evident that legalism and obedience to law cannot produce them and that we cannot manifest them within ourselves; they are only produced by the Holy Spirit at work in us.

The only hope for any of us to one another well is found in the work of the Holy Spirit within us. The fruit of the Spirit is not something we put on display in isolation, secluded from the world around us. The only way to see the fruit of the Spirit at work in us and through us is as we live together, entangled and enmeshed in the lives of the others around us. When I am sitting



at my kitchen table, reading my Bible, and praying, I feel pretty loving and patient and kind and self-controlled. And as I sit on the back deck thinking about all the special people in my life, I feel peace and joy and gentleness. But when I step into the world and engage all the others around me--that is where the fruit inspection takes place. That is where the self-centered, impatient, unloving, unkind fruit of my spirit becomes visibly evident to the others around me. Without the fruit of the Spirit, there is no biblical one anothering evident in me.

When I think of HBC, and God's call on us to one another in community--brothers and sisters from all over the country, from all over the world, united in Christ--my heart is drawn to Colossians 3:12-17: ¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must

forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

As we one another together, may everything we do be done in the name of our Lord Jesus, with our eyes squarely fixed upon him, all the while giving thanks to God the Father.

- Pastor Vince

Recent Giving

August 20	August 27	September 3	September 10
Budget \$22,559.28 Annie Armstrong Offering \$711.00 Lottie Moon Offering \$525.30 Eliza Broadus Offering \$500.00 Fred Tucker \$25.00 Media Ministry \$570.00	Budget \$26,638.16 Annie Armstrong Offering \$200.00 Eliza Broadus Offering \$220.00 Fred Tucker \$75.00 World Hunger \$100.00	Budget \$22,064.13	Budget \$55,106.99 Eliza Broadus Offering \$660.02 World Hunger \$10.00 RENEW Capital Campaign \$544.00
TOTAL: \$24,890.58	TOTAL: \$27,233.16	TOTAL: \$22,064.13	TOTAL: \$56,321.01
Weekly Budget	Weekly Budget	Weekly Budget	Weekly Budget
\$32,244.00	\$32,244.00	\$34,615.00	\$34,615.00
Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Budget
\$1,644,456.00	\$1,676,700.00	\$34,615.00	\$69,231.00
Received to Date	Received to Date	Received to Date	Received to Date
\$1,639,088.00	\$1,665,726.00	\$22,064.00	\$77,171.00
Difference from Budget	Difference from Budget	Difference from Budget	Difference from Budget
(\$5,368.00)	(\$10,974.00)	(\$12,551.00)	\$7,940.00



October Eintholays

October 1
Joshua Whisenant

October 3
Brian Green

October 4
Julie Coffman
Dan Williams

October 5 Deborah Claypool Barbara Reynolds Kathy Baumbusch

October 6
Sandy Duffy

October 7
Ella Coffman
Scarlett Eatherly
Jonathan Heffley

October 9
Dominic D'Ettorre
Allison Haley
Sandy Amburn

October 10
Danny Ensminger
Adalyn Gowans

October 11 Bonnie Horne Nathan Baird

October 12 Josh Arthur Miriam Whisenant Lydia Kim

October 15
Jackson Salyers
Paul McGalliard
Caedmon McGalliard
Seth Smith
Chris Smith

October 16 Mandi Patterson-Alford

October 17 Vickie Monroe Harriett Hutcherson Christine Price October 18 Greg Barnes

October 19 Hallye Oliver Mary Grace

October 20 Matt Williams Carolyn Svoboda

October 21
Wayne Milligan
Nate Eatherly
Douglas Claypool
Tim Rinker
Chelsey Coleman
Josh Baker
Luke Tavelli

October 22 Merynn Butler Brian McChesney Linda Gibbs

October 23 Rachel Wiley Isabella Aguiar October 24
Fely Rogers

October 25 Nannette Hooker

October 28
Quaid Leverett

October 29 Kevin Miller Susie Toler

October 30 Simon Whisenant Hannah Baker

October 31 Margaret Blankenbaker







