

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT (Galatians 5:24-25)

MEMORY VERSE (Gal. 5:24)

If we have the Fruit of the Spirit we will walk in the Spirit. Through the old fleshly nature's desires Satan attempts to lure us into living in the old man which causes the deeds of the flesh to show themselves in our life. Yet if we submit to God's Spirit and crucify the flesh day by day we will walk in the Spirit. If we walk in the Spirit we will exhibit the Fruit of the Spirit and not the impulses of the flesh.

The Fruit of the Spirit is not an optional extra in the life of a believer. It is the evidence that the Holy Spirit is in residence and working to make us more like Christ each day.

But how do we ensure that the Fruit of the Spirit is growing in our lives and is evidenced in our lives? We must daily commit our sinful tendencies to God's control, daily crucify them and moment by moment draw on the Spirit's power to overcome them (Gal. 2:20; 6:14).

Have you ever noticed that in winter some OAK TREES retain their crisp, dry leaves long after the maples, the elms, and the walnuts have become bare skeletons? Even the strong winter winds and the early spring rains do not completely strip the oak branches of all their old leaves. But as springtime progresses, warmer winds blow and something wonderful begins to happen. Tiny buds start appearing at the tips of the twigs, and the dried remnants of the preceding season fall off. New life replaces the old.

At times, old habits cling to our lives with the same tenacity as those oak leaves. Even the winds of adversity do not remove all the lifeless leftovers of our fallen human nature.

But Christ, who dwells in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, is at work. His life within us continually

seeks to push off the old habits-renewing us when we confess our sins, steadying us when we falter, and strengthening us to do His will. When every effort to cast off an old sinful habit ends in failure, remember the mighty oak. Thank God for His Spirit who lives in you. Keep saying yes to His gentle urging to be kind, loving, compassionate, honest, and faithful. Those "lifeless old leaves" will eventually drop off.

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NEWS & NOTES

PLEASE NOTE: For privacy reasons, the version of the bulletin that is posted on our website does not list the names of our sick and shut in, those who are traveling or those who have requested prayer.

PRAY FOR: Remember to pray for those who are sick and shut in among us, those who are traveling, and those who have requested prayer for various concerns.

MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASS HOMEWORK

The Mustard Seeds (Morrison/Morrison) – Read Acts 9:1-8. Why did Jesus choose Saul?

The Peacemakers (Alexander/Myers) – Describe in writing a situation in which you had to ask for forgiveness.

God's Children (Holmes/Pegram) – Memorize Prov. 16:9 and give an example of planning.

The Disciples (Transtamar) – Research who Enoch was and how he manifested faith.

Dorcus (Pettway/Craigwell) – Write a paragraph on your biblical character.

Timothy (Holmes) – Prepare to discuss the question, "What will God mean to me in 5 years?"

2012 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES: Congrats to Simone Alexander and Tyler Toledano who were elected to serve as the 2012 Youth Representatives to the Youth Ministry.

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE: Bro. Norville is conducting a class each Wednesday evening at 5:45 for those interested in learning how to study the Bible. The class is open to all.

MATURE IN HEART FELLOWSHIP: The Mature in Heart Ministry will host a fellowship on Sunday, February 19th, 2:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the New Academy Estates on Washington Street in

Roxbury. RSVP to Whitney Sands or Keitric Johnson no later than today if you will attend. **Please note that this is an area-wide event, and there is a limit of 250 attendees.**

SAVE THE DATE: Ladies, save Saturday, March 24, 2012 for our annual ladies' day program. This year's theme is: **"The Ten Virgins: So Much In Common,"** from Matthew 25:1-13, and our speaker will be our own Sandra Samuel. We are asking each sister to contribute \$20 towards this event. Please see Cindy Woodley with your contribution. Save the date postcards are available on the table in the foyer. Formal invitations/fliers will be available beginning today. Please see Amy Nelson for copies to mail or distribute to family and friends.

NORTHEASTERN LADIES' RETREAT: June 1-3, 2012 in Harrisburg PA. Pick up an informational handout from the table in the foyer, or download it from the church website, www.churchofchristinroxbury.org. The next registration installment payment is due March 15th. Remember to make your check payable to **Church of Christ in Roxbury.**

1st ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: The Milton congregation, located at 330 Edge Hill Road in Milton, will celebrate their 1st anniversary on Sunday, March 4th. All are invited to join them for Bible Class at 9:30, Worship at 10:45, and an afternoon program at 3:00.

YOUTH MINISTRY BAKE SALES: Every Wednesday following Bible class. Please support our youth.

ROXBURY GAME NIGHT: Friday, February 17th, at 6:45 p.m. Dinner will be served.

CONWAY YOUTH RALLY: February 24-26 in Conway, NH. Please sign up on the youth bulletin board no later than today if interested in participating. Chaperones are needed. See Tony Johnson to volunteer.

APARTMENT AVAILABLE: See Jean Transtamar if interested in a 2-3 bedroom apartment.

LOOKING FOR A CAR: Shamara Morris is looking for a reliable car. Please see her if you know of anyone who is selling one.

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Church Calendar

"...for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ..." – Eph. 4:12

FEBRUARY 2012

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
29	● 30	31	◆ 1	2	3	4
5	● 6	7	8	9	◆ 10	● 11
● 12	● 13	14	15	16	◆ 17	18
◆ 19	20	21	22	23	◆ 24	◆ 25
◆ 26	27	28	29			

Worship Services

- ◆ - Special Events
- - Ministry Meetings

Events

- ◆ 2/17 – Roxbury COC Game Night (6:45pm)
- ◆ 2/19 – Mature in Heart Ministry Fellowship, 2:30-6 pm @ New Academy Estates
- ◆ 2/24-26 – Conway COC Youth Rally

Meetings:

- 2/12 – Deacons' Meeting, after morning worship
- 2/13 – Ladies' Day Planning Team, 7 pm

Weekly Events:

- Community Bible Study (Mondays @ 7pm)
- Prayer Meeting (Tuesdays @ 7pm)
- Mid-Week Bible Study (Wednesdays @ 6:45pm)
- Adult Choral Group (Thursdays @ 7:30pm)
- Men's Prayer (Saturdays @ 7:30am)
- Women's Prayer (Saturdays @ 9:30am)
- R.E.V.I.V.E. Choral Group (Saturdays @ 2pm)

REMINDER: Please remember to submit all calendar items to Sis. Olivia Samuel for inclusion on the monthly calendar.