

**May:**  
**Gentleness & Self-Control**  
 Like faithfulness, gentleness is a mark of God and a mark of God's people. Our gentleness flows from His. It is closely related to words like meek, humble and tender. Self-control is the ability to control our own desires, words, actions and emotions in such a way that we bring blessing, not harm, to the people around us. The Greek word for self-control often gets translated in the Bible as 'alert,' 'prepared,' 'sober' or 'disciplined.' This month we ask God to raise the fruits of gentleness and self-control in us.

May 1 Philippians 4:5  
 May 2 Titus 2:11-12  
 May 3 1 Peter 3:15  
 May 4 2 Peter 1:5-7  
 May 5 Colossians 3:12  
 May 6 Ephesians 6:18  
 May 7 Titus 3:1-2  
 May 8 1 Peter 5:8  
 May 9 Ephesians 4:2  
 May 10 1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
 May 11 James 3:17  
 May 12 Proverbs 25:28  
 May 13 Galatians 6:1  
 May 14 2 Timothy 2:22  
 May 15 1 Timothy 6:11  
 May 16 Mark 13:33

May 17 2 Timothy 2:23-25  
 May 18 Luke 12:40  
 May 19 Proverbs 15:1  
 May 20 Luke 9:23  
 May 21 Isaiah 40:11  
 May 22 Colossians 1:28-29  
 May 23 1 Kings 19:11-13  
 May 24 Titus 2:2  
 May 25 Philippians 2:1-3  
 May 26 1 Peter 1:13  
 May 27 Hebrews 5:2  
 May 28 Titus 1:7-9  
 May 29 Matthew 21:5  
 May 30 Proverbs 16:32  
 May 31 Matthew 11:29

Known by **LOVE**  
 Live by **FAITH**  
 A Voice of **HOPE**

**Worship Opportunities (September thru May)**

Saturdays @ 5:30 p.m. Informal Gospel celebration  
 Sundays @ 8:00 a.m. Traditional worship with organ & choirs  
 Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. Contemporary worship with music team  
 Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. Education for all ages

**Worship Opportunities (Memorial Day - Labor Day)**

Saturdays @ 5:30 p.m. Informal Gospel celebration  
 Sundays @ 10:00 a.m. Blended worship with music team  
 Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. Education for all ages



**David's Christian Learning Center (DCLC)**

Providing a full-day program that operates year-round for infants, toddlers and preschoolers (ages 6 wks-5 yrs.)  
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**RISE!**

**Daily Bible Reading Plan**

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*  
 Colossians 3:1-3

The resurrection of Jesus changes our lives! Not just our life after death, but our life on earth is magnificently impacted and elevated by the resurrection of Jesus. Bible scholar N.T. Wright said that the message of resurrection is that "God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it."

This year we want to experience resurrection all year long. We want to look at what it means to be raised with Christ. We want God to raise up in us all that He wants to raise up. So we will begin by reflecting daily on verses that show us resurrection. Then each month following that, we will be looking at a different fruit that God raises up in our resurrected lives.

Rise up, Church!

Pastor Bill Hugo and the staff of St. Matthew

**September: Resurrection**

*We serve the God who raises the dead. Jesus' death and resurrection make death simply no big deal - a door from earth to paradise. As you read these verses about resurrection this month, contemplate God's power, purpose and peace in resurrection.*

Sept. 9 John 11:25-26	Sept. 20 2 Corinthians 4:11-14
Sept. 10 Colossians 3:1-2	Sept. 21 2 Corinthians 4:15-18
Sept. 11 Philippians 3:7-11	Sept. 22 Colossians 2:11-13
Sept. 12 1 Peter 1:3	Sept. 23 Hebrews 13:20-21
Sept. 13 1 Peter 3:21-22	Sept. 24 Job 19:25-26
Sept. 14 1 Corinthians 15:51-54	Sept. 25 Ephesians 2:4-5
Sept. 15 1 Corinthians 15:55-58	Sept. 26 Ezekiel 37:11-13
Sept. 16 Romans 8:10-11	Sept. 27 John 2:19
Sept. 17 John 6:39-40	Sept. 28 2 Corinthians 5:14-16
Sept. 18 Romans 10:8-10	Sept. 29 2 Corinthians 1:9
Sept. 19 2 Corinthians 4:7-10	Sept. 30 Romans 7:4

*So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. Romans 7:4*

**October: Fruitfulness**

*We read on the last day of September in Romans 7:4 that we are raised in order that we might bear fruit. This month we look at the idea of fruitfulness and how God uses resurrection to raise fruit in and through us.*

Oct. 1 Galatians 5:22-23	Oct. 17 Genesis 1:28-29
Oct. 2 John 15:1-2	Oct. 18 Matthew 3:8
Oct. 3 John 15:3-4	Oct. 19 Matthew 13:23
Oct. 4 John 15:5	Oct. 20 Psalm 92:12
Oct. 5 John 15:6-7	Oct. 21 Isaiah 32:17
Oct. 6 John 15:8-9	Oct. 22 James 3:17
Oct. 7 John 15:10-11	Oct. 23 John 12:24
Oct. 8 John 15:12-14	Oct. 24 Ephesians 5:8-11
Oct. 9 John 15:15-16	Oct. 25 Isaiah 37:31
Oct. 10 Matthew 7:16-20	Oct. 26 Romans 6:22
Oct. 11 Psalm 1:1-3	Oct. 27 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
Oct. 12 Proverbs 11:30	Oct. 28 Genesis 3:6
Oct. 13 Colossians 1:10	Oct. 29 Isaiah 45:8
Oct. 14 Revelation 22:1-2	Oct. 30 Romans 7:4
Oct. 15 Psalm 128:2	Oct. 31 Galatians 5:22-23
Oct. 16 Genesis 1:11	

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## November: Love

*This month we begin a look at the fruit that God raises in us. We start with love (agape). The fruit of love is a fruit that God gives us before we can give it to others. It is undeserved and unconditional. It does not depend on what we do or how we behave.*

Nov. 1 John 13:34-35  
 Nov. 2 Exodus 20:5-6  
 Nov. 3 Romans 8:38-39  
 Nov. 4 Mark 12:30-31  
 Nov. 5 Ephesians 4:1-2  
 Nov. 6 2 Corinthians 5:14  
 Nov. 7 Amos 5:15  
 Nov. 8 Hebrews 13:5  
 Nov. 9 2 John 1:6  
 Nov. 10 1 Corinthians 13:1-3  
 Nov. 11 1 Corinthians 13:4-7  
 Nov. 12 1 Corinthians 13:13  
 Nov. 13 Song of Solomon 2:4  
 Nov. 14 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17  
 Nov. 15 Jeremiah 31:3

Nov. 16 1 John 4:18  
 Nov. 17 1 John 4:19  
 Nov. 18 Ephesians 4:15-16  
 Nov. 19 1 Corinthians 16:13-14  
 Nov. 20 Hebrews 13:1-2  
 Nov. 21 Hosea 2:19-20  
 Nov. 22 1 John 4:8  
 Nov. 23 1 John 3:11  
 Nov. 24 Ephesians 5:1-2  
 Nov. 25 Galatians 2:20  
 Nov. 26 Ephesians 5:25  
 Nov. 27 Proverbs 10:12  
 Nov. 28 Psalm 136:1  
 Nov. 29 Revelation 3:19  
 Nov. 30 John 3:16

## February: Kindness and Goodness

*While kindness and goodness are listed separately in the fruits of the Spirit, they are used almost interchangeably in the Bible. Kindness is a little different in its use in that it normally comes with the idea of usefulness, while goodness is for its own sake. Our goodness and kindness flow directly from God's own kindness and goodness. This month we want God to raise the fruits of goodness and kindness in us.*

Feb. 1 Titus 3:4-5  
 Feb. 2 Romans 2:4  
 Feb. 3 Hosea 11:4  
 Feb. 4 Jeremiah 9:24  
 Feb. 5 Isaiah 63:7  
 Feb. 6 Job 10:12  
 Feb. 7 Psalm 145:7  
 Feb. 8 2 Chronicles 32:25  
 Feb. 9 Psalm 142:7  
 Feb. 10 2 Peter 1:3  
 Feb. 11 Micah 6:8  
 Feb. 12 Psalm 109:21  
 Feb. 13 2 Chronicles 6:41  
 Feb. 14 Psalm 86:17  
 Feb. 15 Romans 15:14

Feb. 16 Colossians 3:12  
 Feb. 17 Ephesians 4:32  
 Feb. 18 Psalm 116:12  
 Feb. 19 Exodus 33:19  
 Feb. 20 Job 6:14  
 Feb. 21 Isaiah 54:8  
 Feb. 22 Psalm 23:6  
 Feb. 23 Romans 11:22  
 Feb. 24 1 Peter 2:15  
 Feb. 25 Psalm 27:13  
 Feb. 26 Psalm 69:16  
 Feb. 27 Jeremiah 31:3  
 Feb. 28 Ephesians 2:6-8  
 Feb. 29 2 Thessalonians 1:11

## December: Joy

*Joy and rejoicing are a big part of this Christmas season. They are the result of God's love for us in Jesus. With Jesus' perfect life and innocent death, we have received all that we need for complete joy. Our joy rests on the finished work of the Cross; not on our circumstance.*

Dec. 1 Psalm 51:12  
 Dec. 2 Isaiah 56:7  
 Dec. 3 Hebrews 13:17  
 Dec. 4 Matthew 25:21  
 Dec. 5 Luke 15:7  
 Dec. 6 Psalm 16:11  
 Dec. 7 1 Thessalonians 1:6  
 Dec. 8 Philippians 4:4  
 Dec. 9 John 15:11  
 Dec. 10 Luke 6:22-23  
 Dec. 11 Psalm 21:6  
 Dec. 12 Luke 24:50-53  
 Dec. 13 John 16:22  
 Dec. 14 Psalm 30:5  
 Dec. 15 Proverbs 17:22  
 Dec. 16 Psalm 92:4

Dec. 17 Psalm 5:11  
 Dec. 18 James 1:2  
 Dec. 19 Psalm 66:1  
 Dec. 20 Psalm 95:1-2  
 Dec. 21 Psalm 119:111  
 Dec. 22 Nehemiah 8:10  
 Dec. 23 Zechariah 9:9  
 Dec. 24 Luke 2:10  
 Dec. 25 James 1:2  
 Dec. 26 Proverbs 12:20  
 Dec. 27 Psalm 63:7  
 Dec. 28 Isaiah 35:10  
 Dec. 29 Romans 15:13  
 Dec. 30 Psalm 51:8  
 Dec. 31 1 Peter 1:8-9

## March: Patience

*This month's fruit is a challenge for many of us - Patience. In the Bible patience is a matter of trust. Patience means we are trusting God to act in His own time. Patience is trusting God's timing above our own. This month we want God to raise up the fruit of patience in us.*

Mar. 1 Colossians 3:12  
 Mar. 2 Hebrews 6:12  
 Mar. 3 2 Peter 3:9  
 Mar. 4 2 Corinthians 1:6  
 Mar. 5 Ephesians 4:2  
 Mar. 6 Proverbs 15:18  
 Mar. 7 Romans 12:12  
 Mar. 8 Psalm 37:7  
 Mar. 9 2 Timothy 2:10  
 Mar. 10 2 Timothy 4:5  
 Mar. 11 Nehemiah 9:30  
 Mar. 12 Revelation 3:10  
 Mar. 13 Proverbs 25:15  
 Mar. 14 James 5:7  
 Mar. 15 James 5:8  
 Mar. 16 Hebrews 6:15

Mar. 17 1 Corinthians 13:4  
 Mar. 18 Psalm 40:1  
 Mar. 19 Hebrews 12:7  
 Mar. 20 Isaiah 7:13  
 Mar. 21 Proverbs 16:32  
 Mar. 22 Colossians 1:9-11  
 Mar. 23 2 Peter 3:15  
 Mar. 24 Romans 8:25  
 Mar. 25 2 Timothy 4:2  
 Mar. 26 James 5:10  
 Mar. 27 Proverbs 19:11  
 Mar. 28 Romans 2:4  
 Mar. 29 Ecclesiastes 7:8  
 Mar. 30 1 Timothy 1:16  
 Mar. 31 1 Thessalonians 5:14

## January: Peace

*At Christmas, you probably opened some gifts. This month we open another one. Peace is a gift that comes only from God. It is not the absence of conflict or stress. It is trust in God's goodness at all times, even in the midst of conflict and stress.*

Jan. 1 Numbers 6:24-26  
 Jan. 2 Isaiah 53:5  
 Jan. 3 John 14:27  
 Jan. 4 Acts 10:34-38  
 Jan. 5 Romans 5:1  
 Jan. 6 1 Timothy 2:1-2  
 Jan. 7 Colossians 1:19-20  
 Jan. 8 John 16:33  
 Jan. 9 Romans 16:20  
 Jan. 10 Ephesians 2:14-17  
 Jan. 11 Isaiah 9:6-7  
 Jan. 12 John 20:19-20  
 Jan. 13 Psalm 85:8  
 Jan. 14 Colossians 3:15-16  
 Jan. 15 Romans 14:17  
 Jan. 16 Philippians 4:7

Jan. 17 James 3:17-18  
 Jan. 18 Luke 2:14  
 Jan. 19 Romans 8:6  
 Jan. 20 1 Corinthians 14:33  
 Jan. 21 Isaiah 26:3  
 Jan. 22 Luke 2:29-32  
 Jan. 23 1 Thessalonians 5:23  
 Jan. 24 Ephesians 4:1-3  
 Jan. 25 Luke 10:2-5  
 Jan. 26 Matthew 5:9  
 Jan. 27 Luke 1:77-79  
 Jan. 28 Proverbs 12:20  
 Jan. 29 Psalm 4:8  
 Jan. 30 Romans 15:13  
 Jan. 31 Psalm 34:14

## April: Faithfulness

*Faithfulness is a mark of God and of God's children. Faithfulness is living out who we are in a consistent fashion. When we live up to the calling God has placed on our lives, we are bearing the fruit of faithfulness. This month we ask God to raise up the fruit of faithfulness in us.*

Apr. 1 Exodus 34:6  
 Apr. 2 Lamentations 3:23  
 Apr. 3 Romans 3:2-4  
 Apr. 4 1 Corinthians 10:13  
 Apr. 5 1 Corinthians 4:2  
 Apr. 6 Matthew 17:20  
 Apr. 7 1 Thessalonians 5:24  
 Apr. 8 Matthew 25:21  
 Apr. 9 Romans 1:17  
 Apr. 10 Galatians 2:20  
 Apr. 11 Isaiah 42:3  
 Apr. 12 Psalm 51:6  
 Apr. 13 Isaiah 61:8  
 Apr. 14 Psalm 26:3  
 Apr. 15 Psalm 40:10

Apr. 16 2 Thessalonians 3:3  
 Apr. 17 1 John 1:9  
 Apr. 18 2 Timothy 2:13  
 Apr. 19 Habakkuk 2:4  
 Apr. 20 Psalm 145:13  
 Apr. 21 Psalm 119:90  
 Apr. 22 2 Samuel 2:6  
 Apr. 23 Psalm 36:5  
 Apr. 24 Hebrews 3:6  
 Apr. 25 Matthew 23:23  
 Apr. 26 Romans 3:28  
 Apr. 27 2 Corinthians 5:7  
 Apr. 28 Romans 12:12  
 Apr. 29 Revelation 14:12  
 Apr. 30 Hosea 2:19-20