



This is an excerpt from one of my books from school. I hope you find the information as insightful as I did...Pastor Scott

"Patience in expectations and attention to relationship requires us to be content with relationship instead of being driven by expectations. When our family first got a dog, our kids were ten, eight, and six. We had the normal family discussion that the dog belonged to everybody, and everybody would have to be involved in taking care of the dog. One of the ways that we figured out to accomplish that was that when I walked the dog each night, one of the kids would go with me. As a result, throughout all their growing years, each evening I got thirty minutes one-on-one with one of my kids. When none of the kids was available, my wife went with me. Instead of the dog's needs taking me (or anyone else) away from the family, the dog walk became one of the most important relationship building blocks in our family.

Night by night, week by week, year by year, we talked about activities, friends, philosophy, decisions, interests, hobbies...life. We laughed, we argued, we struggled, we learned. Sometimes we just walked together and didn't say anything. It made a difference that in this way the time was spent with my family instead of with the dog. The dog was not a matter of consequence,

but my family was. As we took time to relate to each other and learned to be patient with each other, we stretched our relationship attention span. Hopefully the dividends of that will be that our expectations of God will reflect the same patience. **If God is truly a matter of consequence to us, we will not be reluctant to spend time on our relationship with him.**

In the end, relationship needs to overshadow expectation rather than **be driven by it**. To do this we must slow down, focus on the present, and extend our attention spans. We can slow ourselves down by strategies such as putting more reading in our routine or by taking slow walks and thinking while we walk. We can slow our families down by planning some family activities that take longer amount of time (a game of Monopoly, a jigsaw puzzle) or by making plans for something that won't happen for awhile (perhaps a vacation that is still eight months away)."

¹John H. Walton, The NIV Application Commentary: Genesis (Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 2001), p.439

"The Sacrifice of Praise", A fiction story by Chris Fabry from the April Mature Living Magazine—submitted by Wynness Thomas

Pastor Brooks knew it was going to be an unusual counseling session when he saw 12-year old Tom Caldwell coming with a chicken under his arm, so he told his secretary to hold his calls. In their discussion, Pastor Brooks discovered that Tom was vexed because he had no free-will offering to give to the covered dish dinner each Sunday. Tom had thought about what Pastor Brooks had said, "Give your best, for us. So now, he was bringing his best from his flock of chickens, as a free-will offering to God. He named his hens Mary, Martha, Susanna, Eta and roosters Moses and Aaron.

This one was named Praise, because she went about her business of eating and producing eggs. She followed him about the barn, then let him pick her up and scratch her on the head. This was the very best of the flock. Pastor Brooks had nothing in seminary to prepare him for a situation like this. He asked God for an answer but resolved only silence. He could not refuse the young lad's offering and hurt his feelings. He placed the hen in his lap, then the thought came as she was sitting there. He said, "Tom, I think that the Lord would like an omelet just as much as a drumstick. Tom rushed home and with tears running down his face told his dad, "I can give the eggs."

On Sunday, Pastor Brooks offered the blessing for the pot luck dinner and thought about Tom's response to "a living sacrifice" few adults would comprehend with a grateful heart like Tom's. He smiled as he ate the deviled eggs from the Caldwell farm.

Bloom Where You Are Planted

Ladies Retreat

Hosted by Tilly Swamp Baptist Church WMU
(4619 Hwy. 90 Conway, SC)
Saturday, May 20th, 2017 9am-2pm
Cost: \$10 per person (lunch provided)

Psalm 1:3

Go to www.tillyswamp.org
to **RSVP** or call Carla Kline
843-446-7286.

Deadline: May 13th



Beth Greer
Guest Speaker



During May the Adult classes will finish their study of the Identity: My Life of Faith series. The lessons will teach us how our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ affects all aspects of our daily lives, whether at work, home, or church.

The Bible class will still be continuing their study of "Step by Step Through the New Testament", a framework for understanding and interpreting the New Testament. They are taking their time with it so as to cover as many facets of the early church as possible.

Our Elementary classes will also be studying lessons about the early church. They will be focusing on the preaching of Peter, John, and Stephen.

Want to get to know the Lord better? Have questions? Come and seek the Lord in one of our Sunday School classes!

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am (or 9 am if you care to have breakfast with us in the Fellowship Hall) as together we learn more about how we can better serve and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Ralph Bryant, Sunday School Director

May Collection:



We will be collecting small toys for our shoe-boxes during the month of may. No military or weapon themed toys, please.

Thank you!



Community Prayer Service
Thursday, May 4th 12-12:30p.m.
Old Horry County Courthouse
3rd Avenue, Conway

A time of prayer for our community, our cities, our state, our nation, our leaders, our churches and our families.

Sponsored by The Waccamaw Baptist Association.



The OASIS group (our Seniors) meets on the second Tuesday of each month for food, fun and fellowship. If you are 50 years of age or older (or younger) come join us! This month, OASIS will meet on May 9th in the fellowship hall. If you would like to attend, please be at the church by 10:30 a.m. If you should have any questions, please call Linda Bullard at 843-997-6685.



You're invited to a Baby Shower!

Saturday, May 20th

2-4pm

The great-grand son of Bill & Linda Bullard
will be arriving soon!

Parents to-be are Daniel & Brittany Winburn

The shower will be held at the home of
Bill & Linda Bullard

Baby is registered at Walmart & Target.

Contact Linda Bullard at 843-997-6685

Morning Fellowship Clean-up:

5/7: Jennifer & Andrea Stewart
5/14: Bill & Linda Bullard
5/21: Ellen Goolsby
5/28: Charles & Dawn Lee

Morning Service Greeters:

5/7: Carl & Pat Hardy
5/14: Kelly Long
5/21: Jamie Herrington & Deana Altman
5/28: Larry Jones & Mandy Ammons

Daily Bible Reading for May:

1	2 Samuel 5–6	Luke 12:1-12
2	2 Samuel 7–8	Luke 12:13-34
3	2 Samuel 9–10	Luke 12:35-59
4	2 Samuel 11–12	Luke 13:1-17
5	2 Samuel 13–14	Luke 13:18-35
6	2 Samuel 15–16	Luke 14:1-24
7	2 Samuel 17–18	Luke 14:25-35
8	2 Samuel 19–20	Luke 15
9	2 Samuel 21–22	Luke 16:1-18
10	2 Samuel 23–24	Luke 16:19-31
11	1 Kings 1–2	Luke 17:1-19
12	1 Kings 3–4	Luke 17:20-37
13	1 Kings 5–6	Luke 18:1-17
14	1 Kings 7–8	Luke 18:18-43
15	1 Kings 9–11	Luke 19:1-27
16	1 Kings 12–13	Luke 19:28-48
17	1 Kings 14–15	Luke 20:1-26
18	1 Kings 16–17	Luke 20:27-47
19	1 Kings 18–19	Luke 21:1-28
20	1 Kings 20–21	Luke 21:29-38
21	1 Kings 22	Luke 22:1-23
22	2 Kings 1–3	Luke 22:24-53
23	2 Kings 4–5	Luke 22:54-71
24	2 Kings 6–7	Luke 23:1-12
25	2 Kings 8–9	Luke 23:13-32
26	2 Kings 10–11	Luke 23:33-56
27	2 Kings 12–13	Luke 24:1-12
28	2 Kings 14–15	Luke 24:13-53
29	2 Kings 16–17	John 1:1-18
30	2 Kings 18–20	John 1:19-51
31	2 Kings 21–23	John 2

Nursery (Infant—3 yrs.): *(During Morning Service)*

5/7: Pat Rutherford & Misty Newlands
5/14: Pat Rutherford & Angie Bloch
5/21: Pat Rutherford & Sylvia Causey
5/28: Pat Rutherford & Mandy Ammons



5– Bouloy Fulmer
10– Raymond Turner
11– Bob Fontana
12– Tammy Parker
15– Aimee Singleton
18– Patsy Inman
19– Bob Cox
21– Larry Jones
24– Mandy Ammons
30– Danny Causey
31– Coston Goolsby

Children's Church (3-5 yrs.): *(During Morning Service)*

5/7: Bill & Chris Skipper
5/14: Catherine McDowell & Sidney Altman
5/21: Eula Cronk
5/28: Bill & Chris Skipper

Usher Teams:

5/7: Team 2
5/14: Team 3
5/21: Team 4
5/28: Team 1



Our Shut-ins: Billy Boatwright, Faye Chestnut, Marie Holmes, Joyce Inman, Wynness Thomas, Elsie Vaught

Our Monthly Prayer List: Andy Autry, Jackie Brady, Billy Boatwright, Pat & Bonnie Lebiecz, Ryan Turner, Lloyd Tyndall, Martha (Dean) Reaves, Reynolds & Vonnie Watson

Calls and Visits are Welcomed!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Kid Time (meal & devotion) & Youth Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	4 Natl. Day of Prayer-Community Prayer Srvc. Old HC Court-house 12pm	5	6
*Bill Bullard 843-685-1358						
7 Deacon's Meeting 5pm	8	9 OASIS- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall Street Reach 6:30pm	10 Kid Time (meal & devotion) & Youth Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	11	12	13
*Rob Herrington 843-241-0327						
14  No eve service	15	16	17 Kid Time (meal & devotion) & Youth Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	18	19 Youth Night	20 Ladies Retreat 9-2pm
*Charles Lee 843-399-8219						
21 Business Mtg. 7pm	22	23	24 Kid Time (meal & devotion) & Youth Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm Newsletter Deadline	25 Brotherhood at WYC (tentatively)	26	27
*Mason Shrader 843-995-0851						
28 Big Breakfast & Memorial Day Service No eve service	29 	30	31 Kid Time (meal & devotion) & Youth Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm			
*Chris Singleton 843-465-9049						
<div>* Denotes Deacon of the week</div> 						