

Justice Will Win

By Janet Berrill

As some of you know, my email was recently hacked. You may have received a message appearing to come from me asking you to sign a document. It wasn't actually from me, but from a scammer attempting to gather information for malicious purposes.

Fortunately, as far as I know, no harm was done. Still, the situation deeply troubled me. It was unsettling to think that someone was deliberately trying to take advantage of me and my contacts for personal gain.

I realize that on the scale of injustices, this situation is relatively minor. Yet something within me cried out, because it involved a deliberate act—someone intentionally harming another person for personal gain. My inner sense of justice was disturbed by it.

At the same time, I'm aware that far greater injustices exist in the world today. Human trafficking, child abuse, elderly individuals being scammed out of their life savings, innocents getting murdered, and the persecution of Christians are just a few examples of the profound wrongs happening around us.

These realities brought to mind the Old Testament book of Habakkuk, which I recently read. The timelessness of God's word is evidenced in this book as it was written over 2500 years ago and is still relevant today.

The prophet Habakkuk looks around and sees injustice—evil seeming to win, violence, conflict, and strife. The wicked overpower the righteous, and justice is distorted. Confused by what he sees, Habakkuk cries out to God: "Why is evil allowed to thrive? When will this end?"

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“Justice Will Win,” continued...

We still see people today who lie, steal, and cheat for their own gain, with little regard for those they harm. Like Habakkuk, we encounter injustice and cry out to God for answers. God answered Habakkuk. God was not unaware of what was happening, and He was going to act. This is what He said to Habakkuk, *“Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.”* (Habakkuk 1:5)

What God planned, however, was to use the Babylonians to judge the evil in Israel. To Habakkuk, this seemed even worse—and he told God so. Then God responded with a long monologue where He says unequivocally that the Babylonians will not get away for long with their evil ways, and God's justice will prevail. And history proved Him right—the Babylonian Empire fell, showing that no power, no matter how great, escapes God's justice.

And that is the message we need to hear today. Evil is real, and people do terrible things. But they will be held accountable and God's justice will prevail! The timing may not be what we want, but we can be certain of this: God is victorious in the end.



Happy Birthday!

Blessings to all who celebrate a birthday this month. May you feel the love, joy and presence of the Lord as we all celebrate your special day with prayers and warmest wishes.

Allison Warner May 10
William MacQueen May 12
Jean LaRosa May 29

Save the Dates: July 20 - 24!

Our exciting 5-Day Club for children ages 5–12 is returning to Windsor Chapel this summer! It will be held from 7:00–8:30 pm starting on Monday, July 20, and continuing through Friday, July 24.



Children will enjoy fun-filled evenings of music, engaging Bible stories, outdoor games, inspiring missionary stories, snacks, and more. Everything is free!

Help us spread the word and invite family, friends and neighbors to join the fun!



More Egg Hunt!



Elders' Corner

By Ken Bills

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22)

I have been wondering lately why Paul included kindness in his list of the fruits of the Spirit. Kindness has sometimes struck me as a bit anticlimactic following the fruits of love, joy, peace and patience. Why should something as commonplace as kindness be in such exalted company? And isn't it redundant to include kindness in the list, if, as the Apostle Paul declares, "Love is kind"? (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Part of my wrestling has been a recognition that by nature, I am not a particularly kind person. In fact, I tend more toward being "nice." To speak in generalities, and while there is certainly overlap between being nice and being kind, there are significant differences as well. Niceness can be passive; kindness is active. Niceness is a general attitude; kindness is a response to a person. Niceness is pleasant and inoffensive; kindness seeks the good of others and does not avoid conflict as its highest goal. Niceness can be almost automatic. True kindness is thoughtful. Most importantly, niceness is in some ways impersonal. Kindness, on the other hand, is engaged with others in a personal way, sees them and their needs, and responds wisely.

While love is kind, kindness brings certain qualities of love into sharp focus, and I think that is why it deserves to be listed as a fruit of the Spirit. Kindness is a key part of love in action. Because kindness is considerate of others, as they are, kindness will often see and even anticipate what others need. Kindness often results in concrete acts of compassion and thoughtfulness, without expecting personal

gain or reward. Kindness acts to meet needs in ways that can be dramatic, but are often simple, mundane and unselfconscious:

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" (Matthew 25:34-40)

"Put on ... kindness" and "Be kind to one another" says the Apostle Paul to the Church. (Colossians 3:12 and Ephesians 4:32) At least in my case, easier said than done. So I am grateful that kindness is a fruit of the Spirit that the Lord will be producing in my life as I abide in Christ and seek to walk in faith. And I pray the same will be true of the Church, which is the Body of Christ, so that others will see kindness as a mark of a Christian. Lord, may it be so!

Financial Update

(Through March 31, 2026)

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$33,260.00	\$44,250.00
Expense	\$56,188.00	\$44,250.00

"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus"

Philippians 4:19

Praise God!

Further Up and Further In

*Inviting dialogue to encourage growth in
and among us*



By Cindy Bills

The Church Afire!

Our celebration of Easter has come and gone, and we move on, looking forward to next Easter's celebration, and before then, Christmas. But for the apostles, the weeks after Easter were filled with wonder and glory. For the forty days after Resurrection Sunday (Acts 1:3), their risen Lord was among them! Without doubt their faith was strengthened and enriched during this time. And after Jesus had instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came and baptized them, equipping them for their mission to be His witnesses, the apostles witnessed their Lord's return to heaven.

And so the apostles remained together in Jerusalem, waiting.... Ten days later, the day of Pentecost came (Acts 2:1). The Holy Spirit made His presence known as He filled each of the Apostles, equipping them to witness to visitors by declaring God's mighty deeds in their own native languages. The church of Jesus Christ was born as the Lord filled His disciples with His Holy Spirit to enable, equip, and empower them to do His work on earth.

Now, millennia later, the church of Jesus Christ remains, guarded, guided, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim Christ to the world until He returns. We, as believers, are incredibly blessed to be deemed worthy to carry out this eternally significant work that is both solemn and joyous.

As vital as it is to commemorate Easter, to remember Jesus' astonishing sacrifice on our behalf, it is also crucial to bear in mind that the day of Pentecost—that we commemorate this

month, on the 24th—marked the New Covenant beginning of the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is more than a historic holiday. It is a reminder that the Holy Spirit abides in us and guards, guides, and empowers the church to continue preaching the Gospel and continuing the Kingdom work that Christ initiated with His disciples.

We need to be very, very clear that the work of the church is not a solo human endeavor. We need the Holy Spirit, and we need one another. In Ephesians, the Apostle Paul casts a vision for the Gentile readers of his letter: God raised Christ above all rule, authority, power, dominion, and name for all eternity and *gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.* (Ephesians 1:22b-23). We are the body of Christ, His fulness! As we use our unique gifts that the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon us in a Holy Spirit-driven and cooperative and coordinated manner, we will manifest the fullness of Christ...! May we embrace with joy the task of making disciples of all even as we depend upon the Holy Spirit to do so.

Please feel free to contact Cindy (609-275-8557) or cynthialbills@gmail.com to continue the dialogue....

Let those who love the Lord hate evil,
for he guards the lives
of his faithful ones
and delivers them from the hand
of the wicked.
Psalm 97:10

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