

**THE HOPE CLOSET IS OPEN!**

Free Clothing, Shoes, and Accessories for Men, Women, & Children  
 Saturday, May 12, 8:00 - 10:30AM  
 Worship/Recreation Center

**SPREAD THE WORD TO THOSE IN NEED**



**THE GATHERING**

Senior Adult Worship & Fellowship

**Save the Date**

May 23, 10:30am

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!



Join us every Sunday Morning at 9AM in the Corner Café for our Coffee Fellowship!!

**Financial/Attendance Report**

April Income:	\$ 117,246.74	YTD Income:	\$ 892,724.82
April Expenses:	\$ 115,017.37	YTD Expenses:	\$ 889,181.93
April Avg. Life Group Attendance:	268		
April Avg. Worship Attendance:	381		

**Get connected tent**

- Ask for Prayer
- Join a Life Group
- Find a Place to Serve
- Inquire about Membership



**What?**  
 RBA Children's Music Camp for children completing 1st-6th

**When?**  
 Monday-Thursday  
 June 18-21  
 8:15am-2:30pm

**Where?**  
 New Hope Baptist Church

**Cost?**  
 \$60 per child

**After Camp Care:**  
 Available each day 2:30-6:00PM for \$10 a day

Registration forms located on WRC & FH slat boards

**Forms Due: May 13**

**This week@central**

- Wednesday Prayer, 10:30AM, PR
- Worship Set Up, May 12, Cole Team

**GO2018**

Start praying NOW for our VBS Sports Camp  
 June 10-14, 6:00-8:00pm  
 (Preschool, Children, Youth & Adults)

Register online at [centralwendell.org](http://centralwendell.org)



May 6, 2018

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

The Secrets to a Fruitful Life  
 John 15:1-11  
 Pastor Ed Rose - Senior Pastor

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY**

John 15:5 (NIV) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

**KEY TAKE AWAY**

Jesus' desires to make your life and ministry a fruitful harvest so that the Father is glorified. His strategy includes the painful experiences of pruning and discipline in order to maximize the harvest in your life.

Join us for Life Groups at 10:45AM

**WELCOME TO CENTRAL**

WWW.CENTRALWENDELL.ORG 919-365-6547

Wi-Fi: CBC-Guest Password: lovegrowservego

Central Baptist Church

# Sermon NOTES

**1** I need to understand that God's primary p\_\_\_\_\_ for me is to bring forth a harvest of righteousness.

**2** I must embrace and cooperate with Jesus's s\_\_\_\_\_ to make my life fruitful.

**3** I need to honestly e\_\_\_\_\_ the level of spiritual fruit in my life.

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I sense God calling me to:

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- RSS Feed- [www.centralwendell.org/?podcast](http://www.centralwendell.org/?podcast)

Growing  
**FAITH**  
@ Home



LET'S TALK

**Starter Questions:** Have you ever tried to get through a difficult time on your own? What was it like? Have you ever tried to do something for Jesus without His help? What was it like? How did it turn out?

In our sermon passage today, we learned that apart from Christ we can do nothing of eternal significance. We can not grow in Christ-likeness or produce spiritual fruit apart from remaining in Him. Just as branches can only bear fruit if they stay connected to the vine, the only way believers can produce spiritual fruit is by staying close to Jesus.

### How do we abide in Christ?

**1) We must have a life-giving connection to Christ.** Just as a branch is useless when detached from the vine, we too are weak and useless if we try to live the Christian life in our own strength and abilities. If there is no connection, there is not life and no fruit. (Talk about how one can establish a relationship with Christ through faith)

**2) We must rely on Jesus.** The branch is dependent on the vine, receiving its life and power from the vine. As believers, we receive the "sap" of Christ's grace when we are completely dependent upon Him. (Talk about what it means to live fully depending on Christ)

**3) We must remain in Jesus.** This means that we keep on trusting, keep on depending, and we never stop believing. We persevere to the end. (Talk about the importance of trusting God even when we don't understand our circumstances.)

**Close in Prayer:** Ask God to help you focus on abiding in Christ so that your life can glorify Him by bearing much spiritual fruit.

**SUNDAY 5/6 (The Church and It's Leaders)**

Pray for Life Group leaders as they prepare to teach each week.

**MONDAY 5/7 (Member Care)**

Pray for our homebound of the week: Lynn Earp

**TUESDAY 5/8 (Ministry Specifics)**

Pray for our college students as they prepare and take final exams.

**WEDNESDAY 5/9 (Community, State, Nation & Authorities)**

Pray for the safety of the local law enforcement as they provide protection for people in the community.

**THURSDAY 5/10 (Revival/Awakening)**

Pray for the body of Christ to seek Him wholeheartedly.

**FRIDAY 5/11 (Mission Partnerships)**

Pray for Pastor Charlie and Diane Brown in Baltimore as they begin the process of renovating an old building for Graffiti Ministries space.

**SATURDAY 5/12 (Lost and Backslidden)**

Pray for the lostness in our community and opportunities for the church to engage in gospel conversations.

LET'S PRAY