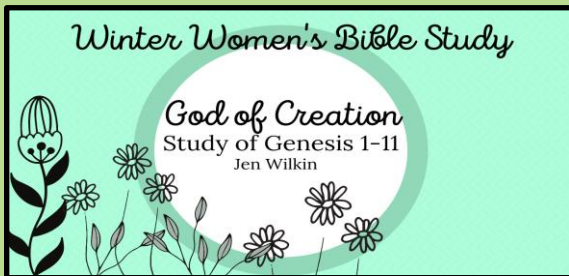
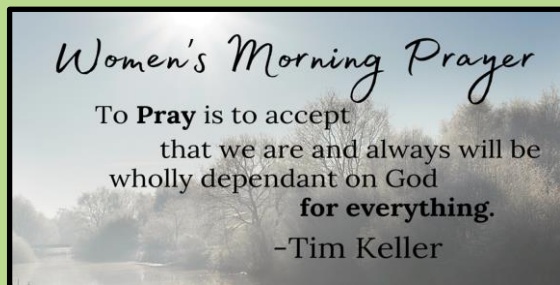


# Covenant of Grace Sunday Worship

January 17, 2021



Starting the week of January 25-29, the Women's Bible study will begin in small groups. Times, days and in-person or Zoom will be determined after finding out the preference of those registering and facilitators. Books can be bought on Amazon and an optional Genesis Journaling Bible can be bought from Westminster Bookstore. Please contact Brenda Wilson at [wtwilson1@verizon.net](mailto:wtwilson1@verizon.net) to register.



Tuesday mornings at 8:50am the Women's Ministry is inviting women to join them in prayer via zoom. Please contact Brenda Wilson at [wtwilson1@verizon.net](mailto:wtwilson1@verizon.net) to receive the zoom link.



The COG Youth Group will meet online via zoom starting at 6:00PM for games and a bible study. We'll be launching a new series called "crucial questions." Check your e-mail or contact Pastor Mark for details: [mark@cogpca.org](mailto:mark@cogpca.org).

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Mark Samuel

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Ephesians 5:1,15-20  
Leader: Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love,  
People: **just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**  
Leader: Be very careful, how you live-not as unwise, but wise,  
People: **making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil.**  
Leader: Therefore, do not be foolish,  
People: **but understand what the Lord's will is.**  
Leader: Do not get drunk on wine which leads to debauchery,  
People: **instead be filled with the Spirit.**  
Leader: Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.  
People: **Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord**

## SONG OF PRAISE "Keeper of My Heart"

## INVOCATION

**WE SHARE OUR CONCERNS** Philippians 2:12-13  
**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**  
(Children dismissed to kid's worship)

## SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 5:18, 22-25

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.  
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.  
24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.  
25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

## Announcements

### Winter Adult Christian Education

**Elective-** Please check Adult Christian Education (ACE) on the COG website for information about the current classes.

Prayer time-starting Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> from 10-10:20am in the F.H. Our Deacons will be leading us in prayer for our congregation, our church, and our country.



Secure online giving for your tithes and offerings is now available @

[cogpca.churchcenter.com/giving](http://cogpca.churchcenter.com/giving)  
Additionally, new offering boxes have been mounted near the exits to the COG Worship Center.

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## MESSAGE:

## WHY FRUIT?

### Text

**Galatians 5:22-25**

**Pastor Herb Ruby**

### Introduction

**Big Idea:** Every believer in Jesus Christ has the ability to produce the fruit of the Spirit.

#### I. Why grow fruit?

1. Paul used the term fruit not fruits.
2. We are to develop all the traits.

#### II. How we grow this fruit.

1. Depending on the Spirit.
2. Through discernment and Christ-honoring choices.
  1. Discern what Scripture tells us.
  2. Discern how the world tries to prevent it.
  3. Discern our own sinful nature's resistance.

#### III. What we can expect to happen.

### Conclusion

## SONG OF COMMITMENT

**"Give Me Jesus " by Fernando Ortega**

### Closing Prayer

### DOXOLOGY

**Doxology sung by all**

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## DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Do a self-examination. How do you see the fruit of the Spirit growing in your life?
2. Do you have natural characteristics which you might think do not need to grow from the Spirit's leading?
3. What areas of the nine traits do you feel you need to ask the Spirit to grow in you right now.

## NEXT WEEK:

**The Greatest of These Is Love**

**Galatians 5:22**

**Herb Ruby, preaching**