

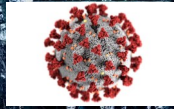
Abide. See?



VBS "20-20 *Vision*" - being planned...
Meeting April 5 and see Sign-up sheet!

The prudent see danger

AND TAKE REFUGE, BUT THE SIMPLE
GO ON AND SUFFER FOR IT
(PROVERBS 27:12).



You and I are aware. We read or listen to the news. There's so much talk. This "virus" is real because we can "see" some results. What happens to our relatives, friends, and neighbors has an effect on us. We care what happens. We are concerned about others. We love them!

So how can we help them best? Abide in Jesus! It seems so simple and yet is often quite difficult. In John 15:4-6 (NKJV) Jesus says, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. (5) I am the vine, you are the branches. **He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.** (6) If anyone does *not* abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned."

Did you notice something significant in His words? The way to determine our "abiding" is by examining the fruit we produce. What does it look like? How is this fruit produced? Who does it affect? Will the "fruit produced" last into eternity?

Is it possible the "fruit" we produce is providing hope and peace within the life of another person? Is it possible that we are called to be calm and trust in God during times of trial? Is it possible our "fruit" is being examined by those who haven't allowed Christ to guide their life—yet?

Through these uncertain times we need joy and peace in believing. Through faith we can abide in hope. We can have a faith that will help us stand and guide us through these times of difficulty. God's word challenges us to grow.

Encourage others to be more Christ like. Rely on grace found in the blood of Jesus. Work to accomplish the will of God. Lift up the fainthearted. Seek first the kingdom of God. Trust fully in His providential working. Pray without ceasing. Search the Scriptures daily. Take refuge in the Lord. Abide in His love.

Romans 15:5-6 (NKJV) "Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, (6) that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." See?

To all our visitors: *Please feel free to participate!*

You should expect to hear singing with voices only, a few "family" announcements, prayers spoken, and see the Lord's Supper offered, then free-willed giving, and Gospel preaching from the Bible.

Any response is up to you and will be kindly received.

We are glad you decided to worship God with us!

Bday/Anniv Lunch: 2nd Sunday

Friday Bible Study: 7—8PM. Consider your study of God's Word (**2 Timothy 2:15**)

NMCCH: collecting aluminum foil and kitchen trash bags (pick up will be Friday, 4/3)

Please look at the bulletin board for future events being posted—THANK YOU for reading!