

Gentleness like a...dog?

About two months, Sherry and I got a new dog from the humane society. His name is Willy. He's six years old and has one of the most pleasant personalities we have ever seen in a dog. As a matter of fact, from the moment we brought him home, the phrase we find ourselves repeating is, "He is so gentle." He moves quietly; he plays with his toys gently; he snuggles up to us gently; he is just a very well-mannered, sweet dog.

Willy's behavior came to my mind the other day as I was studying through 1 Peter. Yes, you did read that correctly. In chapter 3, Peter is giving instruction to both wives and husbands in how we are to behave and live with one another. In verse 4, we read, *but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.* Now, I know that Peter is addressing wives at this point, but we also know from scripture that gentleness is a behavior we should all exhibit:

- Philippians 4:5 - *Let your gentleness be known to all.*
- Titus 3:5 - *...to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men;*
- Proverbs 15:1 - *A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger;*
- Galatians 5:23 - *But the fruit of the Spirit is...gentleness.*

As we examine our own behavior, are we living like those of the world or are we living like Willy? Ha-ha. Seriously though, are we living like Jesus? Gentleness is a character trait of Christ that we ought to strive to emulate every single day. Unfortunately, it is sometimes hard to distinguish those in our communities who are Christ-followers and those who live for self. As disciples of Christ, I encourage you to practice gentleness and see how others might take notice. The world around us makes a continuous practice of harshness and hardness, and as our culture becomes more impatient, less tolerant, and void of Christ's influence, our gentle behavior may impact others more than you realize.

My challenge to you this month is to be gentle. It won't always be easy, but I can assure you, "...a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious" (1 Peter 3:4), won't go unnoticed.

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The month of *May*

Calendar of Events

Join us for these upcoming events.

- 3 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 9 - Mother's Day
- 10 - Mothers-In-Law small group, 7pm
- 16 - AWANA Club, Awards Night, 4pm
- 22 - Ladies Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am
- 22 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
- 23 - Church-Wide Potluck
- 30 - ABF/Sunday School resumes

- Congratulations to Adam and Jessica Maddox in the birth of Evangelina Kaye on April 19, at 5:04am. She weighed 7lbs, 5oz, and was 20" long.
- Please continue to pray for our Pastor Search Team and their task of finding the right man to be our next pastor. Our team members are Marc Charpentier, David Emerson, Kim Hickman, Frank June, Kati Thompson, and Barbara Van Wart.

BBC FAMILY UPDATE

Church-Wide Potluck Lunch

May 23, immediately following
the worship service



AWARD NIGHT
May 16, 4pm

ABF/Sunday School Resumes!

Join us May 30, at 9am

*Evening of
Prayer* May 3
7pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p>10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Evening of Prayer 7pm</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1</p>
<p>9</p> <p>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</p> <p>10:30AM Worship</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7pm @BBC</p> <p>BE A GREAT MOTHER-IN-LAW</p> 	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Larry Arnall</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Jason Brown</p>
<p>16 Avae Lutz</p> <p>Awana Clubs Awards Night</p> <p>10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Barbara Van Wart</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Marc Charpentier Charlie Bing Carolyn Normant</p> <p>MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30am Ladies Prayer Breakfast</p> 
<p>23</p> <p>Church-Wide Potluck Lunch</p> <p>10:30AM Worship 6:00PM Youth Group</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Abby Matlack</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Mark Ralmuto</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages</p> <p>9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 6:00PM Youth Group</p>	<p>31</p>					<p>*Birthdays</p>