

*The Persimmon's Secret*

Do you remember the first time that someone talked you into tasting a persimmon? What was it like? Was it bitter? Did it make your mouth pucker? I remember tasting one while it was still green. I could not get it out of my mouth fast enough. But I have also eaten persimmons that were deliciously sweet. What makes the difference?

The persimmon must fully ripen before it is ready to eat. If picked early, it will never be a sweet fruit.

You and I are like the persimmon. We must mature and we must face difficult experiences to mature. Many things happen that we do not understand. We may consider it a setback, a tragedy, or something else, but the result is the same: something has happened that we would just as soon not have happened.

We can respond in one of two ways: We can let it defeat us, or we can learn from our experience. The purpose of our experiences in life—both the good and the bad—is to help us mature. Paul said, *“Not only that, but we also glory in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope”* (Romans 5:3-4)

James put it another way: *“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing”* (James 1:2-4). Next time something happens to you that is difficult to handle, remember the persimmon, learn from it, and grow. —Kenneth Mills

**EZRA CHAPTER ONE**

T U O B A S H A M E T H E Y O G	ABOUT KINGDOM
G N A T A S P T H O H H T O N N	AMONG LEVITES
R U E Y A R N H F A D N I I T O	BASONS NUMBER
B E I V I N C G D E E G T N O M	BEASTS PERSIA
P N V E A Y O U R W I I N I G A	BROUGHT PLACE
G E S L R E J O T E R H A I R S	BUILD PRIESTS
S T R U I T H R O W A N C I K E	CHARGED ROSE
S I S S P S I B D E G R A H C I	CHIEF SAYING
R S E T I V E L S A S H T F I S	CYRUS SILVER
E S T A T A B A R B O P O H L O	EARTH SPIRIT
B D T A P E D E E B A R I E I L	FATHERS STIRRED
M L O I A P E S H O T S S R E D	FORTH THINGS
U O P S R C H O T H I S O A I R	GOLD TWENTY
N G T E A R S H A P E S R N U T	HEAVEN VESSELS
A S H L O P E W F V I S I T S P	ISRAEL WHOSE
H O P E S O R D D L I U B A C K	JUDAH WRITING

😊 Special Days 😊			
Happy Birthday, May!			
Zackary Frazier	1	Nina Cottoner	3
Jesse Okiyi	5	Marilyn Kent	6
Christy Comeaux	10	Julia Spiess	12
Roger Merritt	13	Will Davis	14
Rachal Robinson	17	Catina Cottoner	20
Ayana Williams	22	Marion Hall	23
Christine Liddell	27	Sue Bilbrey	30
Happy Anniversary, May!			
Wayne and Kennetha Marbury			5
Brian and Marilyn Kent			8
Lenny and Linda Skutnik			14



**WOODBIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST**



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**April 28, 2019**

Services	
Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

**Elders**

Eric Anthony Ernie Maiwald  
Michael Neal Lee Porter  
Tim Wertz

**Deacons**

Perry Comeaux Jason Cottoner  
Keith George Dan Medina  
Niles Wedge

**Minister**

Ernie Maiwald

**Associate Minister**

Keith George

*The Woodbridge elders recommend the following Bible translations for our public worship and study: New King James Version, King James Version and American Standard Version, 1901*

**Welcome, Visitors!**

Thank you for coming to worship with us today. You are our honored guests. We are a Bible church with Bible aims relying on God's word as our only authority. We invite you to join us in worshipping through:

- o singing (Eph 5:19)
- o praying (I Tim 2:1-2)
- o studying (II Tim 4:2)
- o giving (I Cor 16:2)
- o remembering our Lord's sacrifice through communion (Acts 20:7).

We want to have a record of your visit. Please complete the visitor's card that is in the pew before you and place it in the collection basket or hand it to one of our members.

If we can be of service to you, in any way, please let us know. And please visit with us again soon. We look forward to seeing you.

**Daily Bible Readings**

		Morning	Evening
Epistles	April 28	III John	III John
The Law	April 29	Deut. 29 - 31	Deut. 29 - 31
History	April 30	Esther 1 - 5	Esther 1 - 5
Psalms	May 1	Psalm 146 - 148	Psalm 146 - 148
Poetry	May 2	Song 5 - 6	Song 5 - 6
Prophecy	May 3	Rev. 12 - 17	Rev. 12 - 17
Gospels	May 4	Acts 25 - 26	Acts 25 - 26

**Bible Class Schedule for the Week**

<b>Week of April 28</b>		
Sunday	Lesson 227	Numbers 25 – 27:31
Wednesday	Lesson 228	Numbers 32 – 36
<b>Week of May 5</b>		
Sunday	Lesson 229	Deut. 1:1 – 4:40
Wednesday	Lesson 230	Deut. 4:44 – 28:68

**Announcements**

**Quarterly Potluck** will be today after morning services. Please stay and enjoy great fellowship. We will be honoring the Porter and Wilson families who will both be moving. Zone 4 is in charge of set-up and clean up.

**Announcement:** Please sign the pictures in the foyer for the Wilson and Porter families. This is the Porter's last day with us. Brice will be moving at the end of May to be with Bailey

**Assignments**

	April 28	May 5
Announcements	Maiwald	Neal
Song	Pender	Robinson
Prayer	Comeaux	Crayton
Preside @ Table	George	Kent
Assisting	Wedge	Mike Ambrose
Assisting	Wertz	Beauvais
Assisting	Wilson	Caples
Prayer	Gauvin	Johnson
	April 28	May 5
Evening Worship*		
Announcements	Maiwald	Neal
Song Leader	Pender	Robinson
Prayer	Wilson	Mike Ambrose
Communion/Prayer	George	Kent
	May 1	May 8
Wed. Evening Worship		
Announcements	Maiwald	Neal
Song Leader	Pender	Robinson
Invitation	Wedge	Beauvais
Prayer	Michael Ambrose	Pender

	April	May	June
<b>Prepare Communion</b>	Dollard	Earwood	Frazier
<b>Building Lockup</b>	Anthony	Maiwald	Neal

*Notes:*

1. Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to perform an assigned duty.
2. Notify Tim Wertz and Karla Anthony of any changes.
3. **Transportation.** If anyone would be willing to help with transportation to and from services on Sunday and Wednesday, please see Niles Wedge.

**Calendar of Events:**

<b>Mens' Breakfast</b>	5/11/19	8:00 am	OCB
<b>EDP Meeting</b>	5/11/19	9:30 am	Building

**Helpful Contact Addresses:**

**Church building:** www.woodbridgechurchofchrist.com  
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**For Prayers**

**Assisted Living**

- **Gayle Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)
- **Charles Swabb** (Betty's Place – Manassas)
- **Bobbie Girard** (Harbor Chase – Woodbridge)

**Continued Prayers for Family and Friends:**

- **Sandra Lauriano** (co-worker for Kennetha Marbury) cancer
- **Lenny Skutnik** (Crohns)
- **OT Martin** (Ernie's dad) Alzheimer's
- **Jesse Medina** (Dan's brother) pulmonary hypertension
- **Johnnie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux aunt) Long Term Care
- **Jan Dunlap** (Linda Skutnik's sister)
- **Jean Long** (Sue Bilbrey's sister) brain tumor
- **Katelyn Mead** (friend of the Wilsons) seizures
- **Sammie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux's cousin) cancer
- **LaVetta Sterrett** (Babara Frazier's aunt) abdomen bleed
- **David Jackson** (friend of the Marbury's) lung cancer
- **Gerrie Fleener** (Jody Medina's mom) knee replacement.
- **Margaret Jackson** (Niles Wedge's grandmother) Macular Degeneration
- **Lori Bennett** (friend of Logan Dollard) blindness
- **Sarah Schilling** (Tammy Elliott's sister) neurosurgeon for neck
- **Grace Addo** (friend of the Anthonys) Stage IV bone cancer
- **Juantia Johnson** (Bobby's mom) heart attack & blood clot
- **Michele Morris** (Denise Crayton's sister) Brain Aneurysm
- **Alvin Harris** (Pamela Ambrose's brother) Serious disease
- **Ethel Dollard** (Chris Dollard's aunt) Colon cancer

**Continued prayers for our members**

Donna Wirt	Alwilda Merritt	Colleen Wertz
Deb Neal	James Roberson	Sue Bilbrey
Sherry Wright	Dan Medina	

