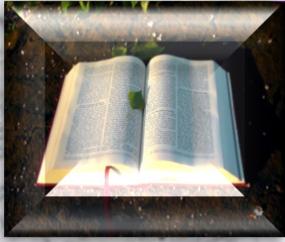


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Real Life News & Notes

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Our Gathering

PSALM 103

Sermon: We continue our *Summer of Psalms Series* and leave the Songs of Ascent to ponder one of the most encouraging and empowering texts in all of Scripture, **Psalm 103**. King David uses the refrain, "*Bless the Lord Oh my soul*" and answers the question "Who is God?" using 5 verbs and then uses poetic images to describe the extent of God's compassion and our forgiveness. See you there!!

Streaming services: We hope you can join us in person (We miss you!) on **Sundays at 10AM** but if not please tune in to our Facebook page and join us via the World Wide Web!

"People need more love than lecture."

"No one has ever been argued or shouted into following Jesus."

"Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more."

Thank you! Della Fiske-Turner for stepping up to set up our communion tables this month (As if you are not busy enough...!)

Love One Another!

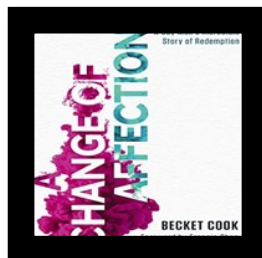
Thank you for wearing your mask to services on Sundays. Due to recent CDC guidance the elders are asking us to please consider wearing our mask throughout Sunday services to minimize potential Covid-19 spread to others.

Memory Verse for August: Isaiah 40:31 ESV
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.



Doug Clayton
Pulpit Minister

Charlie DeLong
Youth Minister



Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

"A Change of Affection" (Book recommendation)

Becket Cook details his journey out of a homosexual lifestyle. Here's the description: *"A gay man's incredible story of redemption. The powerful, dramatic story of how a successful Hollywood set designer whose identity was deeply rooted in his homosexuality came to be suddenly and utterly transformed by the power of the gospel."*

The author addresses some misinformation about "gayness" and describes how God's Spirit *changed his affection* as Jesus Christ invited Becket into a relationship more meaningful and transcendent than any human relationship has to offer. He writes with empathy and grace towards the gay community while being clear that he had to choose obedience to Christ over continuing in a homosexual lifestyle. Becket, despite continuing to struggle with *same sex attraction* (which he describes as a result of a fallen and broken creation) daily chooses God's identity over sexual identity or sexual relationships with other men.

As with any book there may be details one doesn't completely agree with. Yet, if you read to learn you will be blessed. If you share this book with an LGBT friend or family member do so only after reading it yourself and praying over it. Then share it in a spirit of grace and humility remembering how Christ treated those who through ignorance, circumstance, weakness or choice were ensnared by sin. As the church of the Living and Loving God we must seek to rescue and reconcile realizing the Truth, easily mishandled, is delicate and precious just like each soul it seeks to liberate.

Grace is transforming. Becket's story reveals how God's redemptive power continues to change each of us and how *none of us has a license to shun or dismiss anyone with the wave of a pious hand*. To say *"Love the sinner and hate the sin"* sounds proper but often oozes disdain and makes loving people more complicated than Jesus made it. Becket helps us bridge this disconnect and invites us to understand people need *more love than lecture*.

As one might imagine Becket has come under persecution from many in the LGBT community for his *"coming out"* to Jesus Christ and the change in his life and lifestyle. Yet, he has also been able to use his redeeming story to help others to see the God of hope and compassion who desires each of us to *change our affection*, to look to God beyond all else for purpose, satisfaction and fulfillment in life.

The book is a fairly fast read. I found it enlightening while being challenged to more deeply value and consider those *not like me* and to treat all people with love, mercy, and patience rather than condemnation. *"...Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more."* - Jesus

Announcements

Prayer Requests

Important Notice:

The Elders are requesting that the congregation **keep their masks on during the complete service to prevent potential spread of Covid-19 spread to others.** The only exclusions from this request are the preacher when he is upfront and others who are required to speak upfront. Thank you for understanding the importance of keeping yourself and others safe during these trying times.

Open House at the DeLong's New House

The DeLongs would like to invite everyone to an open house at their new home in Molina (52817 Ke Rd.) on Sunday evening, August 30th from 4pm-8pm. Food and drinks will be provided so bring your lawn chair and come share in a time of Christian fellowship

SOS to Parents & Kids

Jeremy Antwine is asking parents to make a video of their children reciting the memory verse for August which is the latter part of *Isaiah 40:31 ESV*

"they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint."

It is very inspiring to all to see your child reciting God's Word. The video's will be used in assembly on Sunday morning as well as going out on live stream. This can be done on your phone and e-mailed or texted to Jeremy at childrenschurchofchrist@yahoo.com.

Help Needed

Volunteers to prepare the communion tables. We have had some wonderful ladies come forward to do this job, Darlene Rettig, Della Fiske/Turner and Susan Towles. Thank you so much to be willing to look after such a critical part of our assembly. However, we do not know how long we will be operating in this manner so if you would like to volunteer as needed, we would really appreciate your help.

Third Annual Area Wide Campout Friday Sept. 4th—Monday Sept. 7

Greetings to All,

YES, we are still going to have the 3rd Annual Area Wide Campout regardless of restrictions and current regulations. So, with that said we are going to be meeting up at Surface Creek from Friday to Monday. We will be having an early evening lesson on Friday evening, Saturday evening and two sessions on Sunday morning. It will be more low key this year as not sure how many will be attending.

Our Theme this year is going to be "FEAR NOT" which is used 365 times in the Bible. Our Text will be from Joshua 1:9, "Do not be afraid . . . For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." So not all lessons need to be based on this text as we will look at a number of passages that deal with the current situation that we are all living in, we want to give all of you the opportunity to be able to be a part of this years program, if possible.

RON POTTBERG

Please keep the following in your prayers:

J. J. Bruens— 11 year old son of Melissa Bruens and grandson of Dave and Judy Bussert was badly burned recently when a boiling pot of spaghetti fell off the counter while he was preparing dinner for the family. He has had an amazingly good appointment and his burns were updated to being 3rd degree. He is undergoing skin grafts and Doctors claim scarring will be limited. Thank God for the power of prayer!

Beth Scheer—She is scheduled for outpatient surgery in the near future and request prayers that all will go well for her.

Remembering in prayer—The Fuoco Family, Margie Lewis, Joe Jones, Jean Delancey, Judy Bussert, Verena Lyon, Janet Hawkins, Mike Partyka, Marilyn Thomas, Marjorie Fortney, Melody Haight, Julie Biocic, Helen Pacheco, Perry and Dana Glassgow—That their healing will continue and those that are grieving will be comforted.

Andrea Evans—Grandaughter of Fran Trapp. She has metastatic breast cancer and is undergoing radiation treatments.

Colby Scott— He is at home now but news is not good and he is depressed fighting an infection in his face and taking anti-biotics which has caused a drastic drop in his blood count. Keep Colby and his family in your prayers.

Our Public Officials—Those that make critical decisions concerning the Pandemic and other social issues that affect our lives as citizens.

The hungry, the poor, the homeless and displaced people seeking a better life for themselves and their families.

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For the Record August 2, 2020

Attendance	113
Weekly Contributions August 2, 2020	\$5,662.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$5,157.62
Weekly Budget	\$6,658.71

Contribution: Thank you for your sacrifice and generosity as the Lord's work continues locally and globally!

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Jeremy Antwine—Announcements for August

Luke Urbin—Communion Talk for August 9, 2020

Della Fiske/Turner—Communion Table Preparation for August

Sunday morning assembly begins at 10 AM. *Face masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing are in place for your safety.* We are missing you and hope to see you very soon.

Sunday morning and Wednesday evening bible classes, Sunday Children's Church and Sunday evening Life Group meeting at the building are postponed until further notice.

Youth Group will continue to meet in the Pit on Wednesdays at 6 PM.

Live Streaming—Sunday morning sermons are available for those who opt to stay at home a while longer. Go to the Church facebook page.

