

December 20, 2020



Real Life News & Notes
Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers
Patterson Road Church of Christ

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Our Sunday Gathering



Sermon: "The Spirit gives life - Aroma of Christ #4." 2 Corinthians 3 may not look like a Christmas text, yet Paul affirms the Son of God with us, *Immanuel*, Messiah, Jesus, as the dividing line between old and new, law and Spirit, condemnation and hope, and it all starts with a baby in Bethlehem and because of this we are transformed. See you in Chapter 3!

"We are being transformed into his likeness with ever increasing glory." – Paul

"Who we are after Christmas morning says a lot about who we found in the manger." – B. Goff

"I wonder if later the Innkeeper wished he had made room."

Thank you church!! For filling the **Christmas Stockings** of the poor in our community! Even a tiny gift can bring a flutter of joy to the heavy heart.

Welcome! We hope many of you are here in person again this morning! We know many will be joining us via the Live Stream as well. *God surely has blessed us with many opportunities for spiritual growth in 2020!*

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Memory Verse for December—Isaiah 9:6a
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

Merry Christmas



Christ: Law Fulfilled...

Luke 2:10-12 *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

The arrival of the Lord is indeed still cause for celebration and remembrance even 2000 years later. The birth of Christ bears immense significance for the people of God. Given our historical perspective of scriptures, we can see how this monumental event signaled the fulfillment of promise given throughout God's word. Yet, Jesus claimed to be more than just fulfillment of promise. In Matt. 5:17 He says that he is the fulfillment of the LAW. Have you ever considered how Jesus fits this role?

Have you ever noticed that from the very first command God gives his people, the response is always the same? Throughout history, humanity has followed the same pattern of rebellion in response to every law that God gives. Don't eat from this tree, they eat from the tree. Don't worship other gods, they go out of their way to make another god to bow before. The list is quite extensive. So how is it that Jesus is the fulfillment of this system of law?

In Gal. 3:24, Paul explains that the law was a tutor or guide that was meant to teach God's people until Jesus' arrival. Indeed, every command that God has ever given humanity has been in effort to address the core problem of man: our selfish and stubborn hearts. This is why Jesus "summed up" the Law into two fundamental commands: love God and Love your neighbor. Every other law ever given was to teach His people what their hearts were supposed to be like. However, the law could never bring about the change that was truly necessary.

In Ez. 36:26 we read an incredible promise of God: *"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."* and through the prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 31:33) God tells his people about the new covenant He has in store for them: *"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."*

It was through Jesus that God purposed to give each of us *new hearts*. It is only through Jesus that we can truly and completely love God and others. From the law, we can see what this should look like, but it is only through the grace offered by Jesus' blood that we can accomplish it. As we celebrate Jesus, His birth, life, death, and resurrection, let us praise God for the fulfillment of His law and may we live today and tomorrow using our new hearts to love God and love people.

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Charlie DeLong, Youth Minister

Announcements

Prayer Requests

Homeless Stocking Stuffer Project!

Please bring your gifts of socks, gloves or water bottles to the building on or before Sunday morning December 20 for Pathways Village and Homeward Bound so that they may be packaged and delivered on time for Christmas. We are the only church donating items for the moms so we need your generous hearts.

Thank you for blessing those in need during this season!. If you have any questions see Doug or Bill Wade.

Volunteer Search

Brothers and Sisters,

I am in search of Volunteers who would like to learn how to run different parts of the tech booth. We aren't requiring anyone to be long term, I am going for a 2 week rotation. Just think, we have the best seats in the house! If you have any questions, please contact Kris Dille.

YouTube Channel

Our services are on YouTube! The name of the channel is 'Patterson Road Church of Christ'. Sunday services will be uploaded within an hour after services are completed. Also remember that you can access the past services either in video or audio form through the website and Facebook. For more information, please see our Facebook page.

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild is postponing their Christmas Party scheduled for Sunday December 20 and will not be scheduling another this year. However, they are hoping everyone will be at their meeting January 3 for a planning session. See Cindy King with questions.

Thank you!

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and cookies. We are doing well. Rick is feeling well, just not able to safely do as he did before. Thank you all for your continued prayers—*Nina Martinez*

Wedding Shower

Drive-by style Double Wedding Shower, Sunday, December 20th 2:00-3:30 pm at Mark and Monica's house to celebrate marriage of Brian and Kelsee Crosby and engagement of Allyssa Dixon to Josh Myers. We are celebrating while they are all in town together, as we do not know when they will return again.

If interested both couples are registered at Amazon and Josh and Allyssa also at Bed, Bath and Beyond. "For any information contact via text/call Monica Dixon 970 497 6005 or email dixonmonica139@gmail.com.

Prayer Request

Father,

We kneel before You asking for strength. You know our situation. You can see how broken we are. Heal our souls for the healing power lies solely in Your hands. Fix any broken part of our bodies and let it be to Your glory. Our hearts find rest in Your love, Your peace, and Your faithfulness. We know that You have our very best interests at heart and everything happening in our lives has a purpose.

David Olree—Covid

Amanda Gerber—Covid

Jim Rowley—Cancer

Rick Martinez—Brain Tumor

Randy Brabec—awaiting kidney transplant

Dave & Judy Bussert—Judy much improved

Janet Hawkins—Cancer

Verena Lyons—Cancer

Reba Copley—Deteriorating health

Julie Biocic—Cancer

Norma Churchman—Possible hip injury from falling. Taken to Community Hospital.



**Let Your will be done. In Jesus Name,
Amen.**



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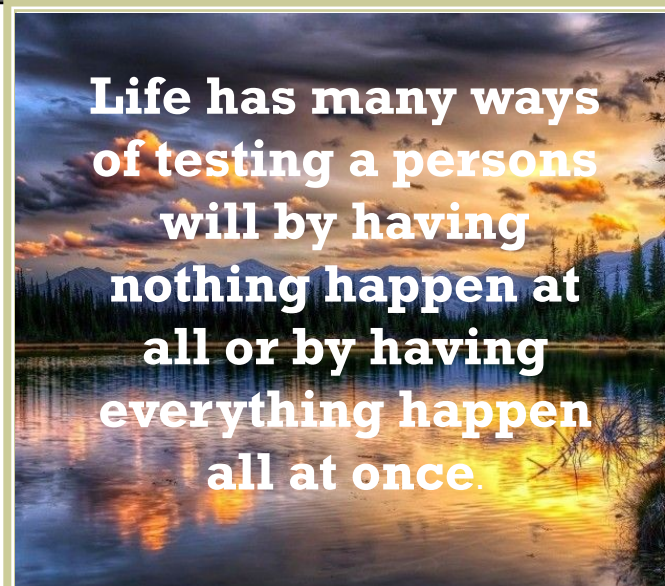
December 13, 2020

Attendance	90
Weekly Contributions December 13, 2020	\$5706.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6860.75
Weekly Budget	\$6658.71

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

By mail: Church of Christ 2893 Patterson Rd. Grand Junction, CO 81506

Online: pattersonroad.church - The little green "Give" button is at the top right.



Vince Urbina—Announcements for December

Mike Hurd—Communion Talk for December 20, 2020

Della Fiske/Turner, Darlene Rettig—Communion Table Preparation for November, December

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.*

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

Vince Urbina—Wednesday Evening Bible Class—7 PM

Ladies Wednesday Evening Bible Class, Room 103—7 PM

Ladies Bible Class—Thursdays in Room 103—9:30 AM

Thursday Bible School—9:30 AM— Noon

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

