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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 *Aroma of Christ* series takes us to the topic of *generosity*. Paul calls it the “*grace of giving*.” The objects of this grace are the precious souls made in God’s image who have a need. The Macedonian church, who were at the poverty level themselves, nevertheless go beyond what Paul imagined they could as they reached out to help the famine-stricken churches in Judea. Paul reminds Corinth to be generous as well. See you Sunday, Lord willin’!

Welcome! We are continuing to grow in our Sunday attendance as we slowly emerge like a butterfly from a cocoon. We are selectively adding chairs to help maintain our distancing so feel free to move them about as needed. We appreciate those of you joining us on our live stream!

****An Opportunity for the “grace of giving!”** See the details inside
– Supper for CMU students.

“Kindness is a more valuable currency than money.”
“You don’t have to be rich to be generous.”

Love One Another

Memory Verse for February—2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”



Doug Clayton
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Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

The Grace of giving

Consider this article an attachment to this morning's sermon. Paul's theme is **generosity** as he wades into the awkward but necessary discussion of **giving**.

Paul describes giving as "**a grace**." It is not about the money but one's heart joyfully beating with the rhythm of God's grace that finds a way, even in poverty, to help others. **Giving** is a form of worship. Generosity brings a "harvest of righteousness" (not to be confused with that nefarious deception known as the *prosperity gospel*.) Some things war against a generous heart. I defer to that little known monk from the 17th century to explain:

"There are three things which produce love of material wealth: self-indulgence, self-esteem and lack of faith. Lack of faith is more dangerous than the other two. The self-indulgent person loves wealth because it enables him to live comfortably; the person full of self-esteem loves it because through it he can gain the esteem of others; the person who lacks faith loves it because, fearful of starvation, old age, disease, or exile, he can save it and hoard it. He puts his trust in wealth rather than in God, the Creator who provides for all creation, down to the least of living things." - Maximus the Confessor

I see no lack of faith in our church when it comes to the **grace of giving**. Over the years there has never been a financial need that we have not met together when asked by our shepherds. Despite this past year of financial uncertainty and inability to assemble at full capacity God has provided through your cheerful giving hearts. Your faithful generosity has encouraged others and your consistent financial gifts have never ceased funding our many good works as we support our missionaries and send Bibles, quilts, and gifts to the ends of the earth. Our local staff has not missed a single paycheck, you ensure the building expenses are covered while providing for the poor and homeless and so much more. Many of you give behind the scenes in wonderful ways as you volunteer your time. Your generosity is seen in your humble encouragement of others and in the gifts of your hands. You quietly minister by listening, encouraging, praying for the sick, checking on the homebound, and are personally invested in ways that go beyond what mere money can do. You are an ongoing glorious testimony that the "*church has left the building!*"

If you are feeling disconnected in this **grace of giving**, then you may be the one God is calling to act. Be sensitive to the Savior's prompt and the Spirit's nudge. The **grace of giving** is manifested in countless ways reflecting our trust in God to provide. The **grace of giving** brings a harvest of purpose, unity, and joy as we respond to the Father giving to us.

May God's love continue to move us in the grace of giving.

Announcements

Prayer Requests

Opportunity to Serve

Christ Center, a CMU student outreach ministry that's been active for 17 years, has invited our church family to participate in their **Sunday Suppers**. This program partners with local churches who wish to show God's love by preparing and serving a free meal every Sunday evening to any college student who'd like to attend. It is served at the Christ Center/Four Winds coffee shop on 12th street. For more details on this ministry go to christcentergj.com and watch an informative video under the "who we are" tab.

Our church has volunteered to prepare and serve supper for about 60 students on **Sunday, March 7th**. Those who sign up to help will prepare an assigned food item at home and bring it to the Christ Center at 5:30 pm. There we will serve up meals in to-go boxes so they are ready for students to eat when they arrive at 6. We should be finished by 6:45 when all students are gone. If you'd like to prepare food but are not able to stay and serve, that is okay too. Please see or call **Ann Clayton** if you would like to help with this ministry.

Loveseat/Rollout Bed to Give Away

Sue Boyle has a loveseat that makes into a bed to give away to anyone who could use it. The main colors of the unit are violet & white with a floral motif. Contact Sue if you are interested.

Beautician Appointments

Trinity Brassette, one of our youth group grads, is training as a beautician at The Salon Professional Academy (432 North Ave). She is needing clients. If you are willing to let her cut your hair, do your nails, or any of the other services provided, please contact her to set up an appointment. cell# 260-9906 or Instagram TrinityB@beautybytrinity or call the school at 245-1110. Tuesday is \$5 hair cuts!

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will meet today (February 7) at 1 pm in the fellowship hall. They will be working with corks. See Cindy King with questions.

My God, We pray you will take the sick and injured in your loving arms to comfort and protect and heal them if it is Your Will. Thank you Heavenly Father for all your blessings.

In Jesus Holy Name we pray. Amen

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Herb Tinkle—Cancer. Awaiting surgery.

A friend of Billy Tucker, Mark Steven Barker, has been diagnosed with cancer. Bill requests prayers on his behalf.

Andrew Deister—Has been diagnosed with Covid. Pray for his quick recovery

Jasmine Bagga and her family as she undergoes treatment for non-epileptic seizures.

Gage—4 month old grandson of Wes & Bridget Beaver—Upcoming diagnostic tests

Jim Rowley—Undergoing chemo for bone cancer.

Rick Martinez—Undergoing treatment for brain cancer. Treatments are going extremely well.

Randy Brabec—awaiting kidney transplant

Janet Hawkins—Cancer

Verena Lyons—She is undergoing treatment and her cancer is still progressing. Prognosis is not good.

The families and community of the skiers lost in an avalanche near Silverton on February 2.

For our secular leaders—May they exhibit extreme wisdom in making decisions regarding our country.



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### For the Record

January 31, 2021

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| Attendance                            | 145       |
| Weekly Contributions January 31, 2021 | \$4165.00 |
| Contribution 4 week average           | \$7679.20 |
| Weekly Budget                         | \$6658.71 |

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

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### Mike Hurd—Communion Talk for Sunday February 7, 2021

### Farrel Harris—Communion Table Preparation for February

**Sunday morning assembly begins at 10 AM. *Face masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing seating are in place for your safety.***

**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 on Thursdays**

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