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Real Life News & Notes  
*Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers*  
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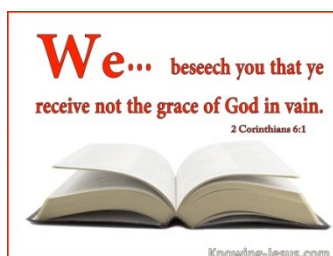
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Elder Of Month

Bryan Crowe

**Our Sunday Gathering!**



**Sermon:** "Open wide your hearts" Paul admonishes in his fatherly encouragement to the Corinthians. He declares how we respond to life is directly proportional to how we understand the grace of God in us. He urges us not to **receive the grace of God in vain**. We will take 2 Sundays to navigate **chapter 6** of Second Corinthians. May the power of the engrafted Word speak to us and change our reality. See you Sunday!

**Welcome!** Our onsite gathering numbers are increasing and we are grateful and encouraged to be able to see and greet one another more and more each Sunday. Feel free to move the chairs to accommodate your family or group size! Thank you for joining us on the **Live Stream** as well!

**Congratulations!** To **Vince Urbina** who recently retired after 31 years from the CO State Forest Service. Vince is our very own "**Deacon of Trees**"(Grounds) and an excellent Adult Bible Class Teacher. We love, appreciate and are blessed by both **Gail and Vince!**

*"Jesus doesn't just want us forgiven. He wants us." – Dane Ortland*  
*"You can kill us but you cannot hurt us." - Justin Martyr*

Love One Another

**Memory Verse for January—Revelation 21:5a**

**He who was seated on the throne said "I am making everything new!"**



*Doug Clayton*  
*Pulpit Minister*

*Charlie DeLong*  
*Youth Minister*

### *Just wash the dishes*

About 12 years ago, while I was studying in the AIM program, I was placed in a housing situation with two other guys that I didn't know all that well. As is typically the case for college age men, our collective cleaning habits left a little to be desired. After a few months, one area was putting some serious strain on our relationships as roommates. We had tried a rotating schedule of dish washing responsibilities, but that didn't seem to help, as we each had different takes on when the dishes needed to be cleaned and put away. I eventually decided to take on what I believed was more than my fair share of the work. I explained to my roommates that if they would simply rinse their dishes when they were finished eating (as opposed to leaving food to dry and turn into a glued-on mess) and leave them in sink, that I would be the permanent apartment dish washer. After a week or so of still cleaning caked on food on every dish, I was at my wits end. I found myself full of frustration and resentment. I met with our ministry leader (aka our boss) to present my case in hopes that he would bring the heat and back me up to my roommates making them pick up the slack. I presented my case to him, making clear my "more than fair" arrangement the other guys. When I was done explaining he paused, searching for words that were gracious and kind, and then gave me possibly the best life advice I've ever received. He told me kindly and clearly "just wash the dishes".

Needless to say, I was severely disappointed for a while. It seemed so unfair. I felt like I was already giving so much, I just wanted a little bit of concession in return. In time, I accepted his instruction and (if I'm honest, begrudgingly at first) just washed the dishes for my roommates. What happened was a blessing that I still enjoy to this day. The 1 other roommate that was responsible for the majority of what I considered terribly gross dishes is still my closest friend in the world. In fact, we refer to each other as our brother, and rightfully so. I attribute this relationship as God given, and it probably would not be so without that painful advice from my mentor.

It's not easy to serve. It hurts. Sure, it's easy sometimes, when we condition our service with our own expectations for what we would like to receive in return, but that's not Christ-like service. There's a story in John 13 that teaches exactly what I'm talking about. Unless you've only been a Christian for a month or two, you really should know the story without even opening your Bible, but just go re-read it. Imagine that setting. Each of Jesus' disciples refused to be the one who did the dirty, demeaning job of washing everyone else's feet. The lesson that Jesus showed them is the same that I received many years ago. Just wash em! When we submit to this kind of radical self-sacrifice, and truly serve others without qualification, we allow room for God to give some of his greatest blessings. The inverse is also absolutely true: when we do not serve our fellow man as Christ does, unconditionally, we prevent ourselves from receiving some of the greatest things that our creator has in store for us. So, husbands, when you get home from a long day of work and you really don't feel like doing it, wash the dishes. Sons and daughters, when you're tired from all that homework, and it's your brother or sister's chore that week but you notice they are piled up, wash the dishes. When it's convenient, wash the dishes. When it hurts, wash the dishes. When the whole world turns its' back on you and wants to nail you to a cross, wash the dishes. And watch God pour out the blessing.

Charlie DeLong

## Announcements

## Prayer Requests

Church family,

As most of you know, our youth group meets every Wednesday from 6-8pm and we share a meal together at 6pm before we have the rest of our youth group activities. Each week, we create a different menu and an online sign-up for folks to help provide the necessary items. We are needing some more help in providing this meal each week. If you are able to provide food items from week to week, please reach out to Charlie to be added to the email list. Additionally, we would love to have others join us for this meal time if you are able to join us. Our hope is that this time of fellowship in sharing a meal together can grow to encompass more families than just our teens each week. If you have other questions, reach out to Charlie via call, text, or email. Thanks for your support.

### *A Prayer for Strength*

*Lord, Our God,*

We are in the shadow of your wings.  
Protect us and bear us up. You will  
care for us as if we were little  
children, even to our old age.

When you are our strength, we are  
strong; but when we are our own  
strength, we are weak. We now  
return to you,

O Lord, that we may never turn  
away again.

*Amen*

*- St. Augustine of Hippo*

### 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.

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

Linda Heath—Upcoming surgery

Linda Carley—Health Issues.

Jim Rowley—Cancer

Rick Martinez—Brain Tumor

Randy Brabec—awaiting kidney transplant

Janet Hawkins—Cancer

Verena Lyons—Cancer

Reba Copley—Deteriorating health

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



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### For the Record

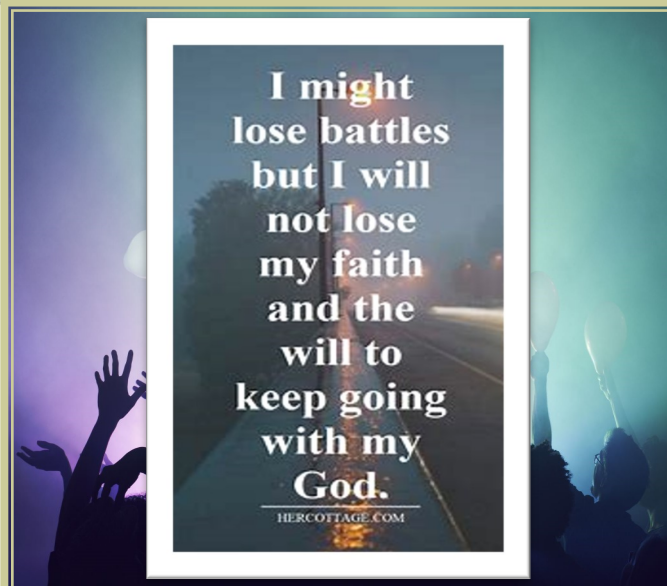
January 3, 2021

Attendance	128
Weekly Contributions January 3, 2021	\$15922.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$7440.75
Weekly Budget	\$6658.71

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### Mike Hurd—Announcements for January—Roy Karo-February

### Richard & Peg Sisco—Communion Table Preparation for January—Farrel Harris—February

**Sunday morning assembly begins at 10 AM. *Face masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing 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**

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