

July 4, 2021

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

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Our Sunday Gathering!



Welcome! Thank you for choosing to be with us this morning! You may pick up your **communion emblems** on one of the tables and if a 1st time guest please fill out one of the cards and leave it on the table. May you be encouraged as we build each other up in Jesus!

Sermon: As meaningful as America's Independence Day is to our country it pales in comparison to the freedom and independence all nations, tribes, and races enjoy in Christ Jesus across the world. May we never confuse our loyalties as citizens of Jesus' eternal kingdom with an idolatrous, nationalistic Christianity. This morning we will consider some "freedom" texts starting with Jesus' words in John 8:31-36 and invite the Spirit to encourage and empower us in Faith.

"Our freedom is tied to our individual souls, a gift from God, not from government."
- M. Huckabee

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." – Jesus

Love One Another!

Memory Verse for July—Matthew 19:19 ICB

"Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as you love yourself.""



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The secret of life

A father used to say to his children when they were young: —When you all reach the age of 12 I will tell you the secret of life.

One day when the oldest turned 12, he anxiously asked his father “what is the secret of life?”

The father replied that he was going to tell him, but that he should not reveal it to his brothers.

The secret of life is this: The cow does not give milk. “What are you saying?” Asked the boy incredulously. “As you hear it, son: The cow does not give milk, you have to milk it. You must get up at 4 in the morning, go to the field, walk through the corral full of manure, tie the tail, hobble the legs of the cow, sit on the stool, place the bucket and do the work yourself.

That is the secret of life, the cow does not give milk. You milk her or you don't get milk.”

I read this story recently and it made me stop and think about my faith journey. I want to be clear that I do not believe that ANY amount of work will make us any bit more deserving or worthy of the salvation we have in Jesus. It is and will always be completely unmerited. That being said, I believe the truth of this little story has a significant impact on my path of following Jesus. I often find myself wondering why I haven't seen more spiritual growth in my life. Much of the time, I expect the “fruit of the Spirit” to come flowing from me in miraculous ways without any involvement on my part. I even feel frustrated at times that my faith feels less alive than it has in the past. Then I remember the words found in James 2, that faith, without works, is dead. If I'm honest with myself, the reasons I feel discouraged, dried up, worn out spiritually, and distant from God, are always the result of **my** lack of effort in my relationship with my maker. Do I spend time feeding on His word? Do I take every worry and anxious thought to Him in prayer? Do I serve others like He did? If we desire to “keep in step with the Spirit”, allowing Him to bear fruit in our lives, we must put forth the effort to do so every day, not just an hour or two a week. The great news is that in spite of my shortness of work and effort, He never leaves me or forsakes me. This reminder doesn't come with a tone of disappointment from our God, but one of pure, unending love and desire for closeness from Him. Put in the work, the reward is too great not to!

Charlie DeLong

Announcements

Prayer Requests

Stay Tuned

Sunday, July 11th will be Donuts & Drinks Restoration Day! Our fellowship time which has been denied us through the Pandemic is being restored. You will be served by a careful health conscious crew in the Fellowship Hall during the break between Bible classes and Assembly. This is cause for celebrating. Please join in.

Pantry Needs

The pantry is in need of Canned Fruits. See Della Fiske/Turner with questions.

Upcoming Ladies Retreat

There will be a meeting on July 11 in Room 103 right after church for anyone interested in helping with the Ladies Retreat. The Event will be September 10th and 11th in Cedaredge. Penny Kendall, a former member will be Guest Speaker.

Creative Christian Art Guild News

Due to the 4th of July holiday and several members being out of town, the Art Guild will be cancelling their regular meeting for today.

Help Needed

Tuttie Delancey, our kitchen supplies buyer, is in need of someone to help her. We are coming out of the Pandemic and we will be using more and more kitchen supplies. Please contact Tuttie if you are willing to help.

Loving God,

I **pray** that you will comfort me in my suffering, lend skill to the hands of my healers, and bless the means used for my cure. Give me such confidence in the power of Your grace, that even when I am afraid, I may put my whole trust in You; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Linda Carley—She has moved into Eagle Ridge of the Grand Valley. Prayers have been requested on her behalf. Health issues are increasing and she is in need of professional nursing care.

Margaret Gossett—Mother of Glenda Scheuerman, recovering from a broken elbow from a fall.

Vickie Downey—She is now at home continuing chemo treatments.

Carl Henderson—Brother of Joel Henderson. Suffering from COPD.

Herb Tinkle—Has advanced cancer. Keep him in your prayers

Jim Rowley—Undergoing chemo for bone cancer.

Rick Martinez—Recently started double doses of chemo.

Randy Brabec—awaiting kidney transplant. He is holding his own while being on dialysis. He will be undergoing heart tests soon.

Verena Lyons—Suffering from cancer.



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For the Record

June 27, 2021

Attendance	201
Weekly Contributions June 27, 2021	\$5892.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6473.13
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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Online: pattersonroad.church - The little green "Give" button is at the top right.



Meeting Schedule

Communion Preparers—Susan Towles, Wanda Treu
Announcements for July— Jeremy Antwine

Sunday Morning Bible Classes (All Ages) Begins at 9 AM
Sunday morning assembly begins at 10:15 AM.

Sunday Morning Auditorium Class—Tom Deister, 9 AM

Sunday Morning Room 103—Bob & Bobby Heath, 9 AM

Youth Group meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM.

Doyle Bradley—Sunday Evening Bible Class—5 PM

David Scheuerman—Wednesday Bible Class—7 PM

Ladies Bible Class—On Break for Summer
Thursday Bible School— On Break for Summer.

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

Face masks recommended but not mandatory. Hand washing stations in Foyer.

Order of Worship—July 4, 2021

Memory Verse
Announcements/Prayer— Jeremy Antwine

1 Song - You Are God Alone

2 Song - Hosanna

3 Song - I Stand in Awe

4 Song - All to Us

*communion reminder

5 Song - Reckless Love

Lords Supper—Nolan Grigsby

6 Song - Be Still My Soul

Offering
Children's Church Dismissal

7 Song - Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone

Sermon - Doug Clayton

8 Song - Shine Jesus Shine

Shepherd's Moment—Tom Deister

Dismissal