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Real Life News & Notes
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Elder Of Month

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Our Sunday Gathering!



Welcome! We are thankful you are here 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: "Peace! Be still!" We stay in Mark's gospel again this morning. Some of the most profound lessons in Jesus' ministry happen near or on the water, in a boat, in storms. This is no surprise as the sea was very much a place of nightmares, superstitions, and fears from the dark depths. We will consider the notion of "Peace" this week and next to see what is behind Jesus' power to calm the storms in our life and infuse us with a *peace that passes understanding*. See you in Mark 4.

Love One Another!

Memory Verse for May—Colossians 1:15

"He is the image of the Invisible God, the firstborn of all creation."



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The Kingdom of Righteousness.

[This week we have a guest article written by our very own Shirlene Caraway. Shirlene is a wise and humble servant, student and teacher of God's word and a blessing to our church family. – Doug]

Christians belong to God's kingdom, the kingdom of **righteousness**. In what we know as Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount," in describing the character of his followers, He said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for **righteousness** for they shall be satisfied." (Matt. 5:6). And in the same context Jesus said "... (continually) seek first His kingdom and His **righteousness**..." (6:33). In still another discourse Jesus states, I am the Bread of Life; the one who comes to Me will not hunger, and the one who believes in Me will never thirst. (John 6:35) Precious promises!

Paul reminds Christians in 2 Cor. 5:21 that He (God) made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf so that we might become the **righteousness** of God in Him." Only in Jesus can one become the **righteousness** of God. And we recognize that faith in the Son of God and baptism into Him puts one into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27). In our becoming the **righteousness** of God, for what do we seek, hunger and thirst? **Righteousness!**

A definition of **righteousness** is described by Thayer as "...the state of (one) who is such as (one) ought to be. Broadly that which is upright or virtuous, displaying integrity, purity of life, and correctness in feeling and action." (Zondervan's Bible Encyclopedia, Vol 5, p. 104). We recognize such qualities in Jesus who Himself was "the exact representative of God's nature" (Heb. 1:3). Notice that "perfection" is not our issue.

W.E. Vine declares that **righteousness** "is that gracious gift of God...to all who believe" in Christ and are then "brought into right relationship with God. This **righteousness** is unattainable by obedience to any law or by one's own merit or any other condition than that of faith in Christ." In Christ we become all that God requires us to be, all that we could never be in ourselves.

Zondervan's treatise on **righteousness** reads: It is "...a power more than a standard, a life more than a code, a loyalty, and a saving relationship for everyday living." Paul reminds Roman Christians (14:17), "...the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking but **righteousness** and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." Isaiah, some 750 years before Paul, wrote: "And the works (fruit) of **righteousness** will be peace, and the service (effect) of **righteousness**, quietness (calmness) and confidence (security) forever." (32:17)

The question then becomes, am I as a citizen of God's kingdom living that precious gift given through faith in Jesus Christ despite my circumstances or trials or imperfections or the world's chaos? Is **righteousness** evident in my life.

- Shirlene Caraway

Special Prayer Request

We praise God that Vickie Downey is able to receive her cancer treatment here in GJ instead of having to go to Denver. Vickie has indomitable courage and her spiritual strength is amazing. She and Dave are an inspiration to us all as they face this dreaded disease together. Our most sincere prayers are with them.

Bible Class Promotions

Today will be Promotion Sunday for Children from 2 years old through 5th grade. Children meet in their new classrooms as listed below.

2—4 years old—Room 104

Teachers Ann Clayton & Chris Pennal

Pre K-K—Room 205

Teachers—Beth Smith, Bree Yeager, Jenna Hill

1st, 2nd, 3rd grade—Room 209

Teacher—Tony Clayton

4th & 5th Grades—Room 208

Teacher—Cathy Karo

Wednesday Night 2—5 years old—Room 109

Teacher—Sharon Riddle

Wednesday Night K—5th Grade—Room 208

Teachers Sheila Yeager, Bree Yeager

See Sharon Riddle or your class room teacher for further information.

Thought for the Day

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Jesus is our hope. When we hope and have faith in Him, He renews our strength.

Isaiah 40:31

Our Most Kind and Caring Heavenly Father

Lord, we pray Your protection over us. Help us to trust You as our refuge and strength. We pray that You will provide for our healing. Let us know that the only safe place is in Jesus.

In Jesus Holy Name we pray.—Amen

Linda Carley & Kathleen Barthel—They are both suffering from Covid. Linda is not eating and is seriously fatigued. She also suffers from Parkinson's.

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

Vickie Downey—Cancer in lymph nodes going into the left lung and a mass in the right lung. She is now in St. Mary's receiving treatment. She reports that things are going well. Bravo Vickie!

Lila Briggs—Health issues and undergoing medical treatment.

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

Tyrone Lofton—Suffering from health issues. Please keep him in prayer.

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

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

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

May 30, 2021

Attendance	176
Weekly Contributions May 30, 2021	\$3538.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$4735.25
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.

*God has a reason for
allowing things to happen.
We may never understand
His wisdom, but we simply
have to trust His will.
Psalm 37:5*

Announcements for JUNE—Matt King

Communion Talk for Today—Chuck Tourney

Darlene Rettig, Della Fiske/Turner—Communion Preparation—May & June

Susan Towles, Wanda Treu—Communion Preparation for July

Sunday Morning Bible Classes (All Ages) Begins at 9 AM

Sunday morning assembly begins at 10:15 AM.

Face masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing seating are in place for your safety.

Youth Group meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM.

Doyle Bradley—Sunday Evening Bible Class—5 PM

Roy Karo—Wednesday Evening Bible Class—7 PM

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

Thursday Bible School— On Break for Summer. Will resume in September.

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