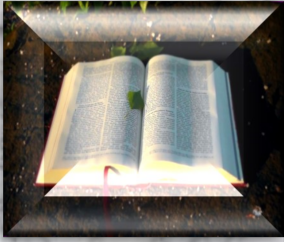


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Real Life News & Notes
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Our Gathering



Sermon: If you've noticed our marquee (Thank you Sara Tourney!) you, along with everyone driving down Patterson road, have seen a challenge to be "Clothed with Christ." God's word has some things to say about how we should look. When it comes to clothing we typically think about the latest fashion or what's in our closet. Yet God says those in Christ clothe themselves with other kinds of garments. Let's take a look together this morning and see what our daily **Divine Wardrobe** should look like and how that changes our disposition in a culture so distracted and anxious. *What are you wearing today?*

"God will guide us but he won't override us." – E.S. Jones

"Religiously, what goes on in the mind of a person who is trying to do everything right is different than what goes on in the mind of one who is seeking to love." – D. Willard

We miss you! Please join us in person this Sunday at 10AM. If you are unable to be with us in person please tune in on our Church Face Book page via **Live Stream!** Let us know how we might serve and help you.

Love One Another

Memory Verse for November - 2 Corinthians 5:7

"for we walk by faith, not by sight."



Doug Clayton
Pulpit Minister

Charlie DeLong
Youth Minister

Hey Christian, GO VOTE!

I'm going to write a politically motivated admonition that Christians on both sides of the political fence (yes, that's possible!) can unite behind. Bold statement, I know! Ok, so to clarify, I do accept that there are also Christians who will disagree with me, and that's ok, I'm not writing to you I suppose (but thanks for reading anyway). Today, I sat with a good friend of mine who just turned 18, and reasoned with him as to why, as a Christian, our responsibility to vote is one we should take seriously and prayerfully act upon. With election day only a few days away, let's examine some things that Christians in our nation ought to consider.

We live in a Constitutional Republic in the U.S. As such, every 4 years, each citizen over the age of 18 is given a percentage of authority as to who should be hired (or fired) to govern our nation. With this authority, also comes the responsibility for who ultimately ends up in that position. We know that God gives governing authority (and responsibility) to all those who bear it (Rom. 13:1-7). By nature, authority can be delegated or even ignored, but responsibility is not so easily escaped.

Since any election is a choice between two or more SINNERS, every election is a choice between the lesser of two evils. If you happen to find yourself placing faith in a political candidate to be a savior and hero, we need to have a different talk altogether! It seems that every election year, our choices become more and more grim. While they may actually be trending that direction, I think it far more likely that the voices responsible for demonizing the political opposition become louder and louder. We must keep focus on candidate's policies and practices (I feel like this should go without saying...) and ask ourselves "whose best honor God?", "whose will best allow my neighbor and myself to live lives that honor God?". Yes, the commands that Jesus said ranked above all else are even relevant in an election year. We ought to consider "which candidate's policies and practices will best allow me to live out Mt. 28:19?" (and then we actually need to live it out...).

In 2 Tim. 2:1-4, Paul urges Timothy to pray for governing authorities that their citizens may live peaceful lives in reverence to God. If we take that charge seriously as Christians, and we keep in mind the principal that James highlights in Jam. 2:16, we should find ourselves to use whatever power we hold to see our prayers fulfilled. In other words, if we pray for leaders who will allow Christians to live peaceful and Godly lives, but we do not use the power given to us by God to select the leaders that will *most closely* fulfill those prayers, there is a major inconsistency between our prayers and our actions.

Realizing that often, as in the last presidential election as well as this one, many Christians feel that both options are so far from fulfilling the prayers that they desire fulfilled for their country, I offer you a slightly different perspective. The Mennonites, Jesus following, God fearing citizens of the U.S., are known for their commitment to pacifism and nonviolence and have held a historic tendency to refrain from political involvement, in particular voting. Yet that has changed within the last 50 years. Today, about 90% of Mennonites vote. In a Mennonite publication produced during the last election season, one Mennonite voter explained the reason for the shift. He said "As members of God's kingdom, we will always clash with human power structures. When Mennonites vote, we are not voting for who we support to lead us. We are voting for who we would rather struggle against."

As I mentioned at the onset of this article, I recognize that there are Christians who do choose to refrain from voting. I will concede that the lives of the men and women who have fought to preserve our great, imperfect, but **great**, nation over the last 244 years have paid not only for my authority and responsibility to choose Godly leaders, but for your freedom to choose to abstain. While I disagree with this position that some of my Christian siblings take, I can definitely respect it. What I have a harder time respecting is an attitude of apathy towards the voting process. Christians, we must not be apathetic. Like it or don't, there is no escaping the fact that each Christian U. S. citizen has a responsibility for who ends up in the White House next January. Pray. Reflect. Research. Vote.

Charlie DeLong

It's That Time

Today Sunday November 1—Daylight Savings Time Ends and MDT Begins.

If you are here, you remembered to set your clocks back an hour and enjoyed an extra hours sleep last night. 🙌

"Attention Brothers and Sisters

We are in need of volunteers in the tech booth. The two positions are the computer (for slides) and the soundboard. For full descriptions of each, please speak with Kris Dille. There will be a sign-up list in the foyer. Please note, this does not have to be a permanent role, as you sign up by month. Any help, whether from veteran volunteers or new people, is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Kris Dille

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will meet Sunday November 1 in the fellowship hall at 1 pm. They will be making gnomes and if you plan on attending bring whatever supplies you may have. See Cindy King with questions.

Special Prayer Request

Please keep Chris Pennal and her family in your prayers. Chris' father, Jim Heit, is in Hospice and is in his last days. Pray for the family's peace and comfort.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Terry Meredith—Was taken to the hospital last week suffering from a mini stroke. He is at home now feeling much better.

Chuck Dunlap—He is in Mesa Manor Room 209 with Hospice care. He is now able to have outside visits that must be scheduled. He is on meds for anxiety and is confused at times but is doing well otherwise. If you would like to schedule a visit, call 970-243-7211. That is the Mesa Manor number.

Perry & Dana Glassgow— Perry is being treated for cancer in Denver.

Remembering in prayer— Randy Brabec, Colby Scott, J.J. Bruens, Ed Riddle, Melody Haight, Judy Bussert, Janet Hawkins, Mike Partyka, Cindy McGarry, Verena Lyons, Joe Jones, Reba Copley, Julie Biocic, That their healing will continue and those that are grieving will be comforted. We thank God for his healing powers. Many of these listed are going very well and on the road to recovery.

That God will open the hearts of those who are rioting in cities across the nation, let them know that violence towards their fellow man is not the answer. Pray that God will intercede and bless us all with peace and understanding and wisdom to settle our grievances and bring our country back to Him.

Our Public Officials—Give them the wisdom and courage to make the critical decisions concerning the welfare of our nation, the Pandemic, the Supreme Court, the rioting and unrest plaguing our country and other social issues that affect our lives as citizens.

The hungry, the poor, the homeless and displaced people seeking a better life for themselves and their families.

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For the Record

October 25, 2020

Attendance	103
Weekly Contributions October 25, 2020	\$7228.80
Contribution 4 week average	\$5478.95
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.

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved."

~ Helen Keller

Mike Burkes—Announcements for November

Nolan Grigsby—Communion Talk for Sunday November 1, 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 in the Pit on Wednesdays at 6 PM.

Bill Wade—Wednesday Evening Bible Class—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.

