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

Rick Wilkins

Our Family of Faith



Sermon: "The Art of Gratitude." Today we take a brief break from 2 Corinthians to focus on the relevant theme of Thanksgiving. Although I have little or no artistic talent I have a growing appreciation as I age for artists and art in various forms. The print above is Van Gogh's *Resurrection of Lazarus*. I'm told all art is open to a measure of interpretation and the above is no different. There is something worth pondering in this print that serves as a connection to God's empowering truth. No divine gift is more capable of an attitude altering and life changing disposition than the *Art of Gratitude*. (Ann and I are very thankful for each of you!)

"A thankful heart cannot be defeated." - UKN

***Gratitude is a divine emotion: it fills the heart, but not to bursting;
it warms it, but not to fever.*** — Charlotte Bronte

***"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ
Jesus for you."*** - God

Please join us on our Live Stream this morning at 10AM!

Love One Another

Memory Verse for November - 2 Corinthians 5:7

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



From the Shepherd's Pen

A Brief History Of Thanksgiving

In September 1620, a small ship called the [Mayflower](#) left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the New World. After a [treacherous and uncomfortable crossing](#) that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod. One month later, the Mayflower crossed [Massachusetts](#) Bay, where the [Pilgrims](#), as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor [William Bradford](#) organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as American's "first Thanksgiving" the festival lasted for three days.

The preceding winter had been a harsh one for the colonists. Seventy-eight percent of the women who had traveled on the Mayflower had perished that winter, leaving only around 50 colonists to [attend the first Thanksgiving](#). According to eyewitness accounts, among the pilgrims, there were 22 men, just four women and over 25 children and teenagers. (History.com)

At that first Thanksgiving they had much to feel sorrow for. The loss of so many by disease and starvation. But they also had much to be thankful for. A bountiful harvest and a new beginning. The same holds true today. Some have lost loved ones, others have suffered thru illness. But we too have much to be thankful for. We have an amazing church family who support each other. We have a God that will never abandon us. He will watch over us, give us grace, and love us unconditionally. Though this year may be different from other Thanksgivings, fewer gathering, more staying at home. We still have much to thank God for. May God bless you and keep you.

Rick Wilkins

Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study

"Then we will know...", a study in the book of Ezekiel, will begin on Dec. 2 at 7:00 p.m. in room 103. Shirlene Caraway will direct the study.

Volunteer Search

Brothers and Sisters,

I am in search of Volunteers who would like to learn how to run different parts of the tech booth. We aren't requiring anyone to be long term, I am going for a 2 week rotation. Just think, we have the best seats in the house! If you have any questions, please contact Kris Dille.

YouTube Channel

Starting on 11/8/20, everyone will be able to watch past services on YouTube! The name of the channel is 'Patterson Road Church of Christ'. Sunday services will be uploaded within an hour after services are completed. Also remember that you can access the past services either in video or audio form through the website and Facebook. For more information, please see our Facebook page.

Thank you!

To all who have brought cereal for the pantry. Your generosity is so much appreciated. However, the pantry shelves are full with cereal and we will not be needing any more until called for. Thanks again!

Address for Dunlap

Cards and letters of sympathy for the family of Chuck Dunlap is:

Brandi Prince & Family
559 Greenfield Circle W.
G. J. , CO 81504

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Rick Martinez—May his treatment for a brain tumor be successful.

Remembering in prayer— David Downey, Family of Chuck Dunlap, Steve Neff's loved ones, Chris Pennal and Family, Randy Brabec, Colby Scott, J.J. Bruens, Dave & 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.

Pray that God will intercede and bless us all with peace and understanding and wisdom to get us through these troubling and divisive times 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

November 22, 2020

Attendance

Weekly Contributions November 22, 2020	\$6053.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$5818.38
Weekly Budget	\$6658.71

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

By mail: Church of Christ 2893 Patterson Rd. Grand Junction, CO 81506

Online: pattersonroad.church - The little green "Give" button is at the top right.



Mike Burkes—Announcements for November

Brian Simpson—Communion Talk for November 29, 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 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.

