November 8, 2020



### Real Life News & Notes

Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

## Patterson Road Church of Christ

# Our Family of Faith



We were going to begin a sermon series on 2 Corinthians this Sunday but due to the temporary canceling of Sunday services again due to tightened COVID restrictions this week we will hold off on that. However, the Series title "The Aroma of Christ" is never more relevant than now. It is during unwelcome change, setbacks, disruptions, and more serious trials that the world is trying to get a whiff, a scent of who Christians really are. Let's be the sweet aroma and fragrance of Jesus every single day as 2020 continues to provide many unique opportunities for spiritual growth and increased reliance on our wonderful God!

Summary of phone tree from Friday: Due to the updated COVID restrictions limiting inside gatherings to 50 people we will not be having our Sunday services for a few weeks until those restrictions are lifted or we come up with a different gathering option. This Sunday we will not Live stream, but starting next Sunday (11/15) we will continue our Sunday worship Live Stream. We will continue to meet for Wednesday Bible class at 7pm and the Youth Group will keep meeting from 6-8 on Wednesdays. And, Thursday school and Ladies class will continue to meet as far as we know, along with other "less than 50" events at the church building. Thank you for your love, patience and flexibility!

"Jesus became what he is not so we might become what we are not."

"We are to God the aroma of Christ to those who are being saved and to those who are perishing." – Apostle Paul

# Love One Another

Since we wont be meeting on Sundays for a few weeks we need your generous weekly contributions now more than ever. Please take advantage of online giving at pattersonroad.church or you can mail it or drop it by the church office. Thank you!

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Elder Of Month

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**Memory Verse for November - 2 Corinthians 5:7** 

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



#### Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

#### **Impulse**

The article below I can take no credit for and wanted to share it. It is from one of my favorite books, *My Utmost for His highest* by Oswald Chambers. Chambers is not for the casual skimmer. He does not spoon feed his readers. His challenges often take some pondering and chewing. Chambers contrasts being **impulsive** (which comes a bit too easy for us humans) with being a **disciple** of Jesus: May this bless you...

"There was nothing of the nature of impulsive or thoughtless action about our Lord, but only a calm strength that never got into a panic.

Most of us develop our Christianity along the lines of our own nature, not along the lines of God's nature. Impulsiveness is a trait of the natural life, and our Lord always ignores it, because it hinders the development of the life of a disciple. Watch how the Spirit of God gives a sense of restraint to impulsiveness, suddenly bringing us a feeling of self-conscious foolishness, which makes us instantly want to vindicate ourselves. Impulsiveness is all right in a child, but is disastrous in a man or woman— an impulsive adult is always a spoiled person.

Discipleship is built entirely on the supernatural grace of God. Walking on water is easy to someone with impulsive boldness, but walking on dry land as a disciple of Jesus Christ is something altogether different. Peter walked on the water to go to Jesus, but he "followed Him at a distance" on dry land (Mark 14:54). We do not need the grace of God to withstand crises— human nature and pride are sufficient for us to face the stress and strain magnificently. But it does require the supernatural grace of God to live twenty-four hours of every day as a saint, going through drudgery, and living an ordinary, unnoticed, and ignored existence as a disciple of Jesus.

It is ingrained in us that we have to do exceptional things for God—but we do not. We have to be exceptional in the ordinary things of life and holy on the ordinary streets, among ordinary people—and this is not learned in five minutes." (O. Chambers)

May we take the long view, the persistent path, and welcome the gradual process of abiding in Christ that stifles impulsiveness and transforms us into committed disciples.

(P.S. Who are you wearing today?)



#### **Support Care Ministry**

Back in the spring when we started our Support Care Ministry, we were uncertain about how COVID-19 would impact the lives of our high-risk church members. During the last few months, the pandemic did not assert itself in Grand Junction as much as we originally thought. However, with the winter months approaching and a rise in COVID-19 cases it is important that we revamp our Support Care Ministry. Many of our high-risk members have isolated from the very beginning and many are starting to isolate as the cases rise. During the holiday season when many of our high-risk members will be alone it is important for our families to reach out with comfort and compassion. Calls, offers of assistance, cards, small gifts are all ways of making each individual feel included and cared for. We have a list of those who volunteered for this ministry. Please contact Sherry Crowe or Wilma Seela if you have any questions.

#### Over 60's Christmas Dinner Postponed

Due to the Pandemic, the Over 60's Christmas Dinnerthat was scheduled for Saturday December 5 has been postponed until next year.

#### **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.

#### **Wednesday Evening Bible Class Postponement**

The Wednesday evening bible class taught by Bill Wade will be postponed on Wednesday evening November 25 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

#### Please keep the following in your prayers:

**Robin English**—suffering from Covid. She was in hospital for a few days but is now at home recovering.

Chris Pennal's dad, Jim Heit passed away Thursday afternoon. Please keep Chris, Eric and family in prayer.

**Chuck Dunlap**—He is in Mesa Manor Room 209 with Hospice care. Mesa Manor is closed because of Covid so no visits at this time.

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

Remembering in prayer— Chris Pennal and Family, Randy Brabec, Colby Scott, J.J. Bruens, Ed Riddle, Melody Haight, 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.

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

November 1, 2020

Attendance
Weekly Contributions November 1, 2020
Contribution 4 week average
Weekly Budget

125 \$6846.00 \$6447.20 \$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.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." ~Anne Frank

#### Mike Burkes—Announcements for November

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.

November 8 Sunday Service Postponed due to change in County Restrictions on Pandemic.

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.

