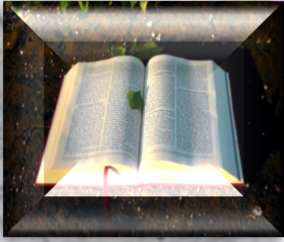


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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Our Gathering



Sermon: As we leave our "Season of Psalms" series we share a different kind of sermon today. If you read the article on the next page you have the essence of my notes and where we are going this morning. Spiritual warfare is real! We play the "Devil's advocate" a bit in light of our current challenges and then give God's empowering answers to defeat the wiles of the devil. May it bless, challenge and help us to draw ever closer to the kingdom of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ!!

"The Devil made me do it." – Flip Wilson (comedian)

"No man knows how bad he is until he has tried very hard to be good."
- C.S. Lewis

"Worship the Lord your God and serve him only." - Jesus

Loved and Appreciated! This is a shout out to our members who are in law enforcement. Your daily service and sacrifice in the best of times is very difficult, and now it is unimaginably complex and dangerous. Know we love you, support you, are thankful for you and continuously pray for your safety! Thank you and God bless you and your families!!

We miss you! If health allows please join us in person this Sunday at 10AM. If not, 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

Thank you for wearing your mask on Sundays. Due to recent CDC guidelines the elders are asking us to please wear our masks upon arriving, while singing and leaving Sunday services to minimize potential Covid-19 spread to others.

Memory Verse for October: Proverbs 22:6 NLT

"Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it."



Doug Clayton
Pulpit Minister

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Youth Minister

Devious

Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

C.S. Lewis' *"The Screwtape Letters"* is a must read classic. Written from Satan's viewpoint, *Screwtape* is the chief demon who mentors his imp nephew *Wormwood* in the art of tempting his human "patient."

God is faithful and uses these current challenges to strengthen us as well as remind us how Satan is subtly and deviously at work. My words below are an attempt at Lewis' *"Screwtape-like"* dialogue: **If I were Screwtape what would I advise to distract and disrupt American Christians in 2020:**

Loyalties: Convince Christians to become consumed in politics, subtly help them think the kingdoms of men more important, or at least equal to, the Kingdom of God. If we can nudge them to believe they are electing a savior that works into our master plan even better; then watch the fireworks as the masses use the glorious mess to rationalize seeking *us* instead of *Him*.

Unrest: Inflict ministers and other church shepherds with worry and exhaustion. Add to their misery by goading their flocks into impatience and unjust criticism over their pandemic decisions. While we're at it, consider how you might use their tiresome *"Love your neighbor"* mantra against them. And, don't underestimate the value of accusation to discourage and sap their strength and resolve.

Masks: Ah yes, such an ingenious little tool of dissension. Make mask wearers think they don't trust God enough to keep them safe while getting them to look suspiciously and with disdain upon those who don't wear masks. Induce non-mask wearers to judge mask wearers as gullible sheep selling out to a grand conspiracy. The more they judge each other the better for us!

Church: Implant in their minds the comfortable notion that online church is not a short term inconvenience but a long term solution. Church attendance worked in our favor for centuries as we anesthetized their faith with religious routine and subverted their influence with divisive dogmas. But, be careful, for if they go back to church now they might actually *become* the church, a more unified force with a renewed zeal would be very detrimental to our cause. Comfort and Complacency, those ever reliable ruts, may be just the ticket for this problem. Continue to implant the lie that the Nazarene Carpenter is content with them as occasional religious consumers instead of daily practitioners of their calling.

Fear: Above all instill fear! Stampede the whole herd! I've got it! For starters create a toilet paper shortage. Then mess with Wall St., topple statues, start some fires in the forests and streets, fan the flames of racial division, and just for fun plant one of our pesky flies on the VP's head during a public broadcast. Then sit back and cackle! Make them fearful for the future and continue to stir their little hearts with terror. FEAR is our friend! It shrouds love, undermines truth and trust in their Father. Scare 'em, they'll lose hope, break ranks with the Enemy and come running into our snare!

You be the judge. Would these devious tactics work? Are they working on you? Satan fears an uprising of spiritual growth, a revolution of unity in the church and renewed trust in the Lord Almighty! Don't fall for Satan's schemes. Rather, *Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not lean on your own understanding but in all your ways acknowledge Him and he will direct your paths!*

Announcements

Prayer Requests

Trunk or Treat is a go!

Please come and join us on Sunday October 25th for our annual event. We will be handing out candy from 3:30 to 5:00pm, so please arrive no later than 3:00pm to set up your car. If you do not want to decorate your car, but would still like to hand out candy to the kids, please do!! We look forward to having everyone there!

Whitman Park Project

On Saturday October 17th we are in need of helpers to prepare sandwiches for the homeless in Whitman Park at 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We also need volunteers to help distribute the sandwiches and other necessity items at Whitman Park, 4:30 PM. If you can help with one or both of these events, let Pam Hurd know that you will be available.

Pantry Needs

The Pantry is in need of dry cereal. See Della Fiske/Turner.

"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 today at 1 pm in the fellowship hall. They will be making pumpkin faces. See Cindy King with questions.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to everyone who prayed, called, made meals, did shopping and laundry and helped me around my apartment during my foot surgery.

In God's time, I am slowly healing and hope to be able to walk by Christmas. Please keep the prayers going and hopefully I'll see you soon.

Love,
Melody Haight

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Ed Riddle—He had his shoulder surgery and is doing very well.

Marion Tidwell—brother of Bill Tidwell is at home in Hospice in Florida. Please keep him in your prayers for peace and comfort.

Chuck Dunlap—His lungs continue to fill up with fluid and he is now in Hospice care at Mesa Manor. No visitors allowed at this time. Pray that he and his family is comforted and that the Lord's will be done.

Lisa Gordon—Brain Cancer. She has had surgery and is awaiting results.

Helen Pacheco—has had chemo and is now going to have radiation treatments. Pray for her recovery.

Julie Biocic—She will have surgery but cancer has been ruled out. Pray for her recovery.

Joe Jones— Joe is doing very well. Thank God for answered prayers.

Reba Copley—Ben Copley's 90 years young mother who lives in Visalia, CA. has blood clots in lungs and legs as well as having a mini stroke and is in re-hab. Keep his mother and the family in prayer.

Colby Scott— Went to Doctors for a blood draw last week and he received very good news. Family is elated and thanks God for all the prayers.

J.J. Bruins—He is doing very well. Thank God for answered prayers.

Perry & Dana Glassgow— Perry's doctor is optimistic that his treatment is going very well. Thank God for answered prayers.

Remembering in prayer— Gage Williams, Melody Haight, Jean Delancey, Judy Bussert, Janet Hawkins, Mike Partyka, Marilyn Thomas, Marjorie Fortney, Andrea Evans, Cindy McGarry, Verena Lyons That their healing will continue and those that are grieving will be comforted.

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 11, 2020

Attendance	113
Weekly Contributions October 11, 2020	\$6058.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$5390.75
Weekly Budget	\$6,658.71

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.

*"What lies behind us and
what lies before us are tiny
matters compared to what
lies within us."*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Jeremy Antwine—Announcements for October

Joel Trumbo—Communion Talk for Sunday October 18, 2020

Susan Towles—Communion Preparation for October

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.

