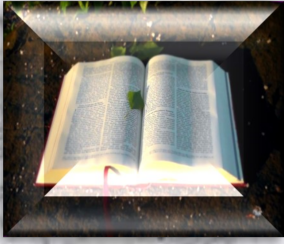


October 4, 2020



# Real Life News & Notes

*A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers*

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## Our Gathering



Greetings church! I will leave the above picture despite the Sunday changes because it is an empowering reminder that we were all wondrously designed and made and receive our identity from God! We will finish Psalm 139 together as soon as possible. Below is an abbreviated version of the phone tree sent out Friday morning regarding the cancellation of our church services for this Sunday and next Wednesday: - Doug

*"Hi Church family.... On behalf of our elders I need to let you know that we will be cancelling our Worship assembly this Sunday October 4 and next Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup>. This is due to a recent COVID exposure by a few of our attending church members and their families. This was brought to our attention Thursday evening. Pending COVID testing we trust this will be a brief interruption of our Sunday gatherings. We should know more early next week and will pass on any relevant information to you all.*

*Due to the late notice and some issues with the live stream production we will not be Live streaming our worship services this Sunday. We encourage you to find another means of gathering either in family and small groups as many continue to do or via one of the many other Live Stream church services available on line. (Online or mail in giving is available and encouraged as always.)*

*We love you church and are thankful for each one of you. Thank you for your ongoing patience and faithfulness as we err on the side of caution, going the second mile, and doing our best to protect the at risk among us.*

*If you have questions feel free to call one of our elders or the church office. May the Lord bless you and keep you and make his face to shine upon you and give you peace! See you soon."*

Love One Another

Memory Verse for October: Proverbs 22:6 NLT

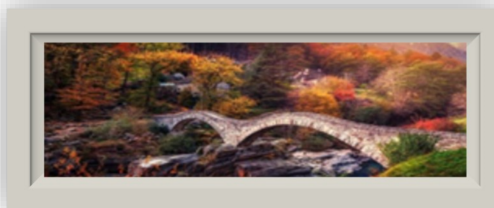
"Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it."



*Doug Clayton*  
Pulpit Minister

*Charlie DeLong*  
Youth Minister

## Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)



### Bridges

A timely video I saw plead for folks to be a **bridge**, to share a cup of coffee and conversation instead of publicly questioning each other's faith and integrity. In this world of people standing on opposite sides of the raging rivers of politics, religion, media, masks, and world views we need more **bridges**.

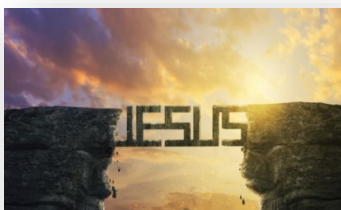
Being a **bridge**, what Jesus calls a "**peacemaker**," can be painful and exhausting requiring all the Spirit's fruit at once. Being a **bridge** is not for the faint of heart. Some would say it's a *fool's errand*. When I was a football official there was good reason we avoided getting between angry men yelling and throwing punches at each other. It was wiser and healthier to stand back, throw a flag and wait a bit before ejecting both players for childish behavior. (Similar to what I witnessed on TV this past Tuesday night... So disappointing....Where's my flag?!!)

Being a **bridge** is difficult in the best of times. Often those who fight each other condemn the **bridge** for not condemning others. Bridges are criticized and judged weak, compromising and suspect for seeking a peaceful point of contact. Zealots insist on brand loyalty, shouting and fist shaking (or worse) and don't welcome or well tolerate peacemakers or peace-making for Christ's sake or any other reason. So a word of warning, **bridges** get walked on by both sides.

If you are like me you routinely find you are a **bridge** doing your imperfect best to help, calm, listen, clarify and find some tiny piece of common ground between opposing sides. The conflict, significant or minor, may be a legitimate disagreement, misunderstanding, rash judgment, family dispute, church squabble, or the ever present political discord. It's usually much easier to simply stand back and say: *No way am I getting in the middle of that!* And yet that is precisely where we find Jesus, in the middle, making peace, reconciling, being the place where conversation and brotherhood begin!

Jesus is the ultimate **Bridge**. The sacrificial Lamb reconnects the Pure and the polluted, the Sacred and the sinful, the Creator and the corrupt. The Crucified constructs the pathway to civility and grace where adversaries become friends and *peace* becomes a verb.

In this volatile and unstable climate choose to be a **bridge**! Yes, you will be walked on and scorned by the extremes. "*Be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove*" and you will honor the Mediator who with bloody arms spread wide brought together those on both sides of the raging river. Be a **bridge**!



## Announcements

## Prayer Requests

### Eastern European Contributions

In addition to your regular contribution please consider supporting Eastern European Missions. If you prefer you can send your designated check to the church office through the mail and there will also be an opportunity for you to contribute online.

### **Thank you!**

Thank you to Melva Willbanks, the Seela's and Elaine Roberts for the clean-up of the kitchen. The kitchen had a very busy workout last week-end with all the activity and the kitchen sparkled for our guests. We really appreciate you wonderful people.

### Creative Christian Art Guild

Meetin(g postponed on October 4, 2020 due to precautions taken by the Elders. (See Bulletin and Phone Tree message.)

### Whitman Park Needs

The following is an updated list for items needed for those at Whitman Park. Delivery will be at 4:30 pm on October 17th. If you can help prepare sandwiches, and/or the Park, be at the church building on that day at 3 pm. See Pam Hurd with questions.  
Items Needed:

Small flashlights with batteries  
Deodorant  
Gloves  
Lip Balm  
Small lotion  
Small packages of tissues

### "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

### Thanksgiving Blessing Boxes

Please email or text Lesa Brassette (Les@Brassette.com or 640-2243) to receive an information packet about this new ministry. Also send names with contact info if you would be blessed by a food box this Thanksgiving or know of a family that would. As always, holler with questions!

### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Kelsee Dixon and Brian Crosby will be getting married in Lubbock TX October 17. Brian is currently attending Sunset International Bible Institute for youth ministry and Kelsee is at Lubbock Christian University to obtain secondary education degree, both plan to finish out their studies in Lubbock. We will hold a Wedding Shower locally to celebrate their new lives together when they have a break in December, more details to come later. If you would like to wish them well closer to their wedding, feel free to email Monica for more information, address, or their gift registry at [dixonmonica139@gmail.com](mailto:dixonmonica139@gmail.com)

Monica Dixon

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

**Melody Smith**, wife of former Minister, Bill Smith, passed away

on Thursday of last week. Our prayers are with Bill and their children. If you would like to send a card the address is:

Kris Smith  
5505 28th St.  
Lubbock, TX 79407

**Ed Riddle**—He will have shoulder surgery tomorrow in Delta. He may be required to spend the night in the hospital there. He will have to be in a sling for about 6 weeks.

**Chuck Dunlap**—In VA Hospital Room 3411. He is suffering with fluid in his lungs. When he is stabilized, he will be entering rehab for 20 days and at this point, his condition will be re-evaluated.

**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 and attended services last Sunday. 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. Ben has a brother & sister there looking after her but he is considering going there also as he is concerned over her deteriorating health. 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 but is dealing with some serious itching. 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, Marion Tidwell, 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

September 27, 2020

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| Attendance                              | 120         |
| Weekly Contributions September 27, 2020 | \$ 9,136.00 |
| Contribution 4 week average             | \$ 6,101.25 |
| 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](http://pattersonroad.church) - The little green "Give" button is at the top right.*

### "Don't Just

Don't just learn, experience.  
Don't just read, absorb.  
Don't just change, transform.  
Don't just relate, advocate.  
Don't just promise, prove.  
Don't just criticize, encourage.  
Don't just think, ponder.  
Don't just take, give.  
Don't just see, feel.  
Don't just dream, do.  
Don't just hear, listen.  
Don't just talk, act.  
Don't just tell, show.  
Don't just exist, live."

— Roy T. Bennett

### Jeremy Antwine—Announcements for October

#### No Services Today or Wednesday Evening 10/7/2020

#### Susan Towles—Communion Table 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.**

