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# Real Life News & Notes

*Patterson Road church of Christ*

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

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## **The Time is Now!**

This is the time of year when many of us think about changes we can make to improve our lives, serve God better and help others more. New beginnings are important and necessary. It is all too easy to get into a rut and not move forward. It is also very easy after making all kinds of resolutions to find ourselves breaking them all too soon. Lowe's motto is "never stop improving" and is a good one for all of us to live by. Below are some ideas as to how that motto might motivate us and help us.

**Decide where you want to end up.** What is your ultimate goal? None of us will get where we want to be if we do not know where that is. Paul said, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). I want to end up in Heaven.

**Give it your all.** Totally dedicate yourself to getting what you want. Make sure it is worth it. Jesus once said, "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?" (Matthew 16:26). Everything has a price. Are we willing to pay the price for what we want? Notice in the above scripture Paul says, "...straining toward what is ahead, I press on..." Life is not an easy road. Winning the battle is not easy. But, heaven will be "worth the trip. Give it your all!

**Avoid distractions and delusions.** We can be enamored by riches, fame or fun; things that bring temporary satisfaction but end up disappointing and damaging us. Paul said, "I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish that I may gain Christ" (Philippians 3:8). Things of this life are fleeting and ultimately worthless (rubbish); things of the next life are eternal and invaluable. You choose.

Let's all decide today to make this year the best year every by making the best choices ever to get the best rewards ever: eternal life in the presence of God.

Through Jesus our Lord, John Cooper

**Memory Verse For January-Romans 6:4**

**"We too may live a new life"**

## Our Gathering Today

### Sermon

Last week we digested a powerful text from the aging apostle Peter (2 Peter 1:3-4). We learned that the promises of God are directly connected to sharing in his Divine Nature and result in everything we need for life and godliness. The promises of God are steadfast and sure. This morning we will look at a few of those promises upon which we as God's children firmly stand.

**Welcome Guests!** Thank you for being with us! We trust your time here this morning will be an encouragement and blessing. We invite you to participate in and share with us in the communion as the Lord's Supper emblems are passed. Please let us know how we might serve you and pray for you.

### Acts of Service...The Face of Jesus.

**"Thank you" to all who helped with Jean Hollinger's memorial service: Sue Boyle** for organizing the meal (we fed about 75 people) and all those who cooked, brought and served. **Ed Seela** who was here early helping me shovel and clear the sidewalks as well as **Elaine, Craig and Ty Roberts** who shoveled and de-iced. The singers organized by **Evelyn Barslund and Kay Gehrett** and sounded heavenly. **Joe Jones** who seamlessly ran the Tech Booth with recordings, slides, videos and **Trisha Yeager** who ran the sound board. It is no surprise that **in death** our church rises to **life**. Because of the death of Jesus we live in each other's lives through love and service. Thank you all! And those whose names were not mentioned...well, you have a special jewel in your crown :-)

### \*\*The Truth Project.\*\*

Starts this Wednesday night at 7pm. **A clarification:** I (Doug) am coordinating the 12 session class but **the video is the class and will take up the entire hour.** Our tour guide/teacher is **Dr. Del Tackett** who has taught theology extensively on the college level and is retired from the Air Force where he served as Vice Commander of Cheyenne Mountain (NORAD) as well as on president Bush's White House staff on the National Security Council.

**Please join us beginning January 7 at 7pm. Bring a friend, neighbor or Truth seeker!**

### "Love One Another!"

### Wednesday Bible Classes

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday January 7, 2015. Doug Clayton will begin teaching the adult class in the auditorium with a video entitled "The Truth Project".

### Nursery Attendants Needed

If you can help in the nursery on Sunday mornings, please sign up on the clipboard just outside the nursery door in the hallway. See Sharon Riddle if you have questions

### Meals Needed:

If you would like to help provide a meal for the Yeager family as they welcome new baby Kate, please log on to [www.carecalendar.org](http://www.carecalendar.org) to sign up. Calendar ID: 200497, Security Code: 5000. If you have any questions, please see Jenna Hill. Thank you!

### New Address

Curtis & Keri Fleming have moved and their new address is 543 Lucas Ct., G.J. CO, 81507. Matt & Kathleen Lee will be staying at the Fleming's old address while they look for a house. Their address will be 2233 Village Ct., G.J. CO 81507 for the time being.

### Homeless Shelter Meal

Tomorrow evening is our turn to prepare and serve the evening meal at the Homeless Shelter on North Ave. La-sagna trays will be distributed in the foyer right after morning assembly today. Servers should be at the shelter by 4:30 PM tomorrow.

### Shepherds. (cc: church staff)

Just returned from St. Marys on this early new years morning. Dr. decided late last night Tom could not wait for surgery. They completed a triple bypass a few hours ago and they are happy with the results. Robin's daughter Christy and family drove over from Denver during the night and Tommy Jr. is flying in from Alaska today as well. Keep Tom in your prayers for a good and uneventful recovery. (St. Mary's room 328 for now)

Ann's mother continues to hang on in TN. Just playing it by ear. John Cooper said he would be happy to preach for me when I go, whether sooner or later. When the time comes I will be doing her funeral and will plan to stay through one Sunday.

Thank you all for your love and concern for God's flock. I would encourage each of you to continue to be invested personally with our church family through visits, calls, and admonitions for them to remain steadfast in their faith and unified in Christ during this New Year.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace through his Spirit as you trust in him" - Romans 15:13

blessings,

Doug

Please keep the following requests in your daily prayers. Your prayers are important and appreciated. Thank You!

ANNE CLAYTON AND FAMILY....her mother is very ill and is not expected to live very long. Pray for her and all of the family at this most difficult time. Also for Anne's safety when she travels there.

Pray for safety for those traveling this time of year....whether for holidays or to funerals as the Hollinger family, or other reasons. And prayers of thanksgiving for those who have had safe journeys this month, as lot of people traveled and there have been many storms.

Prayers of thanksgiving that the Mendenhall family are recovering from flu and pneumonia. And that Mary's scan showed the spot on her liver has not changed in size or shape. Rich is now out of the hospital and recovering from pneumonia. They have been in Arizona for several weeks and will be returning as soon as they are able. More prayers of thanksgiving that the surgery for DAKOTA HARRIS, the Jones grandson, went well and he is recovering from the staph infection that he got recently. LAURA WEBB, also is doing better, again prayers of thanksgiving. Continue to remember these as they continue to be monitored for these health issues.

Pray for the infection in BRUCE GERBER's foot to heal complete, as it continues to return. Pray for the medication to heal it completely.

Continue to pray for VELMA CHAMBERS as she recovers at Larchwood from the injuries caused by a fall. Prayers of thanksgiving that she is doing better. Pray for comfort and peace for her.

Continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones recently. Pray for comfort and peace from our Lord for them.

JOHN CHAMBERS is in the VA hospital with failing health, continue to pray for comfort and healing for him.

TOM ENGLISH....he is undergoing test for serious heart problems. Pray that the tests will go well and they will be able to determine proper treatment, which will probably entail surgery for blockage. Pray for him for healing and strength to have the surgery, for comfort for both he and Robin and that the surgery will work to solve the immediate problem.

Continue to pray daily for:

missionaries and their families. Many are in dangerous places. Pray for their safety and for strength and wisdom as they bring Christ to the lost.

Military folks and their families, again they are in dangerous places. Pray for physical safety for them and for guidance and wisdom, strength and spiritual safety as they fight some very evil enemies.

Persecuted Christians around the world. The persecution is getting more intense, pray for safety and strength, strong faith and protection from the Lord for them. As they are suffering in many horrible ways and many are dying for their faith.

for safety for the Humanitarian groups that are helping the victims of radical Islam, with food, shelter, water and many of the workers have been killed also. Pray the resources they need will be provided and many will be saved from the enemy by those who are risking everything to help.

For those with long term illnesses that must be dealt with every day. Pray for their comfort and healing and peace. also our women who are expecting babies, and the aging problems of the elderly. Keep them all in your prayers for peace, comfort and strength. And pray for those with various addictions to be able to overcome them.

Our church family and our leaders here. Pray we will be about our Father's business as He would have us be. Pray for guidance for our leaders and the desire for all of us to do God's will and reach the lost.

For our nation and the leaders, pray for them to return to God and lead in the way He would have them, for the world leaders also...may they not lead selfishly as many are but for the good of their countries and the best for their people. And prayer for the elections here in the US in 2016, for God to guide us in choosing our president and others, that He will reveal to us who it is that He has chosen, and that we will exercise our privilege of voting.

Prayers of thanksgiving and praise always to our loving and merciful God for the blessings and sustenance we receive from His hand on a continuing basis. Our God is an awesome God and we need to give him the honor He deserves because of who He is. Pray our lives will bring only glory and honor to His name.

## Youth News

No huddle this evening. January huddles are scheduled for the 11th and 25th. Please contact Keri Fleming to host.



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## For the Record

Dec. 28, 2014

Attendance	291
Average Attendance, 3rd qtr.	243
Contributions	\$4,924.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

## Communion Preparation—January

Leonard & Lynne Harvey

## Communion Table 1/4

Gabe Wilkins

## Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in January

David Olree  
 Brian Peacock  
 Dale Pirtle  
 Eric Pennal  
 Ted Reaves  
 Ed Riddle  
 Tim Riddle  
 Craig Roberts

## Announcements

Ron Wilson-January  
 Scott Ferguson-February  
 Curtis Fleming—March

## Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

### Sunday Morning Adult Classes—9:00 AM—9:45 AM

Bill Wade—Making a Worthy Christian Walk—Auditorium  
 Vince Urbina, Book of Romans—103  
 Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

### Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Doug Clayton—Auditorium

### Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

### Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2—Nursery  
 2 & 3 yr. old—104  
 Pre KK, Kindergarten—205  
 1st & 2nd Grade—209  
 3rd thru 5th Grade—208  
 Middle School—213  
 High School—203

2 & 4 yr. old—104  
 Kindergarten 1st & 2nd—205  
 3rd thru 5th Grade—208  
 All teens meet in—203

## Sunday Morning Worship at Mesa View Retirement Center Starts At 10 A.M.

Jan 4 Bud Treu, Mike Hurd  
 Jan 11 Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey  
 Jan 18 Bill Tidwell, David Olree  
 Jan 25 Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence  
 Feb 1 Bob Howard, Dave Scheuerman  
 Feb 8 Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt  
 Feb 15 Bud Treu, Mike Hurd  
 Feb 22 Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey  
 Mar 1 Bill Tidwell, David Olree  
 Mar 8 Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence  
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Acts 2:1-12  
 Acts 2:22-41  
 Acts 2:42-47  
 Acts 3:1-10  
 Acts 4:1-12  
 Acts 4:13-22  
 Acts 4:32-36  
 Acts 5:1-11  
 Acts 5:17-32  
 Acts 6:1-7  
 Acts 7:51-8:3  
 Acts 8:4-25  
 Acts 8:26-40

Visitors welcome.