

# Real Life News & Notes

# Patterson Road church of Christ

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

# Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Graduation

At my high school graduation a wet dog had decided to crash our ceremony and ran through the mass of seated graduates thoroughly enjoying himself. The pooch stopped at my chair, sniffed my leg, decided I was friendly, and ended up in my lap. I held on to him for a while and stroked his head until he got bored and jumped down and ran off. Other than sitting in the hot California sun wearing a purple polyester gown and throwing my cap, I could not tell you much about the entire experience, except that I was among friends and family and I knew that I had been forever freed from Mr. Jacob's torturous trigonometry problems and the stale smell of the lunch room. I actually don't remember walking across the stage and getting that sacred diploma. All that to say, those things we seem to look forward to most in life are not about the shallow pageantry, the boring and trite speeches, the goofy gowns, listening for your name and hearing instead an air horn or screams of lottery winning proportions from people who have witnessed a miracle in seeing their "D minus" student in line in front of you actually graduate.

In a few days seniors from our church family will participate in a similar ceremony. I can tell you that when I see them today and when I look back on them in a few years I will not think of endless servings of potato salad, ceremonial cake, long winded speeches, or a thousand stanzas of "Pomp and Circumstance." Instead, as I choke back a tear I will see precious treasures entrusted to me by God as young souls placed in my life to remind me of the sacred trust of humanity and the indescribable value of faith, family, friends, and love.

CJ (Cierra), Rayleigh, Megan, and Tucker (Morgan and Kaitlin too) as we have been granted the privilege of being your faith escorts for a short time may God bless you with wisdom rather than easy answers, challenges that forge your character, frustration enough to teach you patience, love that transcends infatuation, joy that runs deeper than mere happiness, productive struggle reminding you Who to trust, the constant awareness of your own forgiven sin so you may freely dispense grace to others, the kind and sensitive heart that recognizes sad eyes and does something about it, the daily unfettered wonder of butterflies and sunsets, the calm smiles of inner peace, serenity in the midst of storms, confidence without cockiness, respect without fear, and an overflowing presence of Jesus' love that wraps you in hope all the days of your life.

We love each of you. You are and always will be special members of this church family... and my other children! Go with God. Go in grace. Know you are loved. Go live the abundant and adventure filled life of a Jesus follower!

#### **Youth News**

Class today: Middle and high school are both in the high school room.

Senior Sunday: 5:30 at the building to honor our graduating seniors! Be there or be square!

Pit on Wednesday: Pit is back!!! Join us at 7pm for dinner and a devo in the pit!

Camp forms are available: Print one out online and get it in ASAP!

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Memory Verse For May—Ephesians 2:5

"by grace you have been saved"

#### OUR GATHERING TODAY

**Sermon:** Brian Peacock will be blessing us this morning with words from God.

Brian we are thankful for you and know the decision you have made to step down from your ministry position was done so with much thought and prayer. Let us know, as your church family, how we might serve you and Rachel and make this transition smooth for you.

**Guests:** Thank you for being here this morning. Please let us greet you and know how we might pray for you or otherwise serve you. If you embrace Jesus as Lord, the Son of God then we embrace you as our fellow Christians and invite you to share in communion with us as it is passed to you today. Please enjoy the gift bread and fill out the card and place it in the offering tray.

#### **Honduras Mission**

The Honduran mission effort is coming up in July. Today there will be a special contribution to help fund the mission. We are starting to collect tooth paste, tooth brushes and Ibuprofen to take with us. There will be a collection box in the lobby starting today until Sunday June 29th. These are items they never have enough of.—If you have questions, see Mike Hughes.

#### VBS Date Change

A date change for VBS has become necessary! We are moving it to July 21-25, in the evenings. There will be an organizational meeting Tuesday, May 6 at 7 PM here at the building for VBS workers. If you can volunteer to help, let Lesa Brassette know!

#### **Creative Christian Art Guild**

Due to the graduates setting up in the fellowship hall for tonight's celebration, the art guild will meet at 1 PM in Room 103 today.

#### **Senior Grad Night Tonight**

Tonight at 5:30 Pm we will be celebrating our graduating seniors. Family/friends and seniors can set up their tables starting at 2 PM today. Everyone is invited to join the celebration. Please bring a finger food type dish to share. Cake will be provided.

#### Mother's Day Sunday

On Sunday May 11, we will be having our baby dedication. If you have a child 2 years and under and have not previously participated, please sign up in foyer or fellowship hall. This is a short ceremony and prayer at the beginning of the worship service. Feel free to take pictures if you like. We would like to have both parents come to front with child, if possible.

#### **Church Picnic**

Our annual church picnic will be on May 18 at the Lion's Club shelter in Riverbend Park, Palisade. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

#### House Fire

April Hoppe, a friend of Celina Martinez, has lost most everything in a recent house fire. April has a girl, 6 years old and a boy, 9 years old. They are in need of clothing, shoes, toys and other basic needs. If you can help, see Celina. She is in the auditorium today.

#### **John Cooper Activities**

John will be preaching in Montrose today and Holly accompanied him on the trip. He wishes to express his gratitude to this congregation for providing the means to enable him to carry out his outreach ministry and asks for prayers that his efforts be blessed and he may benefit these small congregations with his teachings.

#### **Mary Cathey Memorial**

The memorial for Mary will be Tuesday, May 6 at 11 AM here at the building with a dinner for the family right after the service. Melva Willbanks is coordinating the meal and she has been out of town this week so let her know today if you can help.

#### **Genie's Address**

Genie Deister has been seriously ill and having many problems with her eyesight. Many of you have asked for her address to send cards of encouragement. Her address is:

Genie Deister 4107 Garden Lake Drive Kingwood, TX 77339

#### **Homeless Shelter Meals**

Monday, May 5, will be our opportunity to prepare and serve the evening meal at the homeless shelter on North Ave. This will be the last monthly meal we will serve for a while. Pam Hurd reports that the shelter will be undergoing re-model during the summer.

The lasagna trays will be distributed in the foyer right after morning assembly and servers should be at the shelter by 5:30 PM.

#### **Youth Summer Camp Meeting**

Next Sunday (May 11), all interested adults are invited to meet in the junior high classroom for a meeting about summer camp. If you are interested in being a part of camp, it's not too late! Contact Brian or come to the meeting for more details.

#### **Website For Meals**

Bobbi Tourney has set up a website to provide meals for Kay Gehrett during her surgery recovery. Web Site address is **www.carecalendar.org/logon/180444**, **security code is 7095**. If you have problems logging on, see Bobbi and she can help you.

## **Special Prayer Requests**

Please include the following in your daily prayers. Your prayers are so important and may be life changing, even world changing!

Ranelle Noble requests prayers for her daughter, Kelli Whiting who is suffering from stage 3 cancer. Ranelle will be visiting with us until about May 16.

Continued prayers for Kelly Roper and Brian Peacock for healing from injuries received in accidents.

For Laura, & Sharlene Francisco & John Reed, who are fighting cancer. Janice as she goes for treatment for a a rare cancer...and for the right decisions to be made for the type of treatment, and healing. For Tracy as she heals from cancer treatment and waits for her hair to come back and to be cancer free. She thanks you for the prayers she knows you have sent up on her behalf.

Barb Roth, for comfort and peace as she is in her final stages of cancer in many places. And for strength for her family.

For Linda Carly for continued improvement of her Parkinson's symptoms. Thanksgiving for the relief the surgery brought to her.

James Osmondson...for continued healing of his burns.

Tana Ingram for her pregnancy to come to full term this time after several miscarriages.

For Gabe Wilkins, Sherry Bradley, Kay Gehrett for healing from surgeries. And for Kelsay Heath in her upcoming surgery May 8.

Kathy Deister—She has had some health issues this past week but she reports she is feeling better. Keep the Deister family in your prayers as Genie is also ill in Texas.

For Susan Towles to recovery quickly from pneumonia.

For Donna Ault, wife of missionary Chester Ault. She is having seizures and has had to stop many of her activities, such as driving. Pray for healing and patience and strength for her and Chester.

Pray for Jan Nelson's friend Becky Cornett...for a quick recovery from surgery and relief from pain...and patience during the process of rehab.

For relief of pain for Verlyn Mathews.

For comfort for the families of Mary Cathey, Sheri Crowe's mother, and Neva Daniels (LuAnn Kiser's mother), all of these ladies left us last week.

Pray for the tornado victims in Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi and other parts of the South East region of our country. Pray for relief for survivors and the families of those killed in these devastating storms..

For families struggling with troubled teens, addictions or other problems that are causing them pain and disruption, that they will all be able to let God in their lives and be helped by His healing.

For our missionaries and families and the Church around the world.

For our nation and the leaders, as well as the world leaders that they will lead in a way that will promote peace .

For our Military people and their families for safety and peace wherever they are.

For our church family to be the people God intended us to be, that we will bring many to the Lord and will bring glory to Him by our lives.



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#### **For the Record**

April 27, 2014

Attendance Average Attendance, 4th qtr. Contributions Budget

246 238 \$6.350.00 \$6,726.00

#### Communion Preparation—May

**Barbara Akers** 

Bill Wade Parish Williams

Communion Table 5/4/14

**Bobby Heath** 

Announcements: Scott Ferguson-May

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in May

Marvin Trumbo

A. J. Urbina

Vince Urbina

Dan Vorse Josh Vorse

Matthew Vorse

Curtis Fleming—June Ron Wilson—July

## Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Tom Deister-Young Adult (Under 30)——Room 207
Jenna Hill, Ladies Class———103

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

#### Sunday Morning Children's Classes

# -Nursery 2 & 4 yr. old-Cradle Roll—Birth to 2 —

### Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

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

May 4 Wes Yeager, Scott Delancy May 11 Bill Tidwell Dave Scheuerman Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt May 18 May 25 Bud Treu, Mike Hurd June 1 Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris

Col. 1:15-2:5 Col. 2:6-23 Col. 3:1-17 Col. 3:18-4:1 Col. 4:2-6

#### 1 Corinthians 16:13

Be on your quard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.