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# Real Life News & Notes

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

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## Sips From The Well (by Doug Clayton)

### **Trafficking**

In last week's Mother's Day sermon I alluded to the unthinkable suffering and destruction of innocence caused by "**Human trafficking, most commonly for the purpose of sexual slavery, forced labor, or commercial sexual exploitation.**" The enslaving of girls and young ladies for the sexual gratification of others represents an estimated \$32 billion of international trade per year and is a worldwide plague.

Jesus often talked about man's perversions of God's intent. He reminded us that sexual sin starts in the heart: "**If you look at a woman with lust in your heart, then you have already committed adultery...**" Sex Trafficking, even in America, is not a new crisis. Throughout history the sins of treating God's precious creations as property, instruments of self-gratification and slaves to be brutalized, has been ongoing and the consequences are without borders, for they de-value the inherent worth of its victims and all humanity.

### **What is our calling as Christians, followers of Jesus, in this horrific battle?**

1. We are called to treat all people, especially our daughters, sisters, and wives, as Jesus treated them; with dignity, respect, equality in society, the home, and in our churches, befitting the glorious gifts and holy status of their **God-imaged** value.
2. We are called to agree with Jesus that lusting after a woman is committing sexual sin against her and is on the same moral continuum as adultery and trafficking.
3. We are called to confess that every time pornography is viewed for selfish gratification and exploitation that it contributes to and condones sex trafficking. In a phrase: *If we indulge pornography, we might as well sell the women in our life to a pimp or trafficker.*
4. We are called to acknowledge that without the putrid seeds of pornography and illicit sexual behavior that the rotten fruit of homes and marriages destroyed by infidelity, and girls kidnapped and sold into sexual slavery would be far less rampant.
5. Google "**Sex Trafficking**" and brace yourself for a difficult yet needful education. Then begin again to bring the conversation of sexual purity into your home, your marriage, your dorm room, your workplace, your church, so that Satan's perversion of God's beautiful gift of sex is no longer used as a weapon of unimaginable pain against family members and innocents around the world.
6. Consider contributing to a reputable organization that is faithfully using donations to fight trafficking, imprison perpetrators, and bring God's daughters home to begin the delicate and loving process of emotional and physical healing and re-birthing into a restored life.
7. Pray for and imagine a world without pornography, infidelity, and sexual exploitation. Live that dream every day and help answer the prayer by refusing to contribute to the nightmare!

As disciples of Jesus we are constantly called to ask ourselves what changes we need to make in our life. Our view of women and sex reflects our view not only of God but of our daughters, sisters, wives, and mothers.

**Do the one thing today, every day, that you wish you could do for everyone to help stop the cursed epidemic of sexual exploitation and reclaim dignity and safety for God's daughters in our home, our community, and worldwide.**

**Memory Verse For May—Ephesians 2:5**

**"by grace you have been saved"**

## ***OUR GATHERING TODAY***

**Sermon:** Jesus used all of his creation as a visual aid. Today we will see how **talking to a tree** provided the venue for learning about stewardship, faith, and lost opportunity in the kingdom of God.

**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 then we embrace you as our fellow Kingdom travelers 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.

**Good news. Great news! The best of all news!!** You are a sinner but you have been set free from the penalty of sin and death by the blood of Jesus! Jesus Christ, the son of God, came down to earth in order to be and provide the perfect sin sacrifice for you. He died, was buried, and rose victoriously over death in the resurrection to forever seal the deal. As you place your trust in Jesus, claim him as Lord and allow your heart and life to be changed as you share in the death, burial, and resurrection with Him through baptism, the penalty for your sins is completely and forever paid and the Holy Spirit comes to live inside you. No need to wait, **"Come on in, the water's fine!"**

**"Love one another!"**

### 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 until Sunday June 29th. If you have questions, see Mike Hughes.

### Church Picnic

Our annual church picnic will be today at the Lion's Club shelter in Riverbend Park, Palisade. We will be serving chicken. Please bring side dishes and/or desserts. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### Foyer Project

The Art Guild ministry led by Cindy King will be decorating and upgrading the foyer starting in June and the picture boards will be coming down. The pictures have been removed and are on the table in foyer. If you want to keep your picture, please get it as soon as possible.

### Thank You

Cierra Pennal (along with her parents) thanks everyone who helped celebrate her graduation from high school. The outpouring of love, support, food, and gifts at the Senior Grad Night was overwhelming and extremely appreciated. Thank you to Kristie Gomez and others for the all the work they did to provide us graduates with such a special evening. I feel truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family

### Bread Ministry

Della Fiske/Turner is updating the schedule for the bread ministry. Della asks that you bake 4 small loaves of bread once a year to be handed out to guests on Sunday morning. If you have not participated in the past and would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Della to sign up.

### 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](http://www.carecalendar.org/logon/180444)**, security code is 7095. If you have problems logging on, see Bobbi and she can help you.

### Art Guild Meeting

The Art Guild will meet today after the picnic in the fellowship hall. See Cindy King if you have questions.

### VBS Needs

Card board boxes are needed for decorating for VBS. See Pam Hurd for further details.

### Thank You

Thank you to Mom's church family and friends for all of the prayers, encouragement and kind words during this time. She loved you all so dearly.—*The children of Mary Cathey*

### Peggy Lamkin

Peggy Lamkin, mother of Sheri Heath passed away last Thursday at the Hospice Center. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time. Please keep the family in your prayers.

SHERI HEATH & FAMILY—Peggy Lamkin, mother of Sheri Heath, passed away last week in Hospice. Funeral arrangements are pending. Keep the family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

MARGIE LEWIS—Melva Willbanks mother. She fell and fractured her hip. She is now in re-hab but is scheduled to be released this coming week and Melva will be spending time in Cortez getting her settled at home with Home Health Care. Pray for her speedy recovery.

Pray for Kay Wilson's mom who was to have shoulder surgery, but was found to have a heart issue, so is undergoing tests to determine the problem and what needs to be done. She will not have the surgery until it is determined her heart is okay to proceed. Pray for a good outcome for her and for comfort.

The Wes Yeager's will be traveling to visit family, pray for safety in travel, and also for Sheila's dad, who is in the final stages of cancer, to have comfort and peace. And pray for his family.

Pray for Jimmie's granddaughter who is pregnant with twins. Pray for the health and safety of them all through the pregnancy and delivery.

Pray for Becky, Randy Romkee's and Vickie South's daughter who was diagnosed with MS recently. For strength and guidance in learning to live with and treat it. Pray for it to go into and remain in remission.

Pray for LuAnn Moore, Randy Moore's wife, (Janet Moore-Cox' Daughter in law) who has been diagnosed with stage 3 cancer. Pray for healing and comfort for her and strength for her family.

Pray for Vickie Biocic's granddaughters...Tana Ingram, who is pregnant, that she will be able to carry this baby to term and both she and the baby will be healthy. And Mandie Biocic, who is on a mission trip in Africa and is very ill, no diagnosis yet as to the cause, pray for healing and good health and strength for her and her family.

Pray for our elders as they set about the task of finding a Youth minister as Brian steps down. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they begin the search and for the Lord to lead them to the right person for the job.

Sheila Yeager's father, Larry Robinson, diagnosed with malignant throat cancer. He is in Hospice in Corpus Christi, Texas. Keep the family in your prayers. Also, the Yeager family is in Montana this week visiting the Iverson's (Paul & Kathy). God grant them a safe trip.

Pray for Barb Akers as she is going through a difficult time now.

Jan Nelson is in Houston with her friend Janice who is under going treatments for a rare type of cancer...pray for the treatments to work for Janice and for healing, also for comfort, strength and peace for her as she goes through the treatments.

Continue to pray for Kelli Whiting who is dealing with stage 3 cancer...for healing, comfort and strength for her and her family.

Continue prayers for Brian Peacock for healing and comfort.

Continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones lately.

Pray for Lynn Harvey that the infection in her foot will heal quickly and completely.

Pray for the victims of the many recent tornados and other bad storms. Pray for God's comfort and guidance as they work through the long process of getting their lives back in order again.

Also do not forget to bring before our God our military people and families, our missionaries and families, and the church around the world, especially in the areas where Christians are in danger constantly, our nation and the leaders as well as the world leaders, and for our church family here. Pray for God's blessings and guidance on all of these, may His will be done in all things.

Pray for the success of the upcoming summer camp and also this years VBS... and for all those who will be helping with these, as well as for the attendees. Pray for much good be done through these efforts to further the Kingdom and train up our children and young people to love and serve our Lord.

A prayer of thanksgiving that Kathy Deister is better and back with us!! also Genie is better, so praises are in order for answered prayers for the Deister family.

### Youth News

**No huddle tonight:** Come to the church picnic!

**Pit on Wednesday:** Join us at 7pm in the pit for dinner and a special speaker!!

**CAMP!** Get your forms in! Get your physicals done! Forms are available on the church website.



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## For the Record

May 11, 2014

Attendance	276
Average Attendance, 4th qtr.	238
Contributions	\$7,072.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

## Communion Preparation—May

Barbara Akers

Communion Table 5/18/14

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

Marvin Trumbo  
A. J. Urbina  
Vince Urbina  
Dan Vorse  
Josh Vorse  
Matthew Vorse  
Bill Wade  
Parish Williams

Announcements: **Scott Ferguson—May**  
**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—Auditorium  
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207  
Bob & Bobby Heath, O.T. Survey—202

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

John Cooper—Life's Lessons—Auditorium

### 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

### Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

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.

May 18  
May 25  
June 1

Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt  
Bud Treu, Mike Hurd  
Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris

Col. 3:1-17  
Col. 3:18-4:1  
Col. 4:2-6

## **Psalms 16:11 NIV**

*You have made known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.*