

Real Life News & Notes

Patterson Road church of Christ

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

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Sanctified

Sanctify is "to separate, set apart, and to make holy." In John 17 Jesus prays for the sanctification of his disciples by the truth of his Father's Word and then is quick to explain that he (Jesus) is that Word, the Truth. This means that sanctification is not based on human effort.

I grew up with the misunderstanding that sanctification by "truth" meant and required at least two things: First, weekly engaging in "true" and mandatory acts of worship (5 of them to be exact) in the Sunday assembly. And second, sanctification came as a result of having and holding "true" or "sound" biblical doctrine. This, or so I was taught by sincere but misguided people, was the basis for my being considered faithful to God, set apart, and saved. This false view of sanctification is not without problems: It creates a standard for salvation that human works can never satisfy (Eph. 2:8-9), it is spiritually debilitating, divisive, and burdensome (Gal. 5:1), and it is contrary to what Jesus taught (2 Peter 3:16).

As we can see from the following phrases in church ads some still consider **sanctification by truth** a result of human effort via worship forms that set them apart from others: "Faithfully restoring New Testament worship." "We are committed to restoring the faithful worship practices of the first century church." "Church is not for social events. We worship in spirit and truth." The implication is, first, no other church does it quite as right as they do. And second, that the thing that makes them acceptable to God, the most important thing, is not the sanctifying work of Christ or "faith expressing itself through love" (Galatians 5:6) but being able to somehow decipher a maze of acceptable worship practices for one hour a week, and if this religious rubric cube is solved then and only then are we set apart and sanctified as Christ's true worshipping body, the saved.

When Jesus says we are sanctified by *truth* he is **not** saying we become set apart or saved as a result of engaging in acceptable worship mechanics or having fully arrived at doctrinal understandings. Jesus is saying that He, as the Truth, as the Living Word, and as a result of His sacrifice accomplishes sanctification for us, whereby God accepts us and sets us apart for his holy purpose. And because of Christ this sanctifying process continues in us despite our sin and our filthy rags of righteous deeds (Isa. 64:6) as we walk humbly and penitent before God. Being sanctified is the unique work of Jesus Christ as his Spirit daily transforms us to look less and less like our fallen selves and more and more like a our Holy Father.

If we let the Truth define *sanctification* it looks much less like what we do or attempt to do in worship and much more like what Jesus has done with his blood sacrifice reconciling us to the Father. If we let Jesus define *sanctification by truth* it looks much less like division and exclusion based on our imperfect interpretations and efforts and much more like unity and inclusion based on Jesus' perfect work. If we let Jesus define *sanctification by truth* it becomes a saving, liberating reality instead of a frustrating and impossible quest.

Sanctification is the grace generated, salvation motivated work of Jesus to continually separate us from the effects of our sin, set us apart for good works, and move us with penitent and obedient hearts back into the holy presence of God, the source of eternal life. **This is the** *Truth* **that sanctifies, secures, and sets us free!**

Thank you Jesus for your sanctifying power in us!

Memory Verse For June-1 John 3:1

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us."

Our Gathering Today

Guests: Thank you for being here! It can be an awkward and scary experience to come to a church where you see few if any familiar faces and are unsure where you should sit or if there is some kind of protocol to be followed. Please relax and feel like **you are coming into a** *living room*, a warm gathering, an inviting place where there are no expectations except to be loved, served and accepted in the name of Jesus. I know our church family will greet you and make you feel welcome. We hope you find our simple assembly to be a blessing and encouragement to help you closely follow Jesus this week. We invite you, as fellow disciples of Jesus, to share communion when it is passed.

Sermon: Today we finish our *Memorials and Markers* series looking at God's marker of **Communion (Lord's Supper).** The Rainbow reminded us to **Look up!** The 12 Stones of the Jordan reminded us to **Look Forward.** Baptism reminds us to **Look Inward and Cross-ward!** And the Marker of communion **reminds us to Look Outward.**

Wednesday Video series: The series is video and discussion based on Kyle Idleman's series entitled "gods at war". We watch a 15-20 minute video each week and then open God's word and discuss the challenges of fixing our hearts on God alone. Join us at 7pm in the auditorium this Wednesday as we consider the **"god's of money."**

"Love One Another!"

VBS Volunteer T-Shirts

If you are volunteering for VBS, we are asking all staff to have matching tshirts. Please give your shirt size to Lesa Brassette ASAP and contribute \$10, if you are able, toward the purchase. These will be Children's Ministry t-shirts and can be used for other events as well as at VBS in future years. (You don't have to be helping with VBS to get one of these shirts!)

VBS Pre-registration

Pre-registration for VBS is now available online! Go to the church website www.grandjunctionchurch.org and look for the VBS Registration link! In person pre-registration will begin on July 6! Consider getting your child pre-registered to help us plan and prepare better.

VBS Service Project

Kids will be spending some time making blankets for charity this year at VBS. We need 1 1/2 yard cuts of fleece to make this happen. Any color, from any store. Hobby Lobby has a great selection that is usually on sale 30% off but you can use their 40% off coupon to save a little more. Please begin bringing these in as soon as you can. There will be a collection box in the fellowship hall.

Empty Nester Information

The Empty Nester Group will be meeting on Saturday July 12 at 9:30 AM for breakfast at Village Inn on North Ave. After we will be going to Allen's Auto Museum. RSVP to Sherry Crowe 970.256.1127.

Thank You Elders!

WOW! Thank you so much for my bible. What a great gift. I am so blessed to have your church in my life. Thanks again.

Kaitlyn Vanderberg

Need Of Help

Levi Brannam's family and friends are helping to raise money to cover expenses related to his upcoming kidney transplant. After massive kidney failure and 2 1/2 years on dialysis, Levi is finally on the active transplant list at Porter Adventist Hospital. Insurance will cover most of the medical expenses but transportation and staying in Denver near the hospital for 4-5 weeks after the transplant and unknown medication related expenses after the transplant will not be covered. Levi is a member of the Olathe Church of Christ. Some may know his 2 daughters which are members at the Montrose Church of Christ. Those wishing to help Levi can go to: http://gfwd.at/1iY7ISk

Littleton COC Youth Group Visit

The Littleton <u>youth group</u> will arrive here tonight for a couple of days of service projects. They will join our youth group in the Pit at 6 PM for food, fun and fellowship. We have some projects lined up for them and if you need work, Talk to the youth Minister from Littleton. One of those projects will be here at the building. Youth-be here on Tuesday 10 AM . We should be finished by 1 PM.

Last Day to Donate Honduras supplies.

John Cooper Missions

John is in Montrose this morning preaching. He appreciates the support from this congregation to do his outreach work.

th of July Event

We will have a hamburger and hot dog lunch on Friday the 4th of July beginning at 12 Noon—? Meat and buns will be provided. The rest of the meal will be pot-luck. See Eddie Tinkle for details.

Special Prayer Requests

Ask our Father to protect the lives of the men and women of our armed forces. When they must go into battle, to shield them about with a hedge of protection and to show them His salvation.

Pray for safety for those who are traveling now and in the next few weeks...Lynn and Lila. Briggs, Shiloh Briggs family, and others that will soon be traveling.

Pray for those who are expecting babies and for safe delivery and healthy moms and babies.

Pray for those still battling cancer, LuAnn Moore, Kellie Whiting, and Janice Ferris. Pray for the treatments to work and for healing, comfort and peace for them and their families.

ASHLEY CROWE—Is in hospital for a ruptured appendix. She has had it removed and is now recovering. Pray for her complete recovery.

KATHY DEISTER—She will be going to Denver next week for aneurysm procedures.

MARGIE LEWIS—Melva took her home last week after she had spent some time in Mantey Heights with a broken hip. Pray that she is able to do for herself and her recovery is swift.

PHYLLIS HUNSINBGER—She reports that she is finally starting to feel better and her back surgery was a total success. She has had a tough time re-building her red blood cells and unfortunately must stay away from crowds. Pray that she has patience in the healing process and that she will be us again soon. She misses everyone.

Pray for the safety and protection of all missionary families and for their work in the Lord's kingdom.

Pray for our elders and leaders in our church family here, for God to give them wisdom and guidance as they go about securing a Youth Minister.

Pray that God will remember and bless all the sick and injured that we may not know about or who we may have forgotten.

Pray for the success of the upcoming VBS. Pray that we may reach many little children and they will remember what they have been taught as they have a wonderful learning experience.



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For the Record

June 15, 2014

Attendance Average Attendance, 1st qtr... Contributions **Budget**

\$4.491.00 \$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—June

Tom & Kathy Deister

Wes Yeager **Hunt Zumwalt** Robert Allen Karl Antwine

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in June

Rick Wilkins

Ron Wilson

Jeff Yeager

Jeremy Antwine

Announcements: Curtis Fleming-June Ron Wilson—July

Scott Ferguson—August

Communion Table 6/29/14

Bill Wade

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Tom Deister-

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7-8 PM

Young Adult (Under 30)——Room 207

Doug Clayton-——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

9 All teens meet in— -203

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

Jun 29	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Mt. 13:24-30, 36-43
Jul 6	Jerry Austin, Scott Delancy	Mt. 13:31-32, Mk 4:3-8
Jul 13	John Cooper, Dave Scheurman	Mt 13:33, Lk 13:20-21,
Jul 20	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Mt. 13:44-46
Jul 27	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Mt. 13:47-52
Aug 3	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Mt. 18:12-14, Lk. 15:3-7
Aug 10	Jerry Austin, Scott Delancy	Lk.15:8-10
Aug 17	John Cooper, Dave Scheurman	Lk. 15:11-32
Aug 24	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Mt. 18:23-25
Aug 31	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Mt. 20:1-6
Sept 7	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Mt. 21:28-32

Visitors welcome.