



Real Life News & Notes

Patterson Road church of Christ

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Suicide

Most all of us know someone who has been touched by suicide. It's heartbreaking on so many levels. In response to Robin Williams' recent suicide some Christians have written helpful and healing words while others have made Christ and his church appear judgmental. Below in *italics* is an edited version of Patrick Mead's (who holds two Doctorates in the mental health and biomedical science fields) recent response to those who would make rash judgments about it. See my Face Book page for full version.

"Some Christians reason this way: Murder is sinful. Suicide is murder. We must repent of sins. Suicides die because of their sin. Therefore suicides are lost and banned from heaven forever.

Suicide is defined by states as unlawful killing but that does not mean all suicide fits that definition. What about the captain who willingly goes down with his ship as he steers the doomed vessel away from survivors? A soldier who jumps on a grenade to save his squad knowing full well his actions will lead to his own death is not called a suicide but a heroic sacrifice.

What about Jesus? He came to earth knowing that we would kill him. He went to Jerusalem knowing full well he would be taken and killed. He went anyway. It could be argued that He even purposely inflamed his accusers and orchestrated the events that lead to his crucifixion. We don't call that suicide even though Jesus took deliberate, planned action knowing it would result in his death.

So not all intentional death is suicide, or at least, not unlawful killing and therefore not sinful. And...what if the suicide WAS sinful, what then? What about dying with "unrepentant" sin?

A story to make our point: Imagine you had a very foul mouth and were unable to complete a sentence without the F word or racial and sexual slurs. You hear about Jesus, realize your sins and want to change. You repent, are baptized, and try very hard to mend your ways. That same week you are working on a roof and slide off. On the way down you let loose with curses right before you hit the ground and die. Are you lost? I asked a couple ministers this once and they said "Yes." That astonished me. I asked why and they said "He died without repenting of those sins." My response was, "We all die with unrepented sins. We aren't even aware of some of them or we do things with the best of intentions believing them to be God's will and they are not. What then?" It got very quiet...

*It is not acceptable to assume or teach that all who take their own lives are lost. **What saves us in not perfection at death but whose hand we are holding at the time. If we belong to Jesus, we are saved. Period. The last thing broken, isolated people need is a self-righteous person telling them they don't believe enough.** Can a truly saved person commit suicide? Absolutely. There are certain tragic intersections of pain, weakness, fear, loneliness and desperation that can come together in a terrible nexus point and throw the strongest among us into a downward spiral that, if not arrested, ends tragically. The last thing Christians should do is judge that person and their family. We place suicide in the hands of the One who knows all and forgives the sins of others as well as our sins."*

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Memory Verse For August—Col 1:13

"He has rescued us".

Our Gathering Today

Guests: We hope you enjoy the visitors bread and please fill out the card and place it in the collection plate when it comes by. Our Church family will greet you and make you feel welcome this morning. We hope you find our gathering of Believers in Christ to be an encouragement as you are edified to and challenged in your walk with the Lord this week. If you trust in Jesus Christ for your salvation and remember his sacrifice, we invite you to share communion when it is passed. **Please let us know how we might serve you and pray for you this week.**

Sermon: This morning we conclude our look at **Treasure in jars** from **2 Corinthians 4**. **May God's word bless and fill us this morning as we resolve anew to be salt and light in our world this week.**

Next Sunday John Cooper will preach and update us in his Guam mission efforts.

"Love One Another!"

Empty Nesters Event

Today at 5:00 PM the empty nest couples will be meeting at Lincoln Park for a concert, "Evening Under the Stars". Bring chairs and your own dinner. (Food also available to buy at the park). RSVP to Sherry Crowe.

Quilting Ministry

The quilting ministry is taking some time off. They will not be meeting again until September 9.

Montrose COC Area Wide Singing

There is going to be an area wide singing at the Montrose Church of Christ today at 3 p.m. followed with a fellowship time which sandwiches will be served. John Cooper will also be preaching in Montrose on that day.

Potluck Dinner 8/31/14

We will have a potluck dinner right after morning assembly on 8/31/14. Bring a favorite dish, invite your friends and join us for good food and wonderful fellowship. Visitors are encouraged to join us. There will be plenty of food.

Apartment Needed

Joe Rivera is still looking for a 1 bedroom apartment to rent. If you know of one, contact Joe at 970-209-0207.

New Class To Begin

Bob Heath will begin a new Bible class on Sunday September 7 in Room 103. He will be teaching on the subject of Salvation.

Matthew Lee to Visit / Interview

Matthew Lee will be visiting us from Texas August 29 through September 1. He is another candidate for our youth minister position. Joining him will be his wife Kathleen and their toddler Mitchell. Enclosed with the bulletin is a note from Matt as well as an itinerary of events scheduled for his visit.

Adam Smith to Visit / Interview

September 5 through September 8, Adam Smith will join us from Oklahoma to interview for our youth minister position as well. Joining Adam will be his wife Rachel and their two little girls, Hannah Clare and Zoe. There will be a weekend full of activities to get to know them as well.

Feedback on Candidates

If you have feedback, questions, or comments on any of the candidates, please share it with one of the search committee members. Your opinions are very important to us and all input will be taken into consideration! The committee members are: Mark and Lesa Brassette, David and Stephanie Cooper, Curtis and Keri Fleming, Bobby and Sheri Heath, Craig and Elaine Roberts, David Downey and Jimmie Tidwell.

Please keep the following in your daily prayers. Your prayers are much appreciated.

Pray for ED FISKE, Della's brother, that he will heal from many serious injuries he sustained in a bicycle accident. He has broken bones, (among them hip, back, collar bone, vertebrae) and a concussion. Pray for comfort and for the medical people to give the right treatment, for complete healing and for peace as his recovery could take a long time. Pray for his family as well.

ARLENE ROWLES who is suffering much pain from a deteriorating shoulder. Pray for comfort and peace for her as she deals with the pain and the disability it brings.

Pray for all of our shut-ins and elderly. Pray for their comfort, health and peace. Ask God to help us always remember them with visits, phone calls or cards/notes.

Pray for those who have on going health issues, for comfort and healing for them and peace for their families. DEBBIE ZORNS, LUANN MOORE, KELLIE WHITING AND JANICE FERRIS and others with cancer, REBECCA SAMPLES, KATHY DEISTER and others with MS.

Pray for the families who have lost loved ones recently. The family of EARL DUBOSE (Shiloh Briggs grandfather) in the passing of Earl this week and the family of MATT, Ann Bricker's nephew.

GENA WILLITS...continue to pray for her that the memory loss incident was a temporary thing and will not reoccur...or be caused by something yet undiagnosed.

TALIA STARK, the Turners daughter,...pray for healing and complete recovery from her recent surgery.

Continue to pray for those ladies expecting babies, for a healthy pregnancy and delivery and healthy babies and moms (and dads)

RAIDEN BRIGGS...Shiloh and Julene's 7 month old son, will have a small growth removed from the inside of his throat on Aug 22. Pray it will go well and that it will not be malignant, and for rapid healing and comfort for him.

SCOTT HARRIS & HIS FAMILY—Scott has been suffering from malaria and pneumonia and the family has had other bouts of illness.

JOHN CAMPER—He is suffering with fragile health and the effects of aging.

Please continue to pray for our missionaries and the persecuted church around the world, for the Christians who are being killed and persecuted in terrible ways in the mid east, pray for safety for all.

Pray for Mary Clayton as she is now back in Rwanda.

Also continued prayers for our Military who are in harms way in many places, and their families...they sacrifice much.

Pray for God's protection for their body, mind and souls.

Pray for the leaders of our church family. Pray for wisdom and guidance for our elders as they lead our family in God's will. Pray for God to show them the right man for the position of youth minister. Pray that we as God's family will allow His light and love to shine through us that many will be brought to Him.

And don't forget to give praise and thanksgiving to our loving God, for His answers to our prayers and His grace.

Youth News

Huddle

Please join us at 6:00pm tonight at the Soria's home. We will be having home-made tamales! The fellowship, singing, and devotional are sure to be great as well. The Soria's address is 2892 Hermosa Ct. Youth are asked to bring drinks.



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For the Record

Aug. 17, 2014

Attendance	274
Average Attendance, 2nd qtr..	234
Contributions	\$5,294.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—August

Sue Boyle, Della Fiske/Turner

Communion Table 8/24/14

David Scheuerman

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in August

Mark Brassette
Mike Bricker
Lynn Briggs
Dave Bussert
Tony Clayton
Lane Coale
Shaun Collazo
David Cooper

Announcements

Scott Ferguson—August
Curtis Fleming— September
Ron Wilson—October

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Dane Jennings—Auditorium
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7- 8 PM

Scott Ferguson—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.

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.

The pessimist see the difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.—Winston Churchill