



Real Life News & Notes

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Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Freedom

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." (Galatians 5:1). This phrase seems circular, like a literary dog chasing its tail. If you know the apostle Paul, you know he is a reformed Pharisee and a recovering legalist. Paul is transparent when it comes to his past and how that former mind set now threatened to undermine his liberating message of living by the Spirit. Both Jesus and Paul rebuked those who would argue and bind points of religious law in the name of truth. Paul disassociates himself and the gospel from such people and their teaching. We empathize with this minister of grace as his former friends and fellow Pharisees now call him *heretic* and *false teacher* as they blindly condemn him for taking "liberties" with the Word of God.

Paul is challenging non-Jews in this passage, suggesting that **if they want to come to Christ by works then they are bound to remain in Christ by works** (Good luck with that!), and in so doing refuse and render useless the perfect sacrifice of the Lamb of God (:2). As Paul asks believers to seriously consider their freedom in Christ we see his passion exposed as he pleads with us to comprehend the glorious implications of this completed emancipation for which Christ Jesus paid such an astonishing price.

The Holy Spirit strains to remind us that freedom in Christ empowers us to live in grace, free from both judging and judgment, free from the manipulation of accusation, free from guilt's pursuit, free from the spiritual consequences of our sin, free from the clutches of evil, free from the weight of doctrinal masters who would use the word of God as a club and a whip to demand submission to their interpretations, free to live joyfully, free to make mistakes without fear of damnation, free to peacefully reside in the merciful glow of eternal love. **Freedom is among the greatest of all gifts because it allows for growth and change despite our sins, misunderstandings, and poor choices.**

Paul points his formerly legalistic finger at us and challenges us to live in this new reality as freedom changes us from the inside out. Saul of Tarsus would have once told us we are only as free as our ability to keep and meticulously serve the law; and *God help you if you don't*. But now, the freed Paul of Christ, the scales having fallen from his eyes Paul, the transformed and grace-filled Paul, reminds us it is no longer the rule of law that defines the terms of divine acceptance but contrite obedience born of love and gratitude from a liberated heart that compels our accountability and results in virtuous, willing surrender. **We are now victorious volunteers freed to live in kingdom conformity reflecting the image of our Liberator, Jesus Christ.**

Freedom! What a concept. What does it look like in you? What does it look like in your church? How is freedom reflected in your understanding of Scripture? Are you compelled in faith by command or by love? Are you motivated to obedience by fear or by thankfulness? Is your faithfulness based on the slavery of law or the generous release of the Spirit? Are you living joyfully free in the blood of Christ or do you feel required to be governed by a system of religious law and works?

Paul proclaims **spiritual emancipation** declaring us "**Free,**" not because we get it right but because Jesus did, effecting release for all sin's captives with the "**Perfect law of liberty.**" **Stand firm** in that freedom and refuse to be enslaved ever again!

Memory Verse For September: Romans 8:37

"we are more than conquerors"

Our Gathering Today

Guests: A special welcome to **Adam and Rachel Smith** and their little girls, **Hannah Claire**, and **Zoe** who are here with us this weekend from Duncan, OK. as they consider our Youth Ministry position.

We welcome all our guests, whether you are just passing through town or looking for a church home, and trust you will let us get to know you. Enjoy the visitors bread. Please fill out the attached card and place it in the collection plate when it comes by. We hope you find our gathering to be an encouragement as you are edified and challenged in your walk with the Lord this week. As fellow believers in Jesus the Christ we invite you to share communion when it is passed and reflect on our Lord's life, death, resurrection and perfect sacrifice for our sins. **You are invited to stay and have a "Soup and Bread" lunch with us today immediately after our assembly.**

Sermon: This morning we will take a look at **worldly wisdom** from James 3. This is one of those lessons that was originally going to both wordily and heavenly wisdom. As I prepared this week my notes became more extensive and conducive to breaking it in two. So, plan to join us next week as we conclude James's words on "Wisdom from above."

"Love One Another!"

Notice to Seniors

To Seniors interested in ACU as your college of choice. Bobby & Sheri Heath & Bob Heath will be going to Homecoming at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas the weekend of October 10. There will be a football game, parade, a tour of the University and many other fun activities. If you would like to go along for the trip, See Bobby Heath.

New Classes Begin Today

Bob Heath will begin a new Bible class today in Room 103. He will be teaching on the subject of Salvation. Ron Wilson will begin an adult class in the auditorium with a study on "Think, Pray, Act".

Soup Potluck Today

Adam Smith, a youth minister candidate and his family are visiting with us this weekend. We will have a soup potluck lunch right after morning assembly today to get acquainted. Please offer them a warm welcome.

Empty Nesters Activity

The empty nesters will meet at 7 PM on Sept. 19 (Friday) at the home of Tom and Kathy Deister for a game night. Brings snacks. RSVP to Kathy Deister.

Creative Christian Art Guild to meet

The Guild will hold their business meeting in Room 103 starting at 1 PM. Afterwards, we will be tie dying. Please bring fabric or garments for dying.

New Blog,

Brian Peacock is now online and is developing a new blog. The site has a Christian theme and he is featuring some of his old bulletin articles as well as some new. He invites everyone to check it out. The web address is: <http://westernsloper.wordpress.com>

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 opinion is very important to us and all input will be taken into consideration! The committee members are: Mark and Lesa Brasette, David and Stephanie Cooper, Curtis and Keri Fleming, Bobby and Sheri Heath, David Downey and Jimmie Tidwell.

Here are prayer requests for "our" missionary team in Mozambique.

1. First a praise. Everyone in our family is over their sickness, so we are very thankful for that!
 2. We are currently traveling in South Africa. Yesterday we picked up Jack and Amber English at the airport in SA. Jack is a long time friend of Scott's. His daughter, Amber, will be spending her gap year with us doing ministry. Please pray for her as she adjusts to life in Africa. We are excited about the blessing she will be to the people she ministers to.
 3. Please pray for all three of our kids who fly to Kenya tomorrow to start a new year of school!
 4. After dropping them off, Scott, Lisa, Jack, and Amber will drive to Zimbabwe where Scott and Jack will teach at the yearly leadership training Scott does for the pastors in Zimbabwe and Zambia. Please pray that this will be a wonderful time of fellowship, teaching, and encouragement.
 5. A week from today, on our way back to Mozambique, we will pick up a short-term team from Katy, Texas who will spend about ten days working with us. Please pray for travel safety for all of us over the next week!
- In Him,
Scott and Lisa Harris

Please continue to prayer for these requests in your daily prayers. Thank You, your prayers are important. And do make such a different in the lives of others and in our world in general.

Pray for DANIELLE STONE... Della Bingham's friend, a 30 year old mother of 5, diagnosed with a brain tumor. Pray for healing for her, and comfort and strength for her and her family.

ARLENE ROWLES...she at Mesa Manor and still has much pain. Pray for her to adjust to her new home and for relief from her pain.

JOHN CAMPER SR...pray for comfort and strength to deal with his health issues and the effects of aging.

ED FISKE...Della Fiske-Turner's brother....pray for continued and complete healing from the multiple injuries he recently received in a bicycle accident.

TALIA STARK, the Turner's daughter, continue to pray for a complete recovery for her from recent surgery.

Pray for our Military and their families. Many are in dangerous places. Pray for safety for them, including physical, mental & emotional and Spiritual. And pray for their families while they are away from them.

Pray for our missionaries and the persecuted Christians around the world...for protection, wisdom and strength. Pray for the hearts of those who are the persecutors to be changed, that the horrors being done will cease. Pray for the Eastern European Mission that it can continue to serve God in the midst of the chaos that is in that region now.

Pray for our church family here...that we may be united in our efforts to bring others to the Lord...and realize the urgency of spreading the Gospel of Jesus. Pray for our elders that they may do the will of God, that He will give them guidance and wisdom for the decisions they must make. Pray for God to show them the man He wants to be the Youth Minister here.

Prayers of thanksgiving and praise to God for His loving care, answered prayers and continual guidance and protection. Pray that we will always bring glory to His name.

BEATY FAMILY—Rick Beaty drowned this week in the Gunnison River. Please pray for comfort and peace for the family. Rick was the ex-fire chief of Grand Junction.

Youth News

Game Night with Adam

Tonight from 6 to 8:30 p.m. there will be a game night at the home of Curtis and Keri Fleming (2233 Village Ct - GJ 81507). We will have the Broncos game on and games for the youth group to play. We will have a half-time huddle (singing and short devo from Adam). Bring finger foods and your favorite game!



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For the Record

Aug. 31, 2014

Attendance	?
Average Attendance, 2nd qtr..	234
Contributions	\$4,761.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—September

Susan Towles

Communion Table 9/7/14

Adam Smith

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in September

Bryan Crowe
Tom Deister
Josh DeLancey
Lonnie DeLancey
Scott DeLancey
Preston Dixon
David Downey
Tom English

Announcements

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

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Ron Wilson—Auditorium
Bob Heath—103
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

John Cooper—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.

Sept 7 Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris
Sept 14 Bill Tidwell, David Olree
Sept 21 Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence
Sept 28 John Cooper, Dave Scheuerman
Oct 5 Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt
Oct 12 Bud Treu, Mike Hurd
Oct 19 Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey
Oct 26 Bill Tidwell, David Olree
Nov 2 Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence
Nov 9 John Cooper, Dave Scheuerman
Nov 16 Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt
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Mt. 21:28-32
Mt. 21:33-46
Mt. 22:1-14
Mt. 25:1-13
Mk.13:32-37
Luke 7:36-50
Luke 10:25-37
Luke 11:5-13
Luke 12:13-21
Luke 13:6-9
Luke 14:7-14
Luke 17:11-19
Luke 16:1-10
Luke 18:1-8
Luke 18: 9-14
Luke 19:11-27
Acts 1:1-11

Visitors welcome.