



Real Life News & Notes

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Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Mask

Last year at this time I wrote about “costumes,” suggesting we remove our fake exteriors and clothe ourselves in the identity of Christ. Similar to that idea I offer these **sips** from the same **Well of Scripture** to bless, encourage and challenge us during this “Halloween” season.

In the spring of 1981, at the impressionable age of 20, I went on an *American Church History* tour that included various stops at beautiful old church buildings, museums, cemeteries, and other historical sites in Tennessee, Kentucky, and one place in particular in Bethany, West Virginia. Bethany was the location of Alexander Campbell’s home. Mr. Campbell was one of the leading preachers and pioneers in our Church’s history in America. As we toured his 19th century estate one of the artifacts on display in Alexander’s bedroom was his “death mask.”

A death mask was often made of prominent people for posterity sake. The process, although a bit morbid, was very fascinating to me as I listened to the tour guide explain it. A mask maker, like a vulture, would be waiting nearby, perhaps just outside the bedroom. As soon as the person breathed their last the mask maker would immediately come in and cover the entire face of the warm corpse with plaster. After the plaster dried it would be carefully removed and a perfect reverse image mask of the person’s face remained. Later, this mask mold would be filled with a soft clay or plaster and when it dried and was removed an exact image of the deceased face at the moment of death was preserved. And, as advertised, next to Mr. Campbell’s bed was a perfect replica of his face just moments after he died.

The tour guide asked if there were any questions. I raised my hand and said: *“Wouldn’t a **life mask** be better? You know, stick a couple of straws in the nostrils of the still living, smiling, breathing guy as he sits on the porch, cover his face with plaster and then when he dies instead of a “death mask” you will have a “life mask,” a happier image of a face filled with life.”* The other tourists smiled and nodded at my wonderful suggestion. The guide was not amused or impressed, dismissing my inquiry he said it was time to continue the tour.

Jesus Christ is referred to in Scripture as the image of the invisible God (**Colossians 1:15**). Jesus’ fleshly “mask” reflected the true, holy, loving nature of the Father, whose face to face encounter we could not handle (Moses in Exodus 33:20). What is transformational here is not only that Jesus represented the face of God but when we submit to God with pliable and penitent hearts our death mask is filled by Christ. Jesus, like the mask maker, is anxiously waiting for us to die to self so he can come in and remold and reform our countenance and fill it with his fullness, his likeness. In the glorious life giving process of conversion, Jesus removes our mask and what is exposed and revealed is not the image of **our** face but **a living representation of the face of the Son of God on display for all to see.**

In this season of masks and costumes may we be challenged to ask: Whose face, whose character, whose image do we reflect? Do we wear a **death mask** and resemble death, or do we wear a **life mask** and resemble **life**? Do we look like **us**, or do we look like **Jesus**?

Memory Verse For October—Romans 8:28

“in all things God works for the good”

Our Gathering Today

Guests

Welcome! We are blessed to have you in our midst today. If we can pray for you or serve you please let us know. Enjoy the guest bread and please place the attached card in the collection plate when it comes by. May you be blessed and encouraged by being here today. We invite you to participate and share with us in the communion as the Lord's supper emblems are passed.

Sermon

Did you know that the inspired writers of the Bible were very specific about how we treat each other in the family of Faith? For a few Sunday's we are going to look at many of the "**One another**" passages. As we do, I am confident we will be reminded, challenged, edified and encouraged regarding the wonderful relationships and responsibilities we can and do have in Christ's body.

Stars in your Crown and Thank you!

To our children's Bible class teachers! I am grateful and amazed at the dedication and gifts these folks bring to our church family. They regularly (some for years at a time without a break) spend their Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings teaching young hearts about the most important subjects in the world! May God continue to bless you and give you strength as you serve in this very important ministry of children's education!

To Scott and Becca Ferguson for leading our **Children's Church ministry**, and for all our wonderful **Children's Church volunteers** who have singed up to take a Sunday or more. This is a blessing to so many and a practical, spiritual tool on a level our 3 year old through 3rd grade children can understand as they learn about God, Jesus, the Bible, and faith.

"Love One Another!"

Volunteers Needed for Nursery

We are in need of volunteers to oversee the nursery on Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway by the nursery door. For safety and the best of care of your child while in our care, we prefer 1 adult volunteer and 1 assistant. If you can help, sign up or see Sharon Riddle for more details.

Communion Preparation List Being Updated

We are in the process of updating the Communion Preparation chart and filling in blank spaces. If you want to keep the month you signed up for this year, remove your name or if you would like to prepare communion for a month, please stop by the office.

Women of Faith Conference Meeting

"All ladies attending Women of Faith-there will be a short meeting on today immediately after services in room 103. It is very important that all attend! If you have any questions or cannot attend, please contact Sherry Bradley."

Carolyn Deberry's New Address

Today is Carolyn Deberry's last Sunday here with us. She is moving to Washington and we will miss her. She has been a wonderful servant to her Lord and Savior and to her church family. Enjoy your new home, Carolyn! Her new address is:

Carolyn Deberry
2040 Valleyview Dr.
Clarkston, WA 99403

Her cell number and e-mail remain the same.

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Guild will meet today at 1 PM in the fellowship hall. Bring your projects to work on.

Ladies' Bunco Night

Mark your calendars now! Thursday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m., Bunco is BACK! We will meet in the fellowship hall for a fun evening for all ladies of the congregation. Bring a friend, a finger food to share, and a card table if you have one.

Trunk or Treat

Children are invited to a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25, from 6 to 7 pm in the church parking lot. Wear your costumes and bring something to collect your loot! Invite a friend! **Volunteers:** If you can share your trunk or tailgate with us for a little while, please have your vehicle in place by 5:30. Decorate, have a game, bring treats ... use your imagination. See Lesa Brassette with questions.

Fall Bash

The youth group will have a fall bash on Friday, October 24, from 6 to 10 pm, at the building. Wear a costume (modesty is a must), bring a friend (you both get a prize), and come for food, games, movie, and the best fellowship around! **Adults** who can help with food, please see Lesa Brassette.

Breast Cancer Awareness

During October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness month, we would like to honor and acknowledge those who have battled and are still battling breast cancer. A display has been hung on the wall in the hallway near the fellowship hall. To have yourself or someone else recognized this way, complete the form below or see Lesa Brassette for a paper version.

Please keep the following prayer requests in your daily prayers. God hears and answers and we give Him praise and thanksgiving! Your prayers are important!

ROSE BRANSON... Pray for healing, for comfort and peace for her and for her family to have peace. She is out of hospital but still not up to visitors.

Pray for MAX & SONDRRA HASTINGS in the death of Terry, who has been with them for a number of years. Pray for comfort and peace for them.

Pray for PAULA DIXON... she had shoulder surgery and is recovering at home. Pray for a complete and rapid recovery for her and for comfort as she heals.

Continue to pray for the PATRICK HIGGINS FAMILY...their new baby is still in the hospital after surgery, is improving but still needs our prayers. Pray they will soon be able to take him home.

DELLA FISKE-TURNER... is ill at home and also had a fall. Pray for her healing and quick recovery from her injuries and illness.

Continue to pray for TIM RIDDLE...as he has some treatment for a health issue in the hospital. Pray for healing and restored health for him.

NICK NELSON....pray for him as he has extensive shoulder surgery on the 16th.

Pray for a successful surgery and a complete recovery for him. Also for comfort and strength for the recovery period, pray he will recover quickly.

Pray for RON WILSON as he makes decisions regarding his job in the future.

Continue prayers for the following who are having on going issues.

GREG CROWE...non hodgkins lymphoma

LINDA LATNER... iritis in both eyes

Praise and thanksgiving for answered prayers for healing of Donna Turner, Natasha Lemons, and Ed Fiske.

Also prayers of thanksgiving and praise for the new brothers and sisters in Christ that have recently joined us. Pray for the Soria family for blessings from God as they turn their lives over to Him.

And for the new little girl that joined the Jayden Connell family recently,

Continue to keep the following in your prayers too.

Those expecting babies, for healthy pregnancies and deliveries and healthy babies and moms.

Our military and their families.

Those that are being victimized in the middle east, and the persecuted Christians all around the world.

Protection for the humanitarian groups working with those victims displaced in the ISIS crisis, some of those groups have lost people working with them too.

The Missionaries and families

Mary Clayton...for safety and protection Our church family and leaders here in GJ Our nation and the leaders as well as world leaders.

Praise and thanksgiving prayers to our loving and merciful God who hears and helps us every day!

Youth News

Huddle

Tonight at 6:00pm there will be a youth huddle at the home of Dave and Glenda Scheuerman ([2378 S. San Miguel Drive - GJ 81507](#)). Please bring CHIPS or DESSERT and come for dinner, fun, and fellowship. If you need a map, please see Keri Fleming.



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For the Record

Oct 12, 2014

Attendance	284
Average Attendance, 3rd qtr.	243
Contributions	\$4,400.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—October

Milton & Shirlene Caraway

Communion Table 10/19/14

Matt King

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in October

Scott Ferguson
Curtis Fleming
Zack Fleming
Ryan Fleming
Ray Gehrett
Mark Gomez
Nolan Grigsby
Sandy Harris

Announcements

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

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Ron Wilson—Think, Pray, Act—Auditorium
Bob Heath—Salvation—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.

Oct 19	Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey	Luke 10:25-37
Oct 26	Bill Tidwell, David Olree	Luke 11:5-13
Nov 2	Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence	Luke 12:13-21
Nov 9	John Cooper, Dave Scheurerman	Luke 13:6-9
Nov 16	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Luke 14:7-14
Nov 23	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Luke 17:11-19
Nov 30	Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey	Luke 16:1-10
Dec 7	Bill Tidwell, David Olree	Luke 18:1-8
Dec 14	Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence	Luke 18: 9-14
Dec 21	John Cooper, Dave Scheurerman	Luke 19:11-27
Dec 28	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Acts 1:1-11

Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.