



# Real Life News & Notes

*Patterson Road church of Christ*

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

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**Sips from the Well** (by Doug Clayton)

*(Below is the article I wrote for my sermon last week. May we be blessed and challenged by God's desire for us.)*

**Assume**

As we continue our **One Another** sermon series I was reminded how much damage can be done by making assumptions regarding one another. Most of us have heard the detailed breakdown of the word "assume." I am trying to be delicate here, so think of the 3 letter King James Bible word for "donkey," and **assuming** can *make us one of those*. Another definition:

**"Assumption is the mother of all mistakes."** **Assuming** usually manifests itself negatively. Drawing premature conclusions about a person or situation is a subjective and hazardous practice by the "assumer" and an unfair and judgmental attack on the "assumee." Consider **assuming** as pulling the judgment trigger a little too quickly: **Ready, SHOOT, aim...**you get the idea.

When it comes to treating one another with love and consideration, especially within the body of Christ, we are called to **assume**, but in a different way, a positive way, a productive way, an affirming way. Along our Christian journey it is a certainty we are going to say and do things from time to time that offend or infuriate each other and even occasionally inflict more serious damage and wounds within families and churches. Despite our darker moments becoming less and less frequent as we grow and mature in Christ, every Christian has bad days, less than stellar moments when we yield to our sinful passion and put our worst foot forward by saying or doing hurtful and inappropriate things. And when that happens, what is needed most is the **assumption of grace**.

**Christians behaving badly has always been and continues to be a life reality.** And yet, when grace is assumed those *unchristian* moments do not overwhelm us. We trust we are loved and our behavior is not held against us as we continue to live in repentance and respond to one another by granting the **assumption of grace**. In his book *Captive to the Word of God*, Miroslav Volf suggests: *"The connection between belief and practice involves an as-so structure."* And this **as-so** formula is our example, our reason, our motivation to **assume grace: As** grace has been extended to us, **so** we extend and **assume** grace to one another.

**Assuming grace** does not enable immoral behavior or turn a blind eye to sin, and yet it tempers how we treat the sinner, how we treat one another. In **assuming grace** we contribute to solving the complex riddle of how families, spouses, and churches live as healthy, functional organisms despite occasionally offending and mistreating each other. **Assuming grace** is slow to judge, slow to speak, and would rather quickly forgive than hold a grudge. **Assuming grace** assumes the best and even when the worst is realized, **assuming grace** reciprocates to others the grace we have received from God.

In all of our churches, homes and relationships, let's start assuming... **assume grace!**

**Memory Verse For November—I Thess. 5:18**

**"give thanks in all circumstances"**

## *Our Gathering Today*

### **Sermon**

This morning in our **One Another** series we listen to Paul and James as they remind the young churches to not repay evil for evil but seek good for **One Another** and to confess our sins to **One another**.

### **Guests**

**Welcome!** Thank you for being here with us this morning. We pray you will find this a warm and welcoming experience that reflects the love of God. Please don't be bashful about raising your hand to receive our gift bread. We won't ask you to stand or otherwise bring attention to you. I can promise that you will be greeted warmly by our members. We invite you to participate and share with us in the communion as the Lord's supper emblems are passed.

### **Acts of Service: Thank you!**

- **Veterans:** Last Sunday during the Lord's Supper Dr. Mike Hughes gave a wonderful tribute to our Veterans by remembering his dad who fought on Iwo Jima and saw the flag raised on Mt. Suribachi during WWII. Dr. Mike used this personal story as a reminder to us that the immeasurable value and significance of such sacrifices are not always realized at the time of the event; much like the cross of Jesus who, to most of those who witnessed it, considered it just another sad but routine tragedy as another "criminal" was being put to death by Roman soldiers. It was only later that the eternal significance of this sacrifice was realized.

This past week has been a wonderful opportunity for me to personally thank many, both friends and strangers, who have worn the uniform. Our Love, respect and heartfelt appreciation to all of our military Veterans in our church family who have left home and family through the years and put themselves in harms way to defend and protect the innocent of our nation and the world.

**"Love One Another!"**

### **Meals needed!**

We are providing meals for Bob Groot. (Small portions, please). If you can oom 202.help, go to [carecalendar.org](http://carecalendar.org)  
ID 197013  
Security Code 7169

Or see Bobbi Tourney

### **Elders, Deacon's Budget Meeting**

There will be an Elder's/Deacon's meeting Sunday November 23 at 1 PM here at the building in room 202. (The Broncos play at 2:25 PM).

Please bring your "completed" budget sheets so that we may finalize the budget at this meeting. If you have questions, please contact David Downey at 778-1537 or Jimmy in the office 245-4210.

### **Help Needed**

We need help for the "Over 60's Dinner" on December 6. See Eddie or Vicky Tinkle.

Also, we are in need of a teacher for the 2—5 year olds on Wednesday evenings starting in December. See Sharon Riddle if you can help.

### **Christmas Lights**

If you have borrowed the Christmas lights from the storage room upstairs, could you please contact Eddie Tinkle. We are planning on using them for the Over 60's Dinner. Thank you.

### **Sunday Bible Class**

Bob Heath is teaching an adult bible class in Room 103 on Sunday morning. Today he will be conducting the class on "ETERNAL SALVATION and ETERNAL DISTRUCTION". Don't miss it.

### **BASIC BIBLE SKILLS CLASS**

I would love to offer a class for women on BASIC Bible Skills. It has always been a passion to work with women who may have never studied the Bible or possibly went to church as a child but never really read or learned basic skills. Here are a few things you would be learning and discussing in this class:

- \*Books of the Bible & Abbreviations of the books of the Bible.
- \*How did we get the Bible, and who wrote the books of the Bible?
- \*What is a Bible concordance and how to use it?

I have not set the time or day to have this class as of yet. I am looking to see if there is anyone who is need or has interest first. This class will have a workbook and it would last 7 weeks. If this interests you or you know someone who does not go to a church but is interested in learning the basic bible skills so they are better equipped to studying the Bible on their own, please contact me. Gena Willits - Call or text 970-618-4760 or email me: [gwillits@ymail.com](mailto:gwillits@ymail.com)

LUKE (SCHULER) HIGGINS—The little guy had to spend a day in the hospital last week but is home now. Keep him and the rest of the family in your prayers.

SANDY GUSTAFSON—Had knee surgery last week and is now in Larchwood for recovery and re-hab. Keep her in your prayers for speedy recovery.

RAMON SALAZAR & FAMILY—Neighbor of Bill & Jimmye Tidwell. The family lost their wife and mother last week after a long illness. May God grant them peace and comfort.

KATHY DEISTER—Had eye surgery last week. Pray for a speedy recovery.

TEDDIE GOODNER'S SISTER-IN-LAW—She has struggled with a long, long illness and is now in hospice. Pray for her comfort and peace for the rest of the family.

Please continue to pray for the following who are healing and recovering from various illness, surgeries or injuries: NICK NELSON, GREG CROWE, LINDA LATNER, & ED FISKE

Please pray for 3 yr old Berkley Reeder, she was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. Pray the treatments will be successful. Pray for her comfort and strength as she goes through the treatments and for peace and comfort for her parents and siblings.. Her parents Cory and Keri are acquaintances of the Briggs family,

Pray for Scott and Lisa Harris and the work they are doing in Africa, and for safe travel for Scott as he leaves and heads for home.

Pray for Phyllis Haight, Melody's mother, who was taken to the hospital this week for a seizure or stroke. At this time they are still doing test and

have not given a diagnosis yet. Pray for it to be treatable, and for strength and healing for her and strength for Melody and the family.

Pray for Susan Pottberg, that her cancer treatment will be successful. She has finished the treatments so pray for healing and that she is cancer free. And for comfort and strength for her and her family

Laura Webb...Parkinson's Disease.

Tim Riddle for the treatments to work and for his strength and peace.

Ova Boyce...for health and well being...would like visits and calls...her phone number is 424-0213

John Camper... in VA hospital, Rm 5015....has pneumonia

Bob Groot....Healing of his arm, injured in surgery to insert stints.

Rose Branson, Luke Higgins, Nick Nelson, Greg Crowe, Linda Latner, and Ed Fiske all need our continued prayers as they are dealing with on going health issues . Pray for healing for all of them. And thank God for the healing they have experienced thus far.

For the Military and their families.

For missionaries and their families.

For our church family , elders, ministers, deacons and teachers.

For the victims of the radical islamists, and safety for those who are there with humanitarian groups trying to help those victims.

For the persecuted Christians around the world.

For our youth that they may come to know and love and serve God in a world that has removed God from as much as it can. For them to stay focused on and trusting in God in all circumstances.

For our nation and the leaders...for those in places of authority that they will recognize that all comes from God and make decisions accordingly. For the new members of Congress as they prepare to take on the responsibilities of serving our nation. For wisdom from above for them all.

Give Praise and thanksgiving to our loving God for his unchanging love and care for us.

The prayers of a righteous man are powerful and effective." James 5:16

## Youth News

Tonight huddle will be at John and Holly Cooper's home at 6:00p. Their address is 2376 S. San Miguel Drive. Youth are asked to bring drinks or desserts.

### **Save the Dates**

*November 23* - No huddle, it is our week off. *November 30* - Spin City night (sign up sheet is on the youth bulletin board). *December 6* - help serve at the Over 60's dinner. *December 19* - Progressive Dinner (sign up sheet is on the youth bulletin board).



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### For the Record

Nov. 9, 2014

Attendance	258
Average Attendance, 3rd qtr.	243
Contributions	\$5,782.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

### Communion Preparation—November

Manon Jacob

Communion Table 11/16/14  
Parish Williams

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

Leonard Harvey  
Kit Hatfield  
Bob Heath  
Bobby Heath  
Bo Hill  
Robert Howard  
Mike Hughes  
Mike Hurd

### Announcements

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

## 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.

Nov 16 Chuck Tournay, Hunt Zumwalt  
Nov 23 Bud Treu, Mike Hurd  
Nov 30 Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey  
Dec 7 Bill Tidwell, David Olree  
Dec 14 Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence  
Dec 21 John Cooper, Dave Scheuerman  
Dec 28 Chuck Tournay, Hunt Zumwalt

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

### **Romans 8 : 31, 32—NIV**

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?