

December 17, 2017

## Real Life News & Notes

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

### *Patterson Road church of Christ*



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## Our Gathering Today

Are You  
My  
Mother?



### **Feeding on the word Word!**

We continue in Luke 8 this morning. Dr. Luke recorded Jesus' parable of the sower and the seed and we learned from that last time. Next, Jesus is told his mom and brothers are waiting outside to see him. Jesus responds: (from Matthews account) **"Who is my mother and my brothers?"** Luke quotes Jesus as answering his own question: **"My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."** Luke 8:21. Jesus is not ignoring his family but, as always, even with the most personal of relationships, is making a spiritual point for our benefit. Dr. Luke then tells two stories that illustrate what good soil does, what putting God's word into practice looks like. [See ya either at 8AM or 10AM!](#)

### **Welcome Guests!**

**Please excuse the mess!** Thank you for being with us this morning! Sorry for our mess and chairs everywhere! We are in the midst of an auditorium repair project so we will meet in the fellowship hall this morning. May you be spiritually fed and encouraged this morning by our simple gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share communion, encourage each other and open the Word of God together.

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### **Thank you!**

- **Joe Jones** for always being so consistent and present in the **Tech Booth**. Joe is one of the people I always send my "power points presentation" to get ready for Sunday and if he is not on computer duty he will ensure whoever is has the slides. Joe is not hiding up there but he is selflessly working and serving our church Sunday after Sunday! The mic issue last week was not Joe's fault,..sometimes those things have a mind of their own ...gotta love technology ;-)

- **To all of you** for efficiently and safely moving chairs out last Sunday and thanks in advance for moving them back in sometime this week after the repairs are done.

**Children's church:** Today Children church will be during the **10AM service only**. We will all meet after 9AM bible class in fellowship hall together until the kids are dismissed after communion as we normally do. Thanks for your cooperation and flexibility. Please **"scrunch"** together in the chairs to make room for all. Fill in seats close to front first (I promise not to bite :-)

## Love One Another!

Memory Verse For December: Isaiah 9:6

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given".

## Tis the Season

The sights and smells, the wreaths and the bells! Maybe it's opening that dusty old box of decorations and unwrapping the same old ornaments year after year. Perhaps it's trudging through the snow for hours, just to bring back home that perfect Christmas tree from the Mountains. Maybe it's the smell of Mom's spritz cookies filling the whole house (if you don't know what those are, Google it!). Each one of us has certain Christmas traditions that flood our minds with the warmest memories of time spent with those we hold dearest. At least that's the perception.

For many though, the memories that Christmas time brings can sting deeper and colder than any winter snow. I think of a couple dear friends, who's parents were taken by cancer around Christmas time. For them, the lights and the decorations are an annual reminder of the untimely loss of a deeply loved parent. Just this week, only days after his birthday and 2 weeks before Christmas, our friend and brother Matthew Bruens left this world. Yes, for many who have experienced the loss of a loved one, Christmas can be a difficult season to navigate.

What does that mean then? Should we petition for a change in colors from green and red to black? By no means! What this means is that the reason for Christmas is needed all the more. At Christmas, we remember and celebrate the ultimate gift: our savior, Jesus. Embodied in the swaddled babe in the manger, is the utmost expression of LOVE and compassion. Our job this Christmas is to remember this, yes, but more so to keep giving that same gift. Jesus is the answer for every ache and pain, both clearly seen and those kept hidden. So remember there are many around us who are struggling and hurting, especially so this time of year. Let's look for every opportunity we can find to give them the gift of Jesus: LOVE and compassion.

*Charlie DeLong*

## *Youth Corner*

### Upcoming Events and Activities:

TODAY – MS Hangout. We will go to the mall for lunch. After we eat, I will distribute the money that has been raised in our Pepsi machine, and the teens will buy some gifts for a family on our Angel Tree. After this, we will return to the DeLong's to hang out and play games till around 6.

December 22nd – Progressive Dinner. Our theme is "Generations" Each of our four stops will have a theme from a different decade. We'll go through the

Roarin' 20's, the Fabulous 50's, the Sensational 60's, and the Awesome 80's. Pick your favorite decade and dress up! Everyone who is dressed up for one of the decades will be able to participate in an extra game we'll play. Invite a friend or two and let's try to fill the bus!

December 31st – New Year's lock-in. 6pm – 8am. We'll have pizza and snacks at 6pm. Bring your favorite board games or video games, as well as your favorite snacks. We'll also have 2 escape rooms set up for you to go through with a group of friends throughout the night. Make sure to invite your friends!

### HELP!

Are you crafty?! We could use some help with making a few decorations for our Progressive dinner next week. If you can cut and paint, you can handle it! Let Charlie know if you'd like to help.

We need hosts for Huddles! 2018 is knocking on the door and will be here before we know it. Please take a look at the schedule and see what date you can sign up to host.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The elders will host an "Evening with the elders" on January 21st, 5 PM. Please mark your calendars.**

**Mountain States Contributions**

If you would need information on contributing to Mountain States Children's Home please see Ed Seela or Keri Fleming

**Pantry Needs for December**

- Canned Vegetables (not Green Beans)
- Soups
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat (tuna Spam, etc.)

**Creative Christian Art Guild**

The Art Guild will meet Sunday (December 17) at the home of Cindi King. For those attending—bring food, a gift to exchange and a Show & Tell project. The group will meet here at the building at 11:00 AM on Sunday to car-pool to Cindi's.

**Dille—Yeager Wedding**

Kris Dille and Bree Yeager will be getting married Friday, January 5th, at 6pm here at the building. All are welcome.

**Baptism**

Last week Josh Vigil obeyed the gospel and was baptized. We welcome him to our church family! His decision to become a child of God encourages us all. Josh is the fiancé of Amanda Gerber.

**Additional Prayer Requests**

Late word that Bobbie June Ball/Fisher fell and cracked several ribs. She is in St. Mary's Room 909. See Larry for details.

Also, Jeannette Sanburg has been in the hospital for some tests. Please keep these sweet ladies in your prayers.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Bernice Fox, sister of Sarah Gabriel fell and broke her leg last week and has been in the hospital for a short time after surgery. She will go to re-hab in Palisade when released. Keep her in your prayers for a quick recovery.

Kosi Mpfu—The youth minister in Pueblo called in asking for prayers as he leaves for mission work in Africa.

Please keep the following in your prayers this week. They are so important and such a blessing to those who need them. God Bless.

Pray for the family of Betsey Brown who passed away last weekend. Pray for comfort and peace for them.

Pray for the family of Matt Bruens who was killed in an accident this past week. Pray for his family, for God to comfort and give them His peace.

Pray for Kirby Franklin who is in the hospital with a serious infection in his leg. He does not want it amputated and if it isn't, he will probably not survive. Praise for him as he struggles with this, for God's comfort, wisdom and peace for him.

Pray for Darelene Rettigs neice who has been diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer. Pray for whatever treatment they use to be successful in making her cancer free. Pray for strength and comfort for her as this happens. Also for her family

Pray for Vickie Biocic's sister Earlene, who just lost her grandson. Pray for comfort for the whole family...and God's peace.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the successful shoulder surgery of Rich Mendenhall....He is progressing well and will start rehab this next week.

Also prayers of thanksgiving for answered prayers for Shane Briggs. This weeks report showed his white count has come up quite a bit where the last couple times it had dropped some. Thanksgiving that his progress continues slowly in the right direction...thanks to all of the prayers on his behalf and the good medical staff the Lord provided.

Pray for Sheila Yeager and her family in the sudden death of her brother....and for the safety in travel she had to and from the funeral.

Continue to pray for Georgia Dorn as she recovers from surgery after a fall. Pray for her comfort and healing.

Continue to pray for our nation and our leaders, as we are told to do in God's word. Pray for wisdom from above for them and that they will use that godly wisdom when making decisions that affect us all. Our prayers can make a difference.

And always remember to give thanks to our loving and merciful God who hears and answers our prayers. May our lives bring glory to His name.

**Coffee Can Ministry Needs**

Socks (Adult)

Blankets (see Pam if you need details)

Deodorant (travel size)

Flashlights (small)



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## For the Record

December 10, 2017

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>269</b>
<b>Weekly Contributions 12/10/17</b>	<b>\$6,292.00</b>
<b>Contribution 4 week average</b>	<b>\$6,793.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$6,521.00</b>

## Communion Preparation—December

Jan Nelson & Amey Collazo

## Communion Table 12/17/17

Charlie Delong

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

Ray Gehrett  
 Kayden Gerber  
 Larry Glenn  
 Nolan Grigsby  
 Leonard Harvey  
 Bo Hill  
 Timothy Hughey  
 Mike Hughes

## Announcements—December

Joel Trumbo

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

Bill Wade	Auditorium
Vince Urbina	103
Tom Deister for College/Young Adult	213

## Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2	Nursery
2 & 4 Year Old	104
Pre KK, Kindergarten	205
1st & 2nd Grade	209
3rd thru 5th Grade	208
Middle School	203
High School	203

## Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

John Cooper	Auditorium
Shirlene Caraway, Ladies Class	103
Singing Class	Library

## Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

2 & 5 yr. old	104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd	205
1st thru 5th Grade	208
All teens meet in	203

## Thursday Morning Bible Classes

Thursday Bible School 9:30 AM—1 PM Thursdays  
 Ladies Bible Class, - 9:30 AM Rm. 103

**Sunday Morning Bible Classes Begin at 9 AM**  
**Sunday Morning Fellowship Time 9:45 AM—10:15 AM**  
**Sunday Morning Assembly Begins at 10:15 AM**  
**Sunday Evening Class begins at 5 PM In Fellowship Hall**  
**Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM**