

To know wisdom and understanding..." - Proverbs 1:2

"He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly." ... "Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."
- Proverbs 13:24, Hebrews 12:11

Serving Today

*Please let Garrett know if you are unable to serve
Greeters: Allen and Sharon Hedge
(Next Week: Randy & Sherra Jackson)
Announcements and Opening Prayer:
Jerry Johnson
Song Leader: Brandon Jackson
Lead Communion: Randy Jackson
Assist: Jim Cunningham
Richard Carroz
Gary Carter
Scripture Reading: Chris Smith (*Matthew 19:1-10*)
Speaker: Aaron Baker
Closing Prayer: Mike Thompson
(Sunday pm: Allen Hedge)

Serving Wednesday

Announcements & Prayer: Rod Jackson
Song Leader: Brandon Jackson
Devotional: Randy Jackson

Happy Anniversary
in August to...
Mac and Willadean Milam - 20th

Rejoice in the Lord Always!

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday AM: 70
Sunday PM: 38
Giving: \$1873
Wednesday: 42

Our Meeting Times

SUNDAY
Bible Study - 9:00am
Morning Worship - 10:00am
(New Summer Quarter Worship Time)
Afternoon Worship - 1:00pm

WEDNESDAY
Dinner served at 6:00pm
Bible Study 7:00-8:00pm

Happy Birthday
in August to...
Kat Jackson - 18th
Jennifer Schoelhamer - 19th
Kellie Carter - 26th
Ethan Schoelhamer - 26th
Cindy Baker - 31st

For updates or additions to the announcements or prayer list, contact Cindy Baker ---



Welcome TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Loving the Lord with all our mind...(Mark 12:30)

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Burden Bearing: It's the Law!

"Jesus loved our souls, therefore he died for us on the cross. As children of God, we ought to live consistent with our spiritual ancestry. We ought to love one another as Christ has loved us.

Paul contends that we ought to bear one another's burdens. What happens when we do this? We fulfill Christ's rule of Christian conduct. If there was one statement, one declaration, one rule, so universal, so comprehensive, that it would serve as a concise standard by which all conduct could be measured, what would it be? It would be this: love others like Christ loves you. The is the law of Christ by which all Christian relationships are governed.

Burden-bearing (Galatians 6:2) is one way we fulfill the command to love one another as Christ loves us. When the teaching and life of Christ are the standard by which we live and love, we realize the following about Christian burden-bearing:

Burden-bearing is prompted by Christ-like love (i.e., by a concern for the spiritual well-being of our brethren in Christ).

Burden-bearing promotes the spiritual enrichment of the burdened Christian. Thus, whatever assistance is rendered (e.g., physical, material, emotional, etc.), the goal is the betterment of the brother in need. The aim is to help a fellow Christian maintain and enhance his relationship with God through, and in spite of, a heavy load.

Burden-bearing is possible because of kinship in Christ. What a blessing it is when we know Christian doctors, Christians who are mental health professionals, brothers who are businessmen, Christians who work in social services, and brethren who bring their various talents and trades to the aid of their Christian brethren. But what they bring to their Christian family most of all is Christ-like love for the soul.

We are commanded to bear burdens because we are Christians. As a Christian, whatever my profession or vocation may be, I am obligated to lighten the load of my brothers and sisters in Christ. Our professions may

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facilitate this, but it is our knowledge of the gospel, our heart of compassion, our Christ-like kindness, our balanced view of sin and suffering, and our focus on heaven that gives us the possibility to help our fellow pilgrims through valleys of deep darkness.

What then qualifies one to be a burden-bearer is that he is Christ-like. Loving someone who is heavy-laden — like Jesus loved you — is what is necessary to help someone with the crushing weight of sin or circumstances.

Ironically, the problems of people are the possibilities for our own spiritual growth. We can never be all that God desires without opportunities to serve. Opportunities, however, must be taken. Love like Jesus, and live for the souls of others.

- excerpt taken from Jason Jackson's article, www.christiancourier.com

On Our Daily Prayer List:

Larry Morrow (traveling for work), Tracy Ehlmann (health), Kay Shepard (health), Harold Fitzjerrell (Alzheimers), Carl Wright (Willadean's brother... health), Kim Vogelsang (health), Caleb Sams (cancer), Mary Beth Dietz (Cindy Baker's mom...health), Maria Smith (Tammy's sister-in-law...kidney transplant), Gavin Newhouse (4yrs old...MD), Sandie Owens (personal problems), Makenzie (13yrs old...cancer)



"Be devoted to prayer..." (Romans 12:12)

- * **Rod and Leann** are still in Honduras on their mission trip. Continue to pray for them and the work they are doing there. Lord willing, they will return on Tuesday. Pray for their safe travels!
- * **Kat Jackson** is asking for prayers as she searches for a new job, her position is being eliminated beginning September 1st.
- * **Bonnie Irvin** is asking for prayers as she deals with some personal trials at this time. Please keep Bonnie in your prayers as she seeks for wisdom and guidance in the things she is dealing with. Cards can be sent to Bonnie at:
- * Chris Smith's brother, **Steve Smith**, had bypass surgery last week and is doing fine. However, his father, **Harold Smith**, had hip replacement surgery last week, but fell on Wednesday evening. Pray for his continued recovery. Encouragement cards can be sent to Harold at:
- * **Randy Jackson** is having some foot problems and it taking antibiotics for the infection in his foot. Pray that he heals quickly and is relieved of the pain soon.
- * **Jennie Carrigan** (Tracy Ehlmann's son's fiance) is home from the hospital after suffering from MRSA, a serious type of staph infection in her face. The swelling is going down, but she still needs our prayers for her full recovery.

Summer Quarter Afternoon Worship Time Change

We are conducting a trial run for changing our Sunday afternoon worship time. During the summer quarter (until the end of August) we will be meeting at 1:00pm for afternoon worship (instead of the usual 5:00pm worship time). *This is just a trial run* to see which worship time best fits the needs of the congregation. If you have further questions please see a member of the Worship & Evangelism committee: Gary Carter, Rod Jackson, Allen Hedge, Richard Carroz or Aaron Baker.

Take Note!

- * If you haven't had a chance to meet our new members, be sure to meet and welcome them! They are: Kayla Crowell, Ben & Jase Leibner, and Evan & Christina Romo.
- * The Sullivan Church of Christ will be hosting a gospel meeting from August 11th-14th. The speaker will be Kendall Fox. Look for the flyer on the back bulletin board.
- * St. Peters Church of Christ is hosting a Ladies Day on August 24. We are scheduled to attend! Don't forget registration and breakfast begin at 9:00. It should be a fun day!
- * Non-perishable food donations for the Warrenton and Wright City school kids can be put on the table in the fellowship room.
- * Turning Point Women and Children's Shelter is in need of Toilet Paper. Donations can be placed on the back table in the fellowship room.
- * West End will be hosting the next area-wide singing on Friday, August 23rd at 7pm.

**Aaron and Cindy are hosting an
End of Summer BBQ at their house on
Sunday, August 18th at 4:30pm.
What to bring: lawn chairs, your favorite games,
side dishes and desserts.
And be ready to have a good time!
Everyone is invited!**



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