

Wildwood Church of Christ

Theme for 2021

Step By Step: Grow With Jesus

August 22, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Song #260 O Worship The King

Song #43 As The Deer

Prayer

Song #593 We Shall Assemble

The Lord's Supper

Song #401 We Will Glorify

Sermon: Attitudes For Effective Worship

Song #910 Will Jesus Find Us Watching

Song #5 Step By Step

Closing Prayer

"I NOT GO TO CHURCH"

When my grandson, Patrick, was two years old, he had to be wakened from his nap and told that it was time to go to church. With eyes struggling to open he replied, "I not go to church; I sleep." I have no idea how many others have shared this feeling, but from time to time it seems evident that many have.

There were those in the days of the prophet Malachi who came to worship God, but there was little enthusiasm in what they did. "What a weariness this is," they said.

As difficult as it is for some people to believe, there are those folks who consider the public worship of God the highlight of any week. Without it, they feel deprived. Just ask some of our elderly people who are unable to attend. More often than not, you will hear them express, "I would give anything to be back in church."

Psalm 84 is attributed to the sons of Korah. They expressed their longings in these words: *"How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God...blessed are those who dwell in Thy house ever singing Thy praise!...For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere."*

A careful examination of our attitude toward worship provides a test of our spiritual state.

When there is a true longing for the living God, we will go "from strength to strength," and find real happiness. In the words of Pascal, "Happiness is neither within us nor without us; it is the union of ourselves with God."

~John Gipson

Prayer List

~Our hearts and prayers go out to **Sheila Bernstein** and her family in the loss of Bob this past Wednesday. The visitation is today at 2:00 and the funeral is at 3:00 at Banks, Page Theus across the street from the church building. The food for the family meal needs to be at the fellowship hall by 4:00. We will be serving the family at 4:30.

~Remember the family of sister **Martha Polk** in her passing last week. She will be greatly missed.

~Also remember **John and Joyce Yarborough** and their family in the passing of David Deason, their son-in-law. He battled cancer for quite some time.

~**Reese Meskil's family** has been sick with Covid and her daughters, Christina and Cherie are both in the hospital. Christina is doing better and may get to go home in another week. Cherie went into the hospital last week and is not doing well.

~**George and Alicia Barrett** have been diagnosed with Covid. They are at home recovering and are doing a little better.

~**Janet Sours** has been having a lot trouble with her foot. A tendon is very inflamed and she could hardly walk. She is having physical therapy to help it.

~ **John Workman** is doing better and he is in the TimberRidge Rehab and Nursing facility in Ocala. Leigh continues to have therapy on her back.

~**Peggy Murphy** is recovering from Covid and is in LRMC South Campus in the Covid ward. She cannot have any visitors at this time. She hopes to be able to go home soon.

~**Alba Cherena's daughter** has Covid but is doing some better and is home now from the hospital.

Remember: Marlin Kilpatrick; John & Loraine DaSilva; Martha Pope; Taylor Williams and family; Judy Glenn; Jeanette Harris; Edra Nell Courtney; Linda Grove; Millie Tudor; Charlotte Martin; Ken Scott; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Joyce Freeman; Fred Casteel; Teresa Broyle

Announcements

Baby Shower: We are so sorry the baby shower was canceled but we want to continue to collect money for Kristen and baby boy Gatlin to help them with needed nursery items and to celebrate this special time. You can give your money to Sherry Scott or Sarah Myers.

Pocket Directories: Thank you to those who have found a mistake or something left out and you let me know, (very kindly), ☐ ☒ about it! If anyone else finds a mistake, please let me know. Corrections will be coming.

Thank you to everyone who has prepared food, help set up, help serve and help clean up for the funeral we had and for the one this afternoon. What a wonderful response we had when we asked for help. Thank you so much!

August Birthdays

Mary Costa-5; Mary Ellen Murphy-8; Jennifer Freeman-10; Rhese Hileman-10; Peggy Murphy-11; Darrel Ponsford-12; Bob Barden-17; Linda Routzahn-19; Joe Marhsall-20; Ken Scott-24; Tammy Farner-27; Joyce Freeman-30; June Crenshaw-31

August Anniversaries

John & Barbara Howlett-5; Terry & Debbie Bunch-6; Jamie & Carol McCartney-11; Sam & Kaydee Blankenship-18; Jason & Candee Terry-28; Steve & Melissa Young-31

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