

# Wildwood Church of Christ

Theme for 2021

*Step By Step: Grow With Jesus*

December 5, 2021

*Welcome & Announcements*

Song #639 How Sweet, How Heavenly

Song #608 God's Family

Opening Prayer – Bob Grove

Song #350 Come Share The Lord

The Lord's Supper – Richard Menninger

Song #22 Our God, He Is Alive

Sermon: How Much Have You Grown?

Song # 925 I Am Resolved

Song #638 Blest Be The Tie

Closing Prayer – Keith Jones

## *“Of One Heart and One Soul”*

### *Acts 4:32*

I read several years ago about the entertainer, Jimmy Durante, from an article written by Tim Hansel. Durante was asked to be a part of a show for World War II veterans. He told them his schedule was very busy and he could only stay a few minutes. He agreed to do a short monologue then immediately leave for his next appointment.

When Mr. Durante got on stage, something interesting happened. He did his short monologue but then stayed. The applause grew louder and louder and he kept staying. Finally, he took a last bow and left the stage. Someone stopped him and said, “I thought you had to leave after a few minutes. What happened?” Jimmy answered, “I did have to go, but I can show you the reason why I stayed. You can see for yourself if you will look on the front row.” In the front row were two men, veterans, each of whom had lost an arm in the war. One had lost his right arm and the other soldier had lost his left arm. As one, they were able to clap and that's exactly what they were doing, loudly and cheerfully.

Well, that story illustrates what Luke, the writer of Acts 4:32-37, wrote about the disciples of Christ in Jerusalem. These new Christians illustrate how believers should not only encourage one another, but it also contains a beautiful lesson of followers of Jesus being united and fulfilling the prayer of Jesus recorded in John 17. It is so important that every member in our fellowship be involved and each member contribute to the spiritual and numerical growth of the Lord's church, His kingdom. We should be reminded of Israel when they were at war against Amalek (Exodus 17). Moses is on top of a hill, staff of God in his hand, holding it up. As long as Moses' hands were up, Israel prevailed. But when he let his hands down, Amalek prevailed. Verse 12 says, “Moses' hands were heavy.” So Aaron and Hur supported his hand and God's people won a victory. Moses built an altar and called its name, “The Lord Is My Banner” (YHWH Nissi) Exodus 17:15

Over the past year, step by step, we have worked together, supported one another and encouraged one another as the Lord's forever family. Let us carry this attitude of “One Heart and One Soul” on into 2022, and never forget that we are in this together.

## Prayer List

- ~ **The funeral for** Martha Rushmore's son, **Bobby Noland**, was yesterday in Ohio. Louis and Martha will be traveling home probably this Tuesday. If you would like to send a card to Sharon, Bobby's wife, the address is: 1180 County Road 1356, Ashland, OH 44805
- ~ **Jim Noland**, Martha's other son has been sick in the hospital and was not able to go the funeral. He has kidney stones, gall stones, trouble with his blood sugar and his blood pressure. His address is: 2420 SE 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Ocala, FL 34480 **Martha Rushmore** will be getting an implant for her back on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ~ Keep **Rosa Lane** in your prayers with the passing of Kevin. His memorial service was yesterday.
- ~ **Jamie McCartney** has prostate cancer. He had a CT scan done last week and is waiting for results.
- ~ **Myrna Human** passed out Saturday morning and her heart stopped for 1 minute. She called 911 and was taken to Leesburg hospital. She will have a pacemaker put in Monday evening around 6p.m.
- ~ **Tara Strickland** is in great need of our prayers and encouragement. She is in a facility for 30 days to help her with her addiction. If all goes, well, she will enter another facility that will help her on a long term basis. For now, her address is: White Sands Treatment, 2011 North Wheeler St., Plant City, FL 33563. Please pray for Tara that she will keep the faith and have the strength to overcome.
- ~ **Don Albert – praise God** did not have to have open heart surgery! They did a rotoblation to break up his blockage and put 3 stents in. He is weak but at home and doing better.
- ~ **Alma Young** is doing a little better each day after having surgery on her shoulder and broken bones healing after her fall. Her address is: PO Box 1273 Summerfield, FL 34492
- ~ **Judy Kyle** had her back surgery and is at home recovering.
- ~ **Lois Hutsenpiller** is home and recovering from her surgery.
- ~ The Routzahn's friend, **Jim Perkins** who had a TIA, is home from the hospital and doing better.
- ~ **Tina Lipps**, who visited last Wednesday for the first time, has cancer and asks for prayers.
- ~ **Mandie Lake** is starting to make a little bit of progress but she has a very long road of recovery ahead.

**Remember:** Pat Ponsford; Linda Grove; Marlin Kilpatrick; Martha Pope; Jeanette Harris; Barbara Barden; Myrna Human; Taylor Williams & family; Sheila Bernstein & family; Edra Nell Courtney; Millie Tudor; Charlotte Martin; Ken Scott; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Joyce Freeman; George Barrett; Libbie Summers; Alba Cherena; Mollie Holley; Justin Scott; Teresa Broyles, Fred Casteel

## Announcements

**Ladies:** We would love to have you meet us at 9:30 **every Tuesday** in the fellowship hall for a devo then sign cards for encouragement and send to the sick. We have a wonderful time together and then sometimes, we go eat lunch together! Please join us!

**Lads to Leaders:** Kick-Off TODAY after our morning worship service. If you have a young person who will be in the program or you would like to help by being a mentor, please attend.

**Ladies - It is not too late to sign up! This Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> all** ladies are invited to lunch at Miz Kathi's Cotillion in Wildwood. Meet at the building at 11:30 - If you haven't paid your \$20, please give your money to Sherry, Carol or Sarah Myers today.

**Teen Holiday Party!** This coming Saturday, December 11 @6pm in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite holiday snack and a \$15 gift.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Under Holiday Party** - Next Sunday, **December 12** after morning service. Food will be provided and we will end at 2p.m.

**Pantry:** Y'all have been awesome with helping stock the pantry! Now we need several items in the next week or 2 so we can put together our Christmas food boxes: **Sweet Potatoes Peas**

**Jiffy Cornbread Mix Applesauce Peanut Butter Cooking Oil Toilet Paper**

## December Birthdays

Wayne Crenshaw-5; Whitley Strickland-7; Emmett Williams-7; Sydni Fort-8; Tina Glenn-8; Easton Williams-8; Gina Marshall-10; Raygen Fort-12; Fred French-15; Kristen Williams-21; Larry Hyder-22; Hattie Byers-23; Sadie Gage-26; Dale McCarthy-31

## December Anniversaries

Wayne & June Crenshaw-15; Steve & Lois Hutsenpiller-20; Basile & Libbie Summers-21; George & Alicia Barrett-30; Charles & Mary Jane Wright-31

**Greeters:** Dec.5-David & Sarah Myers Dec.12 -Joan Strickland & Barbara Howlett  
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