

Wildwood Church of Christ

Theme for 2021

Step By Step: Grow With Jesus

July 18, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Song #430 My Hope Is Built

Song #115 The Lord My Shepherd Is

Prayer

Song #310 Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross

The Lord's Supper

Song #730 I Am The Vine

Sermon: Godly Living – Be Assertive!

Luke 20:1-26

Song #312 Jesus Paid It All

Song #5 Step By Step

Don't Hide What You Have

A tourist was unwilling to pay the duty that he knew he would have to pay so he had a plan. What he was trying to pass through the custom section of the airport was a vial of precious fluid in his suitcase. The fluid was a fragrant oil from a very expensive rose grown in Bulgaria and would be heavily taxed for export. What he didn't know is that a little of the perfume had spilled in his carry-on bag. By the time he reached the custom agent, the aroma was emanating from his bag, declaring the presence of his hidden treasure. The authorities detected what he had done and confiscated the costly vile of precious fluid.

The writer of the gospel of John states in chapter 1, verse 14 that . . . the Lord Jesus became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. As you can see, the Lord, throughout His ministry on earth could not be hidden either (Mark 7:24). Multitudes were constantly seeking Him out to hear Him speak words of authority and wisdom that He knew would benefit them spiritually, emotionally and physically. After His death and resurrection, His divine influence continues to change people's lives from sinner to saved. The book of Acts gives a wonderful example of His apostles in chapter 4, where many people in Jerusalem realized that Peter and John had been with Jesus (vs.13). It was their commitment and assertive communication with the religious leaders that marked them as true followers of Jesus Christ. Some questions for us living today are in order:

*Are you living completely for Jesus?

* Is the love of Christ so obvious in your life that those who know you realize that you are a follower of the One who has called you to live a Christ-like life . . . a life that could not be hidden?

Every day we live as Christians, the world should see that we are on the Lord's side and that we are growing step by step with Him, into His image.

Prayer List

~Please remember **Taylor Williams** and all her family in the days ahead. They need our prayers and support during this very difficult time.

~ **John Workman** is still in the hospital with many ups and downs. There was hope that we would be getting out soon but he is not eating enough so he is being put back on a night-time feeding with the feeding tube. The doctors still cannot get his blood pressure adjusted so it stays up when he stands up. He has now been in the hospital for 2 months. What a toll this is taking on John and Leigh, both. Please keep them in your prayers, and cards and texts are greatly appreciated.

~ **Edra Nell Courtney** is in Chatham Glen rehab in Summerfield on 42. She is in room 152 and would love to have visitors. Fully vaccinated people can visit anytime, unvaccinated need to call ahead.

~ **Judy Glenn** is doing very well recovering at the rehab after her hip replacement surgery. She has had some trouble with gout but it is getting better and she hopes to go home this coming Tuesday.

~ **Loraine daSilva** has been back and forth to Huntsville, Al. being with her sister who is still in the hospital. Loraine has a lot on her shoulders right now, with decisions about her sister's care after the hospital. Loraine also, still has a full leg brace on because of the broken knee, that needs to be replaced again. Remember **John daSilva** while Loraine is away. He is doing well right now and will be having a scan in about a month to check his lungs.

~ **Marlin Kilpatrick** is home recovering from his knee replacement surgery but he is in a lot of pain. He is having rehab done at home. He said he does not need food right now; he has more food in his frig than he can eat.

~**Nathan Myers** has recovered from Covid and is doing well.

~Remember **Elaina Hartman and Hannah Touchton** as new Christians with their decision to be baptized into Christ at Bible camp.

Remember: Martha Pope; Jeanette Harris; Alicia Barrett; Linda Grove; Millie Tudor; Peggy Murphy; Shirley Threet; Charlotte Martin; Ken Scott; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Joyce Freeman; David Deason; Teresa Broyle

Announcements

Volunteer Needed: Joel Prather, our deacon of building and grounds, is asking for some help around the building. He needs help with trimming the shrubs and also chemical control of the weeds. It will require only 4 to 6 hours per month and you can set your own schedule. Joel will give you some guidance if needed. Please let him know if you would like to help out in this area.

Pantry Items

No items needed at this time

July Birthdays

Harper Williams-2; Logan Pickron-3; Lois Babbitt-3; Jamie McCartney-4; Alyssa Pickron-6; Barbara Barden-6; Martha Rushmore-12; Jon Bratcher-12; Linda Grove-13; Garrett Cook-17; Ashlynn Vernon-17; Don Albert-18; Dorcas Faulkner-20; George Barrett-20; Irma Bottorff-20; Pat Ponsford-21; Joyce Albert-23; Dawn Creekmore-24; David Myers-25- Greg Pope-25; Sarah Alls-28; Jeanette Harris-28; John Workman-28

July Anniversaries

Fred & Marilyn French-3; Mike & Meagan Whisenant-14; Ronnie & Cecelia Strickland-15; Don & Joyce Albert-28

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