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The Holy Post

Sometimes, we forget to say how much we appreciate our Pastors. We've been here fourteen years, now. That's hard to believe. From the beginning Doug and I kind of hit it off. We know we are there for each other. I have never had a Minister that has been so reliable... so available... so caring in my entire Christian Experience. I had one that was close, but Doug is far and away the gold medalist!!!

He has helped me and our family through so many things, I can't recall them all and don't want to. He has been an emotional crutch, a sounding board and one of the finest men I have ever known. It dawns on me every once in a while that I don't tell him that enough! I know in general, but not in deed, what he has done for so many others in this church. Even if he had done none of that, I would feel he has earned every penny we pay him, from just what he has done for us.

Some of us are good at what we do and others... well we could use some work. Some of us really stand apart from the rest. Doug is that type of person. I know that some may say... "Well that's his job!" And you'd be right. But he goes way beyond his job title, all the time. We've gotten so used to it that we don't even notice sometimes. Most of us talk often about how blessed we are, for all kinds of reasons. I think we are exceptionally blessed with this fine man for our Minister. He has brought me out of darkness on more than one occasion. I know I can call him for almost anything and he'll find a way to serve my needs... come to my aid or just be available to listen and offer hope or help!

This is for all the times I forget to acknowledge your spirit in my life. Thanks Doug, from my entire family for today, yesterday and for all the tomorrows to come...

I know I have said before that God puts angels before us, who don't see themselves in that role. As sure as I'm writing this, I'm sure Doug would just give that unassuming smile of his and say he's just there to help. But he is way more than that to us. You're excellent at what you do, my friend and we are so blessed to have you!!!

Phil

PS> I haven't forgotten about you Steve. Just not enough room on this page.



Lois Eddleman	1st
Angie Rueben	1st
Lee Anderson	10th
Coene Schanaun	13th
Doug Partin	15th
Sandy Anderson	24th

Barb & Steve Hanson	2nd
Paul & Sandy Anderson	23rd
Roy & Gretchen Kierstead	25th

*Please join in our
new Donut Party
Program*

*People forget the things you say
and
People forget the things you do
But
People never forget the way you
you make them feel...*



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It's that time again. Time to nominate and elect leaders.

"If nobody is following, you're not leading." Most people don't want to lead, but they don't want to follow either. They may want to influence decisions, they may want everyone to do things their way, and they may even want to make up the rules by which everyone else has to play; but if asked point blank about leading, they would be quick to point out that they don't want to be the leader.

John Maxwell wrote a book titled, "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership." The subtitle was "Follow them, and People will follow you." I am not alone in my opinion that Jesus is the master leader (There are currently 8 new books on leadership that identify Jesus as the one to emulate). His call to follow has been accepted by millions, which affirms his place as master leader. Yet, when Jesus ascended into heaven, he did not leave a leadership vacuum in the Church.

He had developed leaders and had given them the vision of making disciples. Effective church leadership can only be carried out by people who follow Jesus. Who else will be interested in making disciples? Effective church leaders are not people who simply duplicate Jesus' methods, but people who are sold out on following Jesus. When people respect someone as a person, they admire him. When they respect someone as a friend, they love him. When they respect someone as a leader, they follow him. The 11 disciples of Jesus who were given the commission to make disciples, made disciples who followed Jesus just as they did themselves. Jesus is still the head of his church, he is still leading; and everyone else is following.

So why don't people in the church aspire to church leadership? Perhaps, deep down, they know that leadership in the Church involves a towel to clean dirty feet. It's a job no one really wants to do; but it is one Jesus was willing to do himself. Church leadership should never be viewed as a position of power, but one of time consuming, resource depleting service. It takes godly character, spiritual strength, and a willingness to be set apart as an example for others. It is not about representation, but about evangelization.

I want you to be praying for those who are willing to accept nomination for leadership in our congregation; and I want you to become more familiar with biblical leadership. One way to do this is by reading your Bible, the other is by joining us on Sunday mornings during September.

Doug Partin Pastor Simply Christian

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ARE "THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES"?

You may be one of those who cringe when hearing the words "these uncertain times." Google offers 171 million answers and almost 7,000,000 Memes. So, you are not alone in ridiculing it as a waste of meaningless words. Perhaps its usefulness is in demonstrating the secular world's inability to comprehend and communicate our suffering.

The politician, CDC, WHO, the protestors and rioters cannot provide the hope Jesus does.

We do not enjoy the job security we had a year ago. It is extremely difficult to visit friends and loved ones. Socially distant weddings, funerals, church attendance and high school graduation does not work. Shopping is an unpleasant ordeal.

These are uncertain times.

Because the world is uncertain I am thankful to receive Doug's weekly devotional. His greeting this week reminds us, "We are ~~living~~ in a wonderful time. I hope that you are able to share the love of God to those you know who feel otherwise. We are richly blessed."

Habakkuk saw the world around him falling apart. He remained faithful while the nation rejected God. He mourned, he pleaded. He was horrified by the daily news. Then, he learned that his nation, Israel, would be lost.

*These are NOT uncertain times. Our certainty is not clothing, food and shelter. Our certainty is not health and financial security. **Our certainty is not a painless, comfortable life upon the earth. Our treasure, our lasting joy is in the God of our salvation.***

A pandemic, corrupt political leadership, financial collapse nor a decadent culture can diminish our true citizenship, the Kingdom of God.

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. "God, the Lord, is my strength; He makes my feet like the deer's; He makes me tread on my high places." (3:17-19)

"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire." (Heb. 12:28-29)

Dennis

Who's Who in the Pews?



Leta Harlow

Leta & Marvin Harlow : Arrived in Los Alamos in 1966 from Oak Ridge TN. Marvin was a Physicist. They joined the Christian church in 1980. Leta began teaching children's classes, here and later adult women's classes. She worked for over 50 years as a medical transcriptionist.

Since Marvin's death in 2016, she has lived contentedly in the family home, in White Rock. She enjoys gardening, exercise classes, reading and spending time with her sons and daughters-in-law. The birth of her great-grandson on her 84th birthday was a highlight of her life. Church participation has been a big part of her life for decades and she is longing for the time when we call all meet as a congregation again.

The Frame Game Who is this?



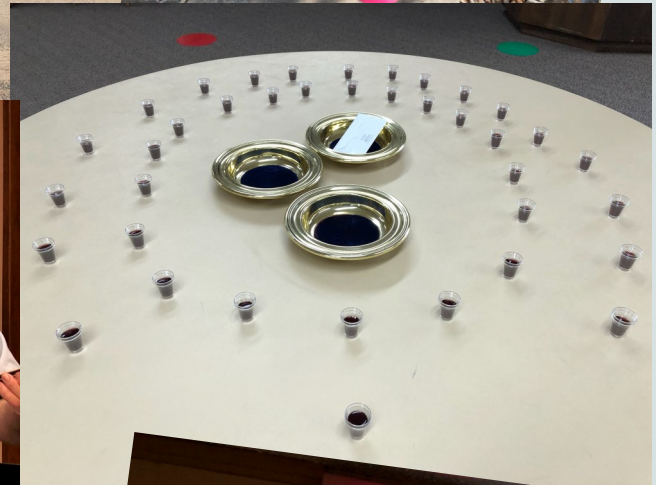
Last month was
Janice Gross



From the mouth's of Little Ones

**"Moses went up to Mt. Cyanide, but he
died before he got to Canada"**

Getting through to the end



Covid19 & Construction



SEPTEMBER EVENTS



Patriot's Day

Fall is Here!



And Moses came down from the mountain and said:

Live by these commandments!!! Oh yeah, and say hello to my good friend Lois Eddleman.

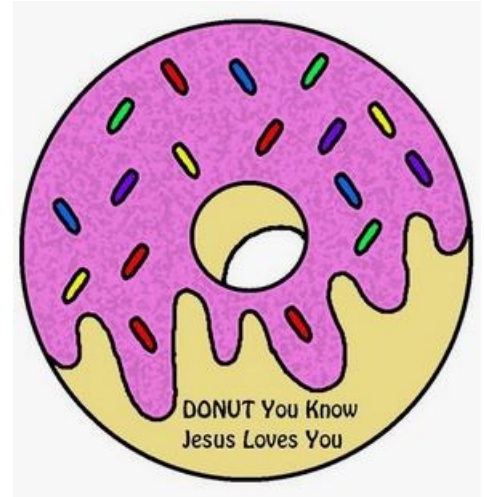
Happy Birthday Lois

September 1st. "95"

Would you like to share the sweetness of God's love?

We will be starting a new program to share the love we all get to enjoy, for free. Families with children are being asked to prayerfully be home hosts. Parents are to reach out to their neighbors to participate at a time that works.

Suggestion: a Sunday morning 9:30-10:00 a.m.



A count of how many in the family, plus the number of neighbors who will join will be given in advance to Pastor Steve.

Donuts from Morning Glory will be individually wrapped. These donuts will be provided for all. A craft tied to a Biblical theme will be provided for each child.

Donuts and crafts will be dropped off at the host's home at the designated time.

A "donut party" will be held, as we practice

social distancing, and wear masks,

all the while building community and sharing that we at The Christian Church care in Jesus' name!

Please see Pastor Steve for details!

We will review this ministry, and see if we would like to continue on a monthly basis!



The Nominating Committee for the annual election was selected by the elders and is comprised of the Senior Minister, two elders, our deacon, and three other mem-

bers of the congregation at large. All proposals from the membership for nominees shall be given to the Nominating Committee at least six weeks prior to the annu-

al election. The date for the election will be October 18, 2020

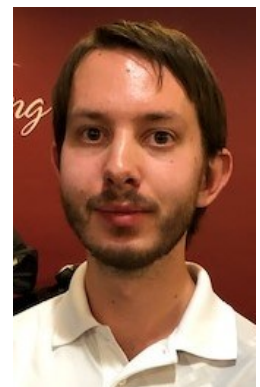
YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH TO VOTE



It's time to consider nominations for Church Board Members. Each year in the fall we hold elections for our Elders, Deacons and MAC's (Ministry Area Coordinators). An Elder is elected for a term of 2 years but may continue by nomination for an additional one-year term for a maximum of four consecutive years. A Deacon is elected for a term of 1 year but may continue by nomination for an additional one-year term for a maximum of three consecutive years. A MAC is for a term on 1 year but renewable by nomination each year.



*Elizabeth Broska, Lois Eddleman, Mark Rayburn, Joe Nasise, Steve Hansen,
Bobby Houlton, Eric Klenner, Greg Port, Pam Houlton, Lori Pettit,
Sandy Rayburn, Cathy Hadley, James Thompson, Phil Logan & Doris Logan*



Our Music Makers

We had great success with donations form our congregation in our **Need Has No Season** program to help local families during this pandemic. We delivered food and school supplies for 18 families in need through the Pojoaque Elementary School, we also added a \$30 gift card to Wal-Mart to each fami-ly. They were very thankful, and noted how our generosity was a great blessing. Mrs. Sanchez was our contact with the school and will oversee the distribution. Our congregation is blessed to be a blessing.



**A BIG
THANK
YOU**





Mayhem with the Mertzes

The Silent Treatment

Bert and Myrt were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, Bert realized that the next day, he would need Myrt to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight.

Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, 'Please wake me at 5:00AM.' He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning, Bert woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why Myrt hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, 'It's 5:00AM. Wake up.'

Men are just not equipped for these kinds of contests.

Who wins these battles in your home?
Is Bert still a work in progress?
Are women just more creative than men?
Join us next month for Mayhem with the Mertzes

