



8.1.2021

Ron Writes

Relationships

There are many longing for a lasting relationship. One that won't disappoint or hurt them. Life is easier when you're not alone. Struggles that are shared are more bearable. For some, previous heartaches hold them back. Here are three things that everyone needs and wants.

First, someone who cares. Someone who knows all about us, all our faults and all our failures, but loves us anyway. It must be someone who loves us unconditionally. One who is consumed with our wellbeing. Someone willing to forgive us of all our pettiness, faultfinding and irritability. We struggle, yes, we fail to be this person, but it's who we need.

Then, we need someone we can trust. Someone we can believe in. It should be someone we can always call on and know they'll give us what we need. Someone who won't give up or run but will lift us up when we're struggling. Someone willing to lift us above our problems. Someone who is strong when we're weak.

Finally, it needs to be someone who knows what they're doing. They know where they're going. They know what to do next. They have a plan. They're able to give you direction. You know your future is secure. You might make some wrong turns, but they'll put you back on the right track.

Do you recognize these three things? Love, faith, and hope. The triad of Christian virtues. Don't underestimate their power. Don't dismiss our great desire and need for these. Faith, hope and love. There's One who wants a relationship with you and will never let you down or desert you. Not only are we looking for these, we must embrace them in ourselves.

Sunday's Sermon:

John 17:1-12, Jesus prays

PRESENT WORSHIP OPTIONS

10:30 am - In-building Worship 10:30 am - Live-Streaming

Prayer Requests

- Ken Hochhalter will have a heart valve replacement on August 12th.
- Steve and Kalene have a new granddaughter! Cooper Jill
 Partlow was born 7/24, she weighed 3.5 pounds, and was 17 3/4 inches long. She was delivered early and will remail in the NICU until she gains enough weight to come home. Kaylin, is still having some health issues and is still in the hospital. Please keep these two in your prayers.
- Ron's brother, Rick Murphy, cancer
- Cheryl Ruhl: continued healing for her foot.
- OUR ELDERLY: Ruth Reynolds, Francis Hicks, Ann Bessire, Fay Leighton, Ida Pruitt, Tom & Barbara, Russ & Dorothy. Please pray for good general health.
- Please continue to keep the **Reynolds'**, **Riley and Poyser** families in your prayers during this time of loss.
- Our Students as they begin to prepare to go back to school.
- Our teachers as that begin to prepare to go back to school.

From Eduardo

- Benito Ibarra, continues to improve and in rehabilitation.
- Rosa Chapina, cancer stage four.
- We are giving consolation to several families that have lost a relative in the last weeks, the families are: Chavez, Rodriguez, Ibarra, Alcantara, including Felipe's brother.

If you have a prayer request or other concern, please contact me by email—occhurch@gmail.com or by phone at 503.317.1410



WEDDING

John Lemarr will be marrying Nancy Smock on August 7 @ 11 am. at the Toledo church. Ron will be officiating.

(PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT, NOT AN INVITATION.

The ceremony will be a private family gathering.)

Women's Retreat

"Exploring Encouragement" is the theme of this year's Women's Retreat at Camp Yamhill. The registration will be online this year at campyamhill.org. The cost of the entire retreat is \$95 (includes overnights, meals and all the activities). The day price for Saturday only is \$40 (for all meals and activities). The check-in time on Friday, Sept 10, is 5:00 PM. The check- out on Sunday, Sept 12, is 11:30 AM.

BUILDING UPDATES

The air conditioners have been undergoing testing by technicians to determine why they haven't been working properly and should be corrected soon.

A re-plumbing project that has been in the works for some time has begun. Part of the project will be an on-demand water heater allowing the water heaters in the kitchen and women's bathroom to be removed.

COVID UPDATE

Masks are now being recommended to be worn for indoor events by the State of Oregon Health Authority and The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) due to the increase in Covid-19 Delta virus cases in certain regions including Clackamas County. The Delta variant especially poses risk to unvaccinated members including children. Masks are not required to attend our in-person services, but the elders want you to be aware of this new information so you can make an informed decision. We want our assembly to be as safe as possible for all. Around Our Area



Men's Retreat Hosted by Camp Yamhill Thurs, Sept 2– Sat, Sept 4 Registration - \$95

Women's Retreat Hosted by Newberg church of Christ. Friday, Sept 10 – Sunday, Sept 12 Registration - \$95

Teen Girls Retreat Completed grades 7 – 12 Friday, Nov 5 – Sunday, Nov 7 Registration - \$95

Pursuit Leadership Retreat High School Friday, Nov 12-Sunday, Nov 14

Christian College Days NW

October 2 is the date for Christian College Days NW. It will be held at Southwest Church of Christ in Tigard. Representatives from various Christian colleges will be present. More details will be coming later.

Save the date!



Its time to finish filling up your change cans, or add a check.

Change cans are due to be turned in to an elder or Kalene by next Sunday, August 8th.

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To view the weekly bible classes and weekly sermons, look us up on .

Type in, "Oregon City Church of Christ", in the search bar.



Christian Accountability Support Team

Meets Monday's at 7 PM.

Meetings are open to anyone who needs Christian support.

CAST is a confidential Bible based 12-step group designed to help Christians identify, admit, and recover from debilitating problems caused by sin. Through a Biblical focus this group will show to those struggling, God's unwavering compassion, forgiveness and loyalty.

CAST is for those under bondage of any addiction a person has become powerless to control.

Anyone can come to any meeting

Please let Steve Partlow know in advance you will be attending.