



A weekly email bulletin, brought to you by the Oregon City church of Christ.

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Guest Writer

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The Dog at Church

Back in the mid-'70s, when my dad was the preacher at the Rockmart, Georgia, church of Christ, there was a Collie dog that apparently knew our schedule of services. Faithfully, rain or shine, summer or winter, she would be out on the front steps greeting all the members and visitors. She wasn't allowed inside the building, but she'd dutifully lay on those steps until we were finished with services. Then, she would cheerfully bid us all goodbye. When the building was locked up and everyone had left, this convicted canine would make her way back home. I don't know how many years this went on for, but the notoriety of the "church of Christ" dog was seemingly known throughout the community.

One Sunday, my dad preached a sermon about this dog. His application was brilliant and uncanny. She was always "at church," no matter what. Surely she was mistreated or had a cross word hurled at her at some point, since, incredibly, not everyone is a dog person. Her faithful presence was a great example to the community. She greeted everyone freely, not just a select few. She didn't seem to distinguish by age, gender, race, or income status. If she was not there, as it apparently was on an occasion or two, everyone noticed and was concerned. He probably said more, but that I remember this much nearly 40 years later indicates how impressive the object lesson was.

Paul told the Colossian Christians that their faith and love was renowned and well-reported (Col. 1:4). The Jerusalem church very quickly had favor among all the people (Acts 2:47). The Thessalonians were a notable example throughout their region of the world (1 Th. 1:7). As we line up our goals and resolutions for this new year, why not determine, as the whole body and as individual members of it, to make that clear and deep an impression on the people in our lives and those who chance to encounter us. Dogs are renowned for their faithfulness. So should Christians be (cf. 2 Tim. 2:2).

Worship Schedule

Sunday Bible Classes at 9:30 AM

There is class in the auditorium for the adults, classes are held downstairs for the children and teenagers.

SEEKER'S CLASS

9:30 am, downstairs in room #9

Teacher: John Jones

Our Worship and Live Streaming will begin at the regular time of 10:30 AM

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Steve and David Partlow's Uncle, **Jim Mathews**, passed away earlier this week. Please keep his wife Shirley and family in your prayers.
- ◆ On Wednesday, we heard from Brandyn Warrilow, asking for us to keep his aunt **Linda Hochhalter** in your prayers. She took a drastic turn for the worse and the doctors don't see much hope for her to recover. They want to take her off all life support. This is such a shock for her family. Please keep her boys, sister Nancy, and mother Fay, in your prayers as they make some hard decisions.
- ◆ **From Susan Nickell**
Please pray for my cousin **Julie and husband Able**. They both have come down with covid. They got it from their son who is over it and doing fine. This is Julie's second time of getting it. She has had a fever and chills for over 10 days. Able is weak but slowly gaining his strength.
- ◆ **Ron and Lynn** and on vacation to visit Family. Ron will be back in the pulpit on October 24th. Please pray for their safe travel.
- ◆ **Our ELDERLY**, please pray for good general health.
- ◆ **Our Students**, our Teachers, our Military, our Police and First Responders.
- ◆ **ON GOING PRAYERS:** Tom and Barbara Broadbent, Eric Zittle, cancer (Kristin Ruddiman's dad), Rick Murphy.

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

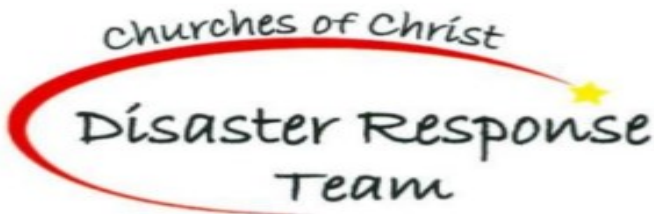
FROM EDUARDO

- ◆ Prayers of strength to families who have lost a relative in recent weeks: Alcántara, Chávez, Rodríguez.
- ◆ Benito Ibarra in the process of rehabilitation to be able to walk.
- ◆ Rosa Chapina with stage four cancer.
- ◆ Lili Calero with cancer, lives in El Paso TX, family of Aracely and Eduardo.
- ◆ Rocío Rodrigues is looking for work.
- ◆ she is better recovering at home.
- ◆ Nahomi Rodriguez was in the hospital with a little fever a few days ago,
- ◆ Juana Rivas Hilda's mother is recovering from COVID.



Around Our Area

Teen Girls Retreat
has been **Cancelled**,
due to COVID restrictions.



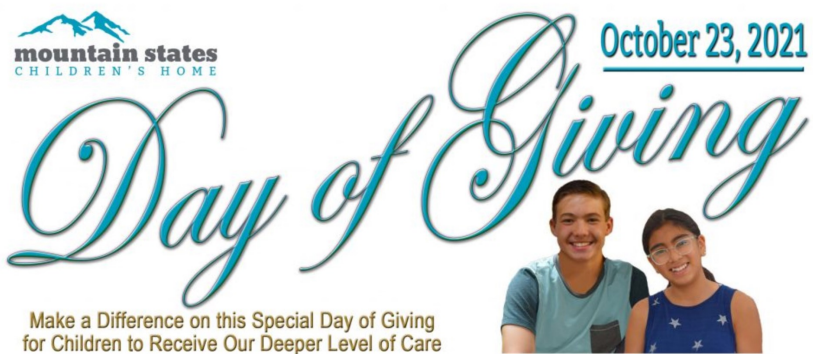
From New York to Tennessee and elsewhere, flooding is devastating many areas. Plus, hurricanes and tornadoes and wild fires have caused a lot of damage as well. **Church of Christ Disaster Relief** is responding as soon as these things happen. If you would like to donate their Web site is,

<http://www.churchesofchristdrt.org/>



The director of **Mountain States Children's Home**, **Randy Schow**, came and collected our donation cans this last week. He stated, that even with the COVID pandemic the donations through the change cans has remained very steady.

He was so appreciative to all of you for your steadfastness in your donations.



Make a Difference on this Special Day of Giving
for Children to Receive Our Deeper Level of Care

Go to <https://www.msch.org/>

To make a donation on this day,
or to learn more about MSCH.

OC church News and Notes

NEW SCHEDULE

Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

There is an adult class in the auditorium.

Classes for the kids, and teen's are in classrooms downstairs.

SEEKER'S CLASS

9:30 am, downstairs in room #9

Teacher: John Jones

Are you in grade 7-12 and interested in being in the Teen Group?

You are welcome to come join us every Wednesday evening at the building to study the Bible and fellowship together.

See Steve Haney for more information.

RON'S VACATION

Ron and Lynn will be heading to California to visit his brother who is on Hospice care, then on to visit Lynn's family and attend Lynn's 50th high school reunion. Please keep them in your prayers

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER



Oct. 3 - Steve Haney

Oct. 10 - Steve Haney

Oct. 17 - Aaron Partlow

Oct. 24 - Ron

Oct. 31 - Ron

 Reserve the date 
October 28th at 11:30

More info to follow

COVID UPDATE

The elders are asking everyone to wear masks when inside the church building, to follow the new Oregon state mask requirements for ages 5 years and up.

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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 **A**ccountability **S**upport **T**eam

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.*

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