

Chronicle

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9:30 Worship
11:15 Sunday School for all ages
12:15 Bible Study
6:00 Impact Youth

Monday:

Grief Share Study

Tuesday

Cardio Drumming

Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer

Nomination Time Again

August is the month we at CCEFC begin the process of selecting new members for our Elder, Christian Education, and Deacon Boards. Sunday, August 2, the nomination ballots will be made available and will need to be filled out and turned in before the end of August. The nomination ballot lists the scriptural qualifications desired for service on the respective board. Information about the number of positions available, who is going off of the boards and who can be reelected will be made available as well. Each member is asked to prayerfully consider and then nominate persons to fill the available spots. From these nominations, the boards then select candidates to be on the general election ballot, which will be voted on at the annual church meeting, scheduled for November 17th. Please participate in this process. I believe the Lord will use it to put the people of His choosing on the decision-making boards of CCEFC so that we might continue to be a church that holds fast to scripture and seeks to honor God in all we do.

“Our purpose is to be ambassadors for Christ, helping people to become spiritually mature, filled with the fullness of God”

A few years back, Readers Digest included an article "Why We Forgive" by Desmond Tutu. In this brief article, he states that forgiveness is a difficult thing to do, but his faith tells him to forgive because God forgives us. Tutu goes on to discuss that emotional traumas may hold us in bondage for many years if we let it. An important observation is that hurting the other party in retaliation does nothing to relieve our own pain in the long run. The relief of the pain only comes through forgiveness. If we hold onto that grudge, the pain has control over us, and forgiveness is the only way to be freed of the yoke of bitterness, that traps us in pain. Forgiveness grants us freedom. Tutu concludes the article "We don't forgive for others. We forgive for ourselves."

The so called "Lord's prayer" in Mathew 6 links our forgiving others to the forgiveness we receive from God, as Tuto alluded to. Mathew 5, and Mathew 11, include passages that God will not hear our prayers if we hold unforgiveness in our heart.

Further, throughout scripture we are instructed to live a life that reflects the life of Jesus Christ, as such, we need to forgive as we have been forgiven. Even on the cross as He was being mocked, spit upon, beaten and whipped, Jesus responded with "Forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

Lack of forgiveness can lead to hatred of the person you need to forgive. We are instructed not to hate, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus indicates that hate is equivalent to murder.

Mental health professionals and even medical health equate a lack of forgiveness with many of the issues that they deal with among their patients.

It is clear that a lack of forgiveness is an issue in our society. I pray that it is not an issue in our local church.

Is there someone that you need to forgive? What is holding you back? Will you begin the process of forgiveness today?

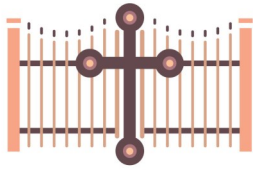
Jim Hawkins—editor



Bible Quiz

In John of Patmos' vision, what is special about the 12 gates of the New Jerusalem?

- A. They are made of gold and always closed.
- B. They are made of amethyst and onyx.
- C. They are closed by day and open by night.
- D. They are made of pearl and never closed.



Answer: D (See Revelation 21:21, 25.)

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Deadline for submissions is the second to the last (usually the third) Sunday of the month prior to late morning service. Questions about the Chronicle should be directed to the editor or the board of elders.

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Weekly Bible Studies**Sundays:**

Pat Clarey's: 6-8 PM in the church
 library – Pat's phone – 321-0132
 or 626-4531 (every other week);

Russ and Ruth Bartholomew's – 6:15
 – 8:15 PM at their house on T
 Ave, phone – 626-8019;

Wednesdays:

Ladies Bible Study at the church 9:00
 AM

Church Directory and On-line**TV services:**

There is a flyer under the TV
 monitor in the back of auditori-
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 9:30 Sunday service can be
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- 2-Jennifer McKelvey
- 3-Cade Drallette
- 3-Mary Ellen Smith
- 4-Patrick & Colleen Clarey
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- 20-Russ Audette
- 20-Roger & Sally Wedel
- 24-Kyle Smith
- 25-Betty Kremble
- 26-Terrie Schwartz
- 26-Kim Smith
- 30-Sarah Pouliot
- 30-Eric Smith
- 31-Micah DeWaal

Inclement Weather Policy:

If it is a school day, and Climax-Scotts schools are closed for weather, all church activities for that day are automatically cancelled. For non-school days, check local television stations or with the event organizer. If the weather or roads are questionable, and the event is still held, you are encouraged to use your best judgement before venturing out.

Have You Noticed the Back to School Sales have Started?

Back to School Sales are in full force; August and early September are the best discounts on many back to school items.

These items get used for many church ministry programs, so this is a good time to stock to support these ministries. The annual Hallelujah Party (250-300 bags are prepared each year), Shoe Box ministry (well over 100 boxes), sometimes mission trips, needy families in the congregation, VBS, and other ministries all benefit from the donation of school items. As you can tell, various ministries will use at least 400 of these items over the next year, and possibly over 500.

What to buy:

- Crayons (24 count)
- Pencils
- Pens
- Erasers
- Paper (plain and lined)
- Markers
- Scissors
- Colored pencils
- Glue sticks (glue sticks can

be sent in shoe boxes, but other forms of glue cannot)

- If your kids need it for school, there is very likely a ministry opportunity to use it

So buy some extras when they are on sale and there will be a box in the large fellowship room under the mailboxes for you to donate these items. If one ministry is unable to use donations, they are shared with other ministries that can benefit from the items.

Watch for more information and for requests for donations for candy and other items in October for the Hallelujah Party on October 31.

The coronavirus has many of these events are up in the air, and may get cancelled or postponed. Still it is wise to be planning ahead. Items not used over the next year can still be used the following year.

See You at the Pole

See You at the Pole™ is a global movement of prayer which is student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led. It revolves around students praying together on the fourth Wednesday in September, usually before school and usually at the school's flag pole. It involves student in elementary schools, middle/junior high schools, high schools, and colleges/universities across the globe. Adults often pray in support of the students on campus by gathering nearby, at their places of work or worship, or at city halls.

In 1990 when youth ministers in Texas first challenged young people to meet on a common day to launch their school year in prayer, one of the concerns was how to help those who wanted to pray together find each other. It was noted that virtually every school has a flagpole, and the flagpole provided an easy-to-identify place to gather. Also, one issue that the teenagers were praying about was the spiritual health of their country and their leaders, in obedience to 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Hence, the location and name of the event!

This year's see you at the pole is set for September 23 at 7:00 a.m.



Please note:

Because of the ongoing pandemic concerns, the 2020 Picnic will not be held this year.

AWANA Planning Meeting

Leaders meeting for all interested in helping with AWANA. August 26, 6:30 PM at the church. Plan to come help us decide how to move forward with our AWANA program. Please let Stacey Coville know your plans to help this year (269.720.3728 LSE-COVILLE@Comcast.net).

Pat Answers

What Happens when a Christian Dies?

When a believer in Jesus dies, his spirit/soul separates from the body and goes immediately to be with Jesus our Lord. We see this taught in 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 where Paul is discussing what happens to a believer at death: *“So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”* It is also taught in Philippians 1:21-24: *“For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.”* Departing is dying and this means to be with Christ! A believer is never separated from the Lord Jesus Christ – not in this life, not in death, and not in the life to come – see Romans 8:35-39. Jesus said to the dying thief on the cross *“today you will be with me in paradise.”* – Luke 23:43. At death we go immediately to paradise and into the presence of Jesus!

But despite many of us talking about a loved one “running now”, or “walking whole again” after death – there is an intermediate state in which the spirit is with Jesus, but not yet risen in a new body. We don’t get our new glorified body right away. We get this new body when Christ comes – *“When He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him (Christ) as He is.”* – 1 John 3:2. The Bible speaks of the resurrection of the dead in the future when Christ comes again for His people. We see this in 1 Corinthians 15:21-23: *“For as by a man came death, by a man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ, the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ.”* Later in the same chapter: *“Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep (die in the Lord Jesus), but we shall all be*

changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead shall be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.” – 1 Corinthians 15:51-52.

Why the wait? I am not sure, but it may be so we believers in Jesus are all reunited at once, and those who have died are honored by being raised first. Any believers who are still alive when Christ comes, will also be changed and join them. This is taught in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: *“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you be a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.”*

So let us who know Jesus as Lord and Savior not fear death like those who have no hope. Even though now we also grieve, let us take comfort in always being united to Jesus in life and in death. Let us look forward to eternity with Jesus and the Grand Reunion to come with believers of all ages. Finally, let us make sure we are truly trusting in Christ alone for salvation, because death for the unbeliever means waiting for the final judgment in Hades, followed by eternal Hell – see Revelation 20:11-15.

Thankful for Jesus our Life,

Pastor Pat

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