

# Chronicle

Newsletter of  
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## Weekly Opportunities

### Sunday

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

### Monday:

Grief Share Study  
8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

### Tuesday

Cardio Drumming

### Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer

## History of Independence Day

Independence Day is regarded as the birthday of the United States as a free and independent nation. Most Americans simply call it the "Fourth of July," on which date it always falls.

The holiday recalls the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. At that time, the people of the 13 British colonies located along the eastern coast of what is now the United States were involved in a war over what they considered unjust treatment by the king and parliament in Britain. The war began in 1775. As the war continued, the colonists realized that they were fighting not just for better treatment; they were fighting for freedom from England's rule. The Declaration of Independence, signed by leaders from the colonies, stated this clearly, and for the first time in an official document the colonies were referred to

as the United States of America. It is a day of picnics and patriotic parades, a night of concerts and fireworks. The flying of the American flag (which also occurs on Memorial Day and other holidays) is widespread. On July 4, 1976, the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence was marked by grand festivals across the nation.



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

At the bidding of NASCAR's only African American driver, the organization recently decided to ban confederate flags at races because of the ethnic implications. The recent NASCAR competition at Talladega was delayed a day because of heavy rain at the racetrack site. Upon returning to the garage following the Sunday postponement, an ethnically charged symbol was found in this driver's stall. A lot could be said regarding the ethnic issue, but I will save that for another time. I want to focus on what happened at the pre-race activities on Monday. It began with a small group of drivers, growing to all of the drivers and eventually all of the teams and team members. As a measure of support for this driver, these drivers and crews, in a powerful show of unity, escorted the driver in his car to the front of the race field for the playing of the national anthem. Everyone of the drivers and crew members came together to support a fellow competitor that was emotionally hurt because of the action of one foolish individual.

It is refreshing to see how the drivers and crewmembers gathered around to show support for this driver. Unfortunately, this is not always true amongst believers. We sing "When one has a heartache, we all share the tears. And rejoice in each victory in this family so dear." It has been my observation that in far too many cases, we don't share the tears, but tend to run in the other direction. Galatians 5:2 instructs to share in one another's burdens. "True Christian love always seeks to lighten the burden of others and to bring happiness into their lives" writes K. W. Osbeck.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 is a passage that tells the importance of two or three in unity to lift one another up. Paul expands on this in the twelfth chapter of his first letter to the church in Corinth. He talks about how the church is one body, when one member of the body is not functioning correctly, the whole body suffers. By the same token, when a fellow believer is hurting it affects the entire church. When a leg hurts, the rest of the body compensates; we limp or make other adjustments.

It was beautiful to see the other drivers and crews support a singled-out driver. It would be just a beautiful to see Christians rally around a hurting believer. How can we come to the aid of others? Are we aware of someone who is hurting? Do we encourage other believers to join in uplifting this believer, to encourage them, to ease their heartache?

*Jim Hawkins*—editor

## VBS Update


There is no Vacation Bible School this year. But our Christian Education Board is going to be sending a mailing out to kids. Please keep the CE Board in prayer for future outreach.



Bible Quiz

What seemingly small act did Jesus specifically say would be rewarded?

- A. Giving a child a toy
- B. Giving a lost traveler directions
- C. Giving someone a cup of cold water
- D. Giving a sad person a hug



Answer: C (See Matthew 10:42.)

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Fax: (610) 549-7184  
or on disc: MSWord or Wordperfect formats for electronic submissions is preferred. Typed or hand written submissions are also accepted.

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Weekly:</b> 9:30 Worship 11:15 Sunday School (11:00 May be a 2nd worship Service) 6:00 Impact Youth	<b>Weekly:</b> Grieving group 8:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study	<b>Weekly:</b> 6:30 Cardio Drumming (may be meeting on line 3 nights/wk)	1	2	<b>Weekly:</b> 5:45 AM Prayer	4 Independence Day
5 Communion	6	7 7:00 Elders Meeting	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 6:30 Christian Ed. Mtg 7:00 Deacons Meeting	17	18
19 Deadline: August Chronicle	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**Please Note:** This calendar is put together based on the best available information and standard schedule information. As we begin moving towards easing restrictions from the Coronavirus lock down, not all events will be held as scheduled or in the manner originally restrictions. Even a full lifting of this order may affect the communal events on this calendar. Please check with your event leader, the church website, church bulletin, or church Facebook pages to confirm events will be held as scheduled.

August 2020						
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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;

**Mondays:**

Young Adult Bible Study 8PM at the  
 Fleck's led by Trenton Steele

**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 auditorium for the church directory. The 9:30 Sunday service can be viewed on the church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/countrychristianefc>

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH**

- 1 Stacey Coville
- 1 Alyssa Morrison
- 2 Brian & Abbey Colvin
- 2 Gavin Fritz
- 4 Jamie Morrison
- 5 Scott VanDongen
- 8 Vicki Christiansen
- 8 Matt & Debbie Drallette
- 8 David Dykstra
- 10 Dana Schwartz
- 11 Larry & Kris Fleck
- 11 Betty Williams
- 14 M Esther Macomber
- 14 M. Mabel Wahley
- 15 Micah & Beth DeWaal
- 17 Russ & Ruth Bartholomew
- 17 Denny & Debbie Johnson
- 17 Jackson Truax
- 18 Paul Drallette
- 19 Russ & Kim Drallette
- 19 Tim Landrum
- 19 Makenzy Steele
- 20 Lisa Johnson
- 23 Skyler Eager
- 23 Zach Wedel
- 25 Kaye Meyers
- 27 Jodi Eager
- 28 Jon Henker

**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.



# UNSEEN BUT *active*

This experiment illustrates that although God is invisible, we can see his work all around us.



**What you need:**

- Drinking glass
- Water
- Index card

**What you do:**

1. Practicing over a sink, fill the glass halfway with water. Then press the index card snugly atop the glass with one hand.
2. With the other hand, hold the base of the glass and carefully flip it over.
3. Remove your hand from the card. It should stay on the glass, without spilling the water! The invisible air in the glass creates a suction with the card, preventing the water from spilling out. Research air pressure to learn more.
4. After perfecting the trick, amaze others with it. Then talk about how God, like the air in the glass, is unseen but active.



# WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

*Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.*



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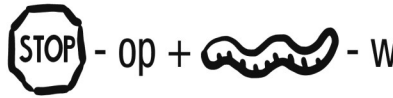
JOHN 2:1-11



Heals a man born

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JOHN 9



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MATTHEW 8:23-27



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LUKE 5:1-11



Walks on

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MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water

## Pat Answers

# Do All Lives Matter?

Yes, all lives matter! I realize by saying this it is not politically correct, and some may think it is racist or a denial of white privilege, etc. But to say NO or only say a certain color of lives matter is to deny the Gospel and Bible. I do not deny racism is an ongoing sin and problem in our world. But the Bible condemns all forms of racism by teaching every human is created in the image of God and matters to God our Creator. *“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them.”* No matter the color of our skin, we are all ONE race and all have ONE Blood – *“And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place.”* – Acts 17:26.

What about the current unrest? While everyone agrees the killing of George Floyd was horrible, it is not a justification of anarchy and lawlessness. How does burning and looting honor George Floyd? Martin Luther King, Jr.’s dream was an America that is color blind in which people “are judged by their character, not by the color of their skin.” This is a good goal, and should be fulfilled especially in God’s family, the Church of Jesus Christ. As followers of Jesus we have all the more reasons not to be racist or bound by color barriers. Because all lives matter to God, He sent His own Son to rescue us from sin, death, and Hell. Jesus died for people all over the world – *“For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son so that whoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have eternal life.”* – John 3:16. Because of Jesus, Heaven will be *“a great multitude that no one could number*

*from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...”* – Revelation 7:9. The church is to make disciples of all nations – Matthew 28:19. The church is to be the place where all peoples are brought together to worship Jesus Christ – *“Here there is no Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free, but Christ is all, and in all.”* – Colossians 3:11. In the church, God purposely knocks down the racial, social, and religious barriers between Jew and Gentile – see Ephesians 2:11-22. If Christ can bring Jew and Gentile together, He can bring any peoples together. Let us who claim the name of Jesus always take the lead in examining ourselves and in rejecting any racism.

Because all lives matter to God, this includes not only all colors of humans, but humans at every stage of development, from the womb to the tomb. One horrible irony (or hypocrisy) is that some who proclaim loudly that black lives matter, are also those who support abortion and the killing of human life in the womb. Because even unborn life matters, let us be pro-life and honor each life as a gift of God. See Psalm 139:13-16.

As with all issues of life, let us look at our own hearts first: Is there racism or bias that I need to see and confess? Am I seeking to build up the unity of Christ’s church? But let our focus always be on Jesus Christ and His Word which unites all peoples in Him.

For the glory of God alone.

*Pastor Pat*

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