

Newsletter of
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Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

9:30 Worship
11:00 Worship
Impact Youth (bi-weekly)

Monday:

Grief Share Study

Tuesday

Ladies Prayer and encouragement (bi-weekly)

Wednesday

9:00 Ladies Bible Study
6:15 AWANA

Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer

Hallelujah Party Update

We are planning to share the Gospel in Scotts at a Covid-friendly Hallelujah party! The party will be held on October 30, from 6-8 pm at Country Christian E. Free Church. We will have a few games that are kept sanitized as the kids walk through in family groups keeping their distance from each other. We will also have the Gospel presentation (though in a much less interactive form than usual) at stations in the sanctuary. Families will come in one door and go out another. No, it won't be the same as other years. Yes, it is something! We need your help! Please pray for the safety of all concerned and for opportunities to clearly share the Gospel. We need donations of candy and pop. And we need volunteers who are willing to wear masks (over their nose and mouth) to run the games, sanitize the games, and hand out candy and pop. We also need volunteers to help with the set up and take down. If you are willing to help, please contact someone on the Christian Ed. board and let them know. Thank you so much for helping us spread the Good News of Jesus Christ!



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

Recently I was reading a ten-year-old article by someone that used to work on a newspaper on the police beat. In this article, the author shared how sometimes the editor would send the reporter on a story and say “give me 15 inches” (or whatever length the editor determined), other times it was just “write a blurb”. A blurb being a short paragraph. A couple of the blurbs the author mentioned was about a 75-year-old man found deceased on a bus that was returning from Las Vegas; another was about a homeless man found when the garbage truck was depositing its contents from the day’s rounds. The author frequently wanted to investigate some of these blurb stories to get more info, but lack of time kept them from being pursued. They wrote of one time that a 20-year old former high-school football player was granted a 13-inch article. The boy’s father came a few weeks later to search out this writer to give his thanks for writing about his boy. The author asked the editor one day why some interesting items only received a blurb, while others received much longer articles. The editor responded that they were not going to waste a lot of column on an individual from an area that doesn’t buy papers. In a sense, they were putting a value on the heads of the victims.

I wonder how often we view people in a similar manner. We think, perhaps at a subconscious level, “they have nothing to offer me, I don’t have time for them”. Worse, we think “they are too far gone for me to share the gospel with for they will not respond favorably, I will put my time into sharing the gospel with someone that is likely to respond”. In so doing we forget that the Apostle Paul was known for persecuting (and worse) Christians before his conversion. We forget the way our life was headed before Christ rescued us.

Fortunately, God does not treat us that way. God does not see us a Jew or Gentile (Romans 2, Job 34:16-20), God does not love us more or less based on our wealth, or our position in the community. While our nature to judge people based on looks, wealth, position is normal for our old nature, it does not please God (James 2:1-ff).

How about it? how often do we judge people based on superficial things like looks, color, money, life style, position, or other things that have no eternal value? Most said that the apostle Paul could never become a Christian based on his pre-conversion life of hating and persecuting Christians; yet he wrote half of the New Testament. We need to show respect to everyone, even the ones we disagree with, so that we might win them with our gentleness and love. Is there someone, or group of people that you need to treat more fairly?

Jim Hawkins—editor

Bible Quiz

In Jesus’ parable about people who hear and live by God’s words, on what did the wise man build his house?

- A. rock
- B. sand
- C. grassland
- D. soil that was free of rocks



Answer: A (See Matthew 7:24-27.)

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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
Weekly 9:30 Worship 11:00 Worship 6:00 Impact (Youth) - bi weekly	Weekly 7:00 Grief Share group	Weekly 6:30 Ladies Prayer and encouragement - bi-weekly	Weekly 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:15 AWANA	1 Pastor Appreciation Month	2 Weekly 5:45 AM Prayer	3
4 Communion	5	6	7	8 6:30 Christian Ed Mtg 7:00 Deacon Mtg.	9	10
11	12	13 7:00 Elders Mtg.	14 6:15 AWANA Hayride and Pumpkin carving Great Lakes Dist. Annual Conf.	15 Great Lakes Dist. Annual Conf.	16	17
18 Chronicle Deadline	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Reformation Sunday	26	27	28 No AWANA	29	30 6:00 Hallelujah Party	31 Reformation Day

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 planned. 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.

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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

**God is
 Awesome!**

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

There is a flyer under the TV
 monitor in the back of auditori-
 um for the church directory. The
 9:30 Sunday service can be
 viewed on the church Facebook
 page: [https://www.facebook.com/
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- 3 Aiden Drallette
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**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 can-
 celled. 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 encour-
 aged to use your best judgement
 before venturing out.

SEED

impressions

Create autumn-themed artwork using items from plants.



What you need:

- Seed pods, nuts, pine cones
- Mixing bowl
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup warm water
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Go on a nature walk and collect seeds with interesting textures.
2. In the bowl, mix flour and salt. Gradually add water. On a table, knead the dough. (If too dry, add more water; if too sticky, add more flour.)
3. Flatten a ball of dough and stamp impressions in it with the seeds.
4. If desired, bake for several hours at 150 degrees until dry and hard. Or, to reuse dough, store in an airtight container up to 6 months.

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are going to vote for Candidate C because you want to signal that you hope your party will select better candidates in the future. Or you may reason that even though you agree with Candidate B on more issues, that candidate's style or character makes those positions less palatable and actually hurts the goals and policies you care about most. Instead of viewing the election as a matter of immediate national life or death, you think it best to play the long game and vote accordingly. (Pat – I also would add here – But consider the current Supreme Court and other Federal Courts – what kind of judges do you want? One major party is more apt to nominate Judges who actually interpret our Constitution and do not add modern spin to every decision).

I'm not telling you how to look at your vote. Maybe one of these approaches makes more sense in our given context than another. But then we should be clear that we are arguing about a philosophy of voting—something not nailed down in Scripture—rather than about issues of first-order importance. I don't think all of the approaches above are equally compelling, but I do think they are all reasonable ways to approach the act of voting." – Keven DeYoung, Pastor and Theologian, Charlotte, NC.

So please vote and vote your Christian conscience, taking into account what is best for Biblical morality, and for the freedom of Christ's church to live out and preach the gospel. Above all, our hope is always in Jesus Christ, not politics. God is in control,

Pastor Pat



"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you're doing the impossible."

—Unknown

Pat Answers

Who Should we Vote for in November?

Every presidential election I usually try to answer this question without formally endorsing any political candidate directly by name (because I am not supposed to do this as a pastor publicly). As believers we are called to pray first – *“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly, and dignified in every way.”* – 1 Timothy 2:1.2. The goal is for government to let us alone to be the Church and present, as well as live out, the gospel. As Americans, we do have the right to vote and all Christians should vote as good citizens. So how do we vote in a sinful and imperfect world with imperfect candidates? Here are some thoughts by Keven DeYoung (with a few of mine thrown in):

“Presidential Election

Christians disagree about all sorts of things related to the election. I don’t want to talk about Trump vs. Biden. Instead, I want us to think about voting itself. How should Christians in America think about their vote for president? I see at least four approaches.

1. Vote for the best candidate of all the candidates. Pretty simple. Look on the ballot (or write someone in) and vote for the person you think best represents Christian values and will effectively carry out the responsibilities of the presidency.

2. Vote for the best (or least bad) candidate of the two major parties. It is almost assuredly the case that the Re-

publican or Democratic nominee will be president, so, this argument insists, we ought to vote for whichever of the two candidates is better. And what do we mean by better? That is open for debate as well. For most people “better” means some combination of policies, platform, appointments, personal integrity, and the political party you would be putting in power. You may or may not be excited about the person at the top of the ticket, but you figure you are voting for a network of policies and influencers, not just one person.

3. Vote for the best candidate—of all the candidates, or of the two leading parties—so long as the candidate meets a certain threshold for character and ideology. This is like 1 and 2, but instead of saying, “I will always vote for the lesser of two evils,” it says, “I won’t cast a vote for someone I think is actually evil.” You think to yourself, *I could never cast a vote for someone who advocates the killing of all puppies. He may be better than the person who supports the killing of puppies and grown dogs, but I simply can’t vote for someone who doesn’t pass a basic test of moral decency.* (Pat – the only thing I would add here is – then how could I ever vote for someone who believes in killing human babies in the womb through abortion – often deceptively now called women’s reproductive rights? And one Major Party is fully endorsing abortion right up to the time of delivery now!!!)

4. Vote in a way that you believe best advances the long-term interests of your policy goals and convictions. You may reason that Candidate A is less bad than Candidate B in the short run, but you

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