

Elders' Corner

Patience and Flexibility

For the past ten weeks or so we have experienced an unbelievable amount of change. As elders, we want to let you know that most of you have handled the changes extremely well. We have seen consistently high online views of our worship services and bible classes. Our contribution has remained very strong through a very difficult time. We have received multiple offers from specific people to help others in need. We have seen many of you making an intentional effort to stay connected to your brothers and sisters and continue to grow spiritually.

The elders heartily commend you for your Christian behavior!

Now, as we return to normal, we are going to be undergoing even more change as we get back to normal. We will be doing things differently as we return to 'semi-normal'. We know that you will, but we feel compelled to encourage you for the next several weeks to continue displaying the same patience and flexibility that you've demonstrated for the past ten weeks.

We love each of you and are thrilled that we will be coming back together soon!

Eddy, Michael, Pat



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- 5/31 Online morning services (regular times)
- 5/31 Youth-Led PM services under pavilion (bring seating) @ 5p
- 6/3 Summer Series returns to bldg @ 6:30p
- 6/7 Regular classes (9:30a) & worship (10:30a)
- 6/14 **Flag Day**
- 6/15-18 Youth Float Trip
- 6/20 Summer Begins
- 6/21 **Father's Day**
- 6/22-26 Homebound Meals
- 6/30 Elections
- 7/11-18 Huron Mission Trip
- 7/25 VBS

June ANNIVERSARIES

- TERRY & DEE BANTA - 2ND**
- MIKE & FLOSSIE JORGENSEN - 3RD**
- BUDDY & TAMI LAWSON - 9TH**
- JAY & MELANIE MADDEN - 10TH**
- AARON & AUDRA WILLIAMS - 10TH**
- JASON & CHANNA SMITH - 24TH**
- FLOYD & JUANITA DAVIS - 25TH (70TH)**
- KEVIN & PAM CHESSEY - 29TH**



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Hello, church! I can't wait to see some of you that I haven't seen in a while.

It was a fog-shrouded morning, July 4, 1952, when a young woman named Florence Chadwick waded into the water off Catalina Island. She intended to swim the channel from the island to the California coast. Long-distance swimming was not new to her; she had been the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions. The water was numbing cold that day. The fog was so thick she could hardly see the boats in her party. Several times sharks had to be driven away with rifle fire. She swam more than 15 hours before she asked to be taken out of the water. Her trainer tried to encourage her to swim on since they were so close to land, but when Florence looked, all she saw was fog. So she quit. . . only one-mile from her goal. Later she said, "I'm not excusing myself, but if I could have seen the land I might have made it." It wasn't the cold or fear or exhaustion that caused Florence Chadwick to fail. It was the fog. Two months after her failure, Florence Chadwick walked off the same beach into the same channel and swam the distance, setting a new speed record, because she could see the land. *John Cochran*

Maybe you feel like Florence today, in that you can't see the finish line because of the fog. In all of this, church, don't lose sight of the goal. Goals are good for us. Listen to Paul speak to us today in Phil. 3:14, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." The fog was constantly setting in on Paul and Paul never lost sight of his goal. There is a great prize, church, in just being able to run the race. To run is great because we have the Lord at our side. The calling is great and high because the call is from God. I am preaching Sunday morning on "What I Want to Be." I have different goals now than when I was younger. My goals are pressing more toward the upward call. Growing up, all I wanted to be was a Major League baseball player for the Braves or Rangers. I pressed on toward that goal. Jesus was still the ultimate goal, but now more so than ever. Paul said to imitate him because he imitated Christ. I think we can look at the way Paul was and see some goals we should strive for in our lives. Hopefully we can all say at the end of the lesson, this is what I want to be.

Erick

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Attendance Last Week:

Bible Class:

Daily Bible Readers:

Sun Worship:

Sun PM:

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

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| Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |
| Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| Evening | 5:00 p.m. |

Wednesday:

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| Bible Study | 6:30 p.m. |
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We can make our online contributions 2 ways now

GivePlus+ Mobile

Available in app stores

or a link is on HCOCT.com

Please continue to turn in info sheets to office.



Book of the Month for June is MATTHEW.

**—STAYING—
CONNECTED**

Regular services have been suspended in the building until Wednesday evening, June 3rd. If you are in the “high risk” category or would prefer please feel free to take advantage of our online services and classes which will be streamed during their regular times at <https://www.youtube.com>. Search for Highland Church of Christ.

Sunday evening services will begin tonight (May 31st) at 5:00p under the pavilion. Please bring your own seating (lawn chairs or blanket for the grass) because the tables will not be available. No meals are planned at this time. This schedule will continue through June.

Men’s Conference Calls are every Thursday from 9-9:30p. The number for the call is (605) 313-5096. The code will be texted.

Ladies Video Bible Study has been coordinated on Zoom on Tuesday nights at 7:30p. Please send your email address to Mica Byrum at micabyrum123@gmail.com so she can send you the meeting ID and password.

Youth Video Bible Class on Wednesday nights begins with a YouTube live video and is followed by a teleconference on Zoom to discuss the class. Please contact Phil for details.

Individual communion sets are available in the lobby. Call or stop by to get yours for this time we are partaking during streaming services at home.

Giving may be mailed to PO Box 129 or given online thru link at top right of www.hcoct.com. Or, go to the App Store or Google Play and search for “GivePlus Church”.

Online directory is located at <https://servantkeeper.com/directory/hcoct/login> (call office or reply to email for password). If you need anything or have prayer requests, please call or text the elders at elders@hcoct.com. If you have announcements for



Health (Members): Peg Walton, procedure for pinched nerve in back; Kayla Mouday; Kurt Shirey, on IV antibiotics for 4 wks; James Moudy; Jim Willis; Jim Arnold; Jim Hayes; Lone Arnold; Angie Sack, radiation treatment; Janice Carr; Don & Judy Rousey; Dee Banta; Twila Carr; Tami Lawson.

Health (Others): Pam Keith (Delmer’s daughter-in-law) and Carl; Kenneth Dunn’s family (friends of Kim Simms); Selene Williams (Bob McKnight’s granddaughter) breast cancer; Ty-cen Edwards (Clendon & Sue’s great nephew) cancer; David Miller (Bill Miller’s son) pneumonia; Bob & Mary (Dick & Peg Walton’s daughter & family); Ed Ernst (Louie Hatler’s FIL); Nona Sue Sheerer (Jennifer McKnight’s mother) mini-strokes; Michele Cooper (Mica Byrum’s cousin) pneumonia; Jack (Flossie Jorgenson’s oldest brother) ALS; Mandy Dodd (Lora Sprowls’ daughter); Mindy Wyatt (Renee Hinson’s sister) breast cancer; Kaden Gee (Vickie’s grandson); Pat Gee (Angie Sack’s dad) cancer; Waldo Carpenter; Chuck Austin (Tom’s brother) praying for liver transplant; Randall Motley (Donna McLin’s nephew) stroke; Jim Arnold’s sister, cancer; Remy Bullis’ grandmother, heart; Mike Fuller (FFA friend) hospice; Debbie (Burlison) Sehon (Gina Fredman’s aunt) ALS; Sue Wright; Mary Jones (mother of friend of Kacy Kinsey); Verlie’s sister-in-law; Venita Hoover (Smith family friend); Bill Blochowiak (Billy’s dad); Carrie Bourlon (Steve’s mother); Tom (Jerry Griffin’s friend); Jimmy Stokes; Don & Sandra Stafford (Jimmie Young’s family); Debbie Seaton (Claudia’s friend); Kent Taylor (Kristy Swafford’s brother); Byron Holt’s SIL; Hugo Ortiz (Betty Limas’ uncle); Charles Elmore (Mica’s Dad); Mark Miener (Verlie’s friend); Rusty McCart (Verlie’s nephew); Jim Perry & LaDonna (Verlie’s friend); Grandma Gladys (Lori Brown’s GM); Xavier & Ray Grimmatt Jr.

Our shut-ins: Retha Barnes; Mary Littleton; Connie Mack Stubbs; Rosie Brightwell; James & Sheila Moudy; Audrey Savory; Mildred Boone; Ellen Childers, Rosie Brightwell.

Other: Ladies at Mabel Bassett, our country and military, especially our homegrown heroes: Emilee Grochow, Ryan Willis, Andrew & Austin Sack, Joshua & Caleb Kelsey, Caleb Dahle and Haden Burlison.

Announcements



The youth will lead our evening worship services tonight (May 31st) under the pavilion. Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit on the grass since **no tables will be available** (no meal but wonderful worship). Any young men wishing to participate should contact Phil.

We’ll return to our normal inside worship practices Wednesday, June 3rd, with our Summer Series. Various speakers have been scheduled and youth and elementary-aged children will have their own classes. More information will follow as events unfold.



The family float trip is set for June 15th-18th. All teens and their families are invited. The cost is \$115 per person and will include a special float trip t-shirt. Be sure to sign up by Friday, June 5th, so that Phil can arrange enough food and get the right sized t-shirts.

We’re still planning on going to Huron for our mission trip this summer from July 11th-18th. The cost is \$130 per person. Please let Phil know if you plan on participating.



VBS has been moved to July 25th. It will be a one-day VBS in our familiar center format. Please let Phil know where you would like to help.

