



Elders' Corner

A Christian was seeking guidance on an issue in her life. She called her minister to ask for input. As the Christian was about to begin giving her situation, the minister politely interrupted her for a question of his own. "Before you tell me anymore, let me ask you a question. We will consult God's Word to determine what you should do. If you find during this study that you need to make a life change to match scripture, what will you do?"

That's a really good question. When faced with an issue in our life, we so often tend to focus on what others need to change to fit our life choices. Perhaps it is not others that need changing but a policy or a rule, then our problem is seemingly solved. Changing oneself is hard. It goes against our human desire for self-gratification and even self-preservation.

How often though does the Bible talk about the solutions to our problems being found in changing others or the rules? Over and over again, we find scripture teaching us that solutions are found in us conforming our lives to God's pattern. Take some time and study the first part of Colossians chapter 3. Notice when Paul uses the word 'put' he is talking about what we need to do, not what others should do for us.

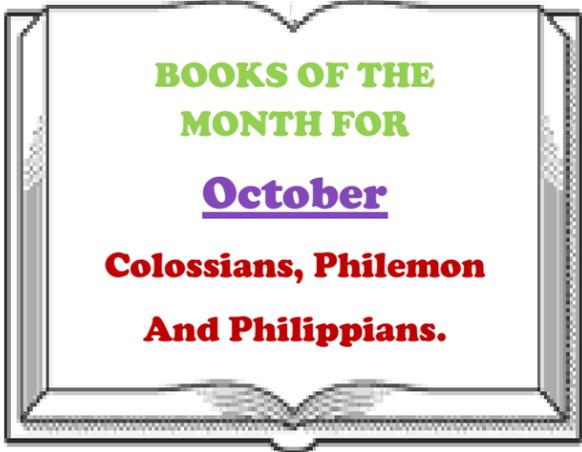
We love you very much and are fully committed to helping you find the joy of the life abundant that Jesus offers us.

Pat, Eddy, and Michael



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- 10/18 L2L Practice (Check w/coaches)
- 10/18 Elders & deacons meet @ 3:00p
- 10/20 Ladies Bible Class @ 9:30a
- 10/22 Men's Conference Call @ 9p
- 10/25 Reveal @ Henson's after svc
- 10/27 Ladies Bible Class @ 9:30a
- 10/29 Men's Conf Call @ 9p
- 10/31 Halloween Party @ Wolke's
- 10/31 **Halloween**
- 11/1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/3 General Election
- 11/5 Men's Conf Call @ 9p
- 11/8 AWTG - Moore Central
- 11/8 Meals to Homebound



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October 18, 2020

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"When it rains, it pours." If there were ever a year that proved this proverb to be true, it would be 2020. Environmental chaos, coronavirus, civil and political unrest are some of the thunderstorms. Each one of these can be broken down into many droplets (subcategories) of which you would rather me not remind you. Sometimes, this proverb rings true for individuals. Surely, we all know someone who has fallen on hard times. You may be that individual. This valley of despair in which we sometimes find ourselves can cause us to throw up our hands and give up.

I'm sure there were many occasions in Paul's life that would cause him to want to give up. Paul was stoned in Lystra and left for dead outside of the city. After gathering his strength, he and Barnabas preached at Derbe and then *went back to* Lystra to strengthen the new converts (Acts 14:19-22). Why on earth would Paul do that? Paul knew that within him was a treasure that he wanted to share with everyone (2 Corinthians 4:7). He knew his mission was to proclaim Jesus in his life (1 Corinthians 2:2; 2 Corinthians 4:5). Paul was motivated with a great purpose. Sometimes that's all we need in life to get through our valleys of despair; to get through the trials of life... PURPOSE...MEANING.

Of course, we are not all called by God to be ministers of the gospel in a preaching or teaching sense, but we all can demonstrate a life full of hope, purpose, meaning. This hope is based on a promise. A promise of glory. Paul writes, "For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." He describes that this "tent" that we are in here on earth is nothing compared to the "building" that God has prepared for us in heaven. This is why Paul says, "for we walk by faith, and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). We put our trust in the promise that God will give us a better body (Romans 8:23). Our faith is not in what we see here on Earth. Our faith is not in this current tent/body that undergoes so much affliction. What are we to do, Paul? "We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen," things that are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:17).

I know all of this is easier said than done. Our faith waivers from time to time. Christian, when you find yourself asking, "Is all of this worth it?" do not for a moment think that this testing won't come without a reward for those who pass the test. Brothers and sisters, please comfort yourselves with these words from Peter.

"In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." – 1 Peter 1:6-7

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Attendance Last Week:

Bible Class:	104
Daily Bible Readers:	29
Sun Worship:	152
Sun PM:	50

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Study	9:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Evening	5:00 pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study	6:30 pm
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All services (Sunday & Wednesday) have resumed in the building. Please pick up your **communion sets** as you come in the door on Sunday mornings. A **collection plate** is also available at the back of the auditorium. If you are in the "high risk" category or prefer to social distance, please take advantage of our live-streamed services on YouTube.

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

Ladies Video Bible Study on Zoom is on Wednesday nights now at 6:30p. Thursday classes have been suspended this quarter. Please email us at info@hcoct.com so we can send you the meeting ID and password.

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 our bulletin, please call the office (598-3514) or your BK leaders. Stay safe and please check up on each other.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Privileged to Serve the Church Assembly

Preacher:.....*Austin McCrickard*

Song Leader:.....*Michael Kelsey*

Opening Prayer Leader:.....*Brian Branson*

Closing Prayer Leader:.....*Darrell Hinson*

Greeters:.....*Gary Perry, Torrey Hatler, Terry Banta, Larry Smith, Keith Patterson*

Announcements:.....*Eddy Parker*

Serving at the Lord's Table:.....*Seth Pearman*

Scripture Reader:.....*Easton Flowers*

Sound Booth:.....*Jim Willis & Adam Cole Sack*

Men, if you are scheduled to be on the table, please be here by 10:15; otherwise, I will have to find a replacement. Thank you! Stacy



Health (Members): Kayla Moudy, surgery approval for seizures; Foye Cash, home after heart consultation; Betty Anderson, head/neck pain; Ray Grimmett; Ricci & Pam Smith, recovering from COVID; Bud and Lori Deadorff, COVID; Tom Austin; Robert Britton; Kurt Shirey; Jim Hayes; Lone Arnold; Angie Sack; Janice Carr; Dee Banta; Tami Lawson.

Health (Others): Jeff McKnight (Bob's grandson) surgery for Crohn's; Sheila Rousey (Don's cousin) paralyzed from COVID; Mike Parker (friend of John & Mary Blum); Clois King (friends of Eddy & Jan) successful kidney removal; Miranda Barnes (Bud & Lori Deadorff's niece) surgery for brain tumor; Nathaniel Price (Jennifer Stapp's friend); Susie Clark (Jimmie Young's DIL); Kristy Swafford's mother; Dean Flowers (Steve's dad) pneumonia; Tonya Kelsey's brother (Clint) surgery recovery for colon mass & SIL, car wreck; Linda Brooke's son, Jerry, oral cancer; Louie Hatler's friend's DIL, Abagaill Mullen, heart; Nolan Perry (Gary's cousin); Selene Williams (Bob McKnight's granddaughter) breast cancer; Jack (Flossie Jorgenson's brother) ALS; Mandy Dodd (Lora Sprowls' daughter); Jim Arnold's sister, cancer; Debbie (Burlison) Sehon (Gina Fredman's aunt) ALS; Verlie's sister-in-law; Bill Blochowiak (Billy's dad); Don & Sandra Stafford (Jimmie Young's family); Debbie Seaton (Claudia's friend); Kent Taylor (Kristy Swafford's brother); Mark Miener (Verlie's friend); Jim Perry (Verlie's friend); Xavier & Ray Grimmett Jr.

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

Other Prayers: COVID-19 cure; ladies at Mabel Bassett, our country and military, especially our homegrown heroes: Emilee Grochow, Ryan Willis, Austin and Andrew Sack, Joshua & Caleb Kelsey, Haden Burlison and Caleb Dahle.

Announcements

L2L practices will start at 2:00p today. Please verify with your coaches.



Elders & deacons will meet today at 3:00p.

Reveal will be at the Henson's home October 25th following evening services. Phil has sign-up sheets to supply dinners and host Reveal. Please see him if you have any questions.

The Wolke's are hosting a Halloween Party for the youth group on the 31st. Costumes are encouraged. More details will follow.



Colossians 1:18, NRSV