



Elders' Corner

**"It's not what you know but who you know."
- or is it?**

We have all heard that statement and recognize its application. It helps to have a reputable person write a letter of reference for a potential job. From a negative aspect, corruption and deceit run in persons every bit as much as in issues.

As Christians, both what we know and who we know are vitally important. As we have been studying in Hebrews, our high priest is greater than any priest that has ever served. (Hebrews 8:1) The very definition of Christian includes a close relationship with Jesus as Savior, King and Friend. And because of this (who we know), we have direct access to the throne of grace and can draw near with confidence to receive mercy and grace in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

However, this does not give us freedom to be ignorant. Even in our example of a letter of reference, our own knowledge and ability is vitally important in securing the job. Our deep relationship with Jesus does not give us permission to be unknowing. Conversely, our relationship with Jesus drives us to know more about Him. This leads us to study his Word and commit to design our lives after His will which leads to life abundant. We should do our best in learning His word (2 Timothy 2:15), submitting our lives to His will while resisting Satan (James 4:7) and loving our fellow man more than ourselves (Philippians 2:3-4).

Yes, it is who we know AND what we know. Now let's share both with the world!

Eddy, Michael and Pat



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- 10/25 Reveal @ Henson's after svc
- 10/29 Men's Conf Call @ 9p
- 10/31 Halloween Party @ Wolke's
- 10/31 **Halloween**
- 11/1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/1 Songs of Praise
- 11/3 General Election
- 11/5 Men's Conf Call @ 9p
- 11/6 Feeding the football team?
- 11/8 AWTG - Moore Central
- 11/8 Meals to Homebound



Happy Anniversary!

November 2nd

John & Mary Blum

BOOKS OF THE MONTH FOR

October

**Colossians, Philemon
And Philippians.**

FAMILY PRAYER NAME:



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October 25, 2020

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Halloween is upon us. Hundreds of kids will flood their communities to show off their costumes for a giant bag of candy that they will try to have eaten before they go to bed. A popular costume/character that we see trick-or-treating is Frankenstein. It would be more appropriate to say Frankenstein's monster. Based on the novel by Mary Shelley, the 1931 film Frankenstein features a famous scene when Victor Frankenstein, a young scientist, brings life to a non-living humanoid. As he sees movement in its fingers, Frankenstein yells, "It's alive...it's ALIIIIIVE!"

As funny or disturbing as this scene sounds, it's not far off from what happens when someone becomes a Christian. Before putting our Lord on in baptism, we were dead spiritually (Rom 5:12; Eph 2:1; Col 2:13), but we have a gracious and merciful Father who wanted to make us alive. As Victor Frankenstein worked to bring life to the monster, our heavenly Father is working when we obey the gospel to enliven us. Paul lays out the evidence for the Colossians to show them that they need to trust God's redemptive work in Christ and not what others tell them to believe/do (Col 2:4, 8, 16, 18). Paul says that we were dead, but God made us alive with Christ (Col 2:13). How were we made alive?

- Having forgiven all your trespasses
- Having canceled the debt note
 - Having nailed it to the cross
- Having disarmed the rulers and authorities
 - Having triumphed over them in Him/it (Jesus/the cross).

As Christians, we must trust that God's power is working to do these things through baptism (Col 2:12,14-15). When we obey His plan of salvation, God is saying, "IT'S ALIVE!" God wants to bring everyone to life. It's up to us to want to be made alive!

Austin

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Attendance Last Week:

Bible Class:	93
Daily Bible Readers:	21
Sun Worship:	142
Sun PM:	65

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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←STAYING→
CONNECTED

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:.....*Aaron Sack*

Closing Prayer Leader:.....*Dan Schinnerer*

Greeters:.....*Gary Perry, Torrey Hatler, Gary Stapp, Terry Banta, Gene Wilcox*

Announcements:.....*Eddy Parker*

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

Scripture Reader:.....*Hunter Hill*

Sound Booth:.....*Louie Hatler & Kyle Stapp*

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

PRAYERS
PLEASE

Health (Members): Kaylie Blochowiak, diabetic ketoacidosis; LaDessia Newman, cataract surgery recovery; Jan Parker, sore ribs; Eddie Parker, leg pain; Don Pearce, skin cancer surgery recovery; Elaine Cline & family; Dorothy Foshee, biopsy results; Kayla Moudy, surgery approval for seizures; Foye Cash; Betty Anderson; Ray Grimmatt; Ricci Smith; Bud and Lori Deadorff; Tom Austin; Robert Britton; Kurt Shirey; Jim Hayes; Lone Arnold; Adam & Angie Sack; Janice Carr; Dee Banta; Tami Lawson.

Health (Others): Carl Holt Jr (COVID); 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 Grimmatt 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

LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE



Reveal will be at the Henson's home tonight following evening services (weather permitting). Boys bring canned drinks and girls bring chocolates for smores.

Please bring your lawn chairs if possible. We will be having a hot dog roast and giving hayrides.

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 from 5-9p. Please bring a Halloween-themed side or dessert. Costumes contest and prizes.

No ladies bible class for the next two Tuesday's. Resumes November 10th.

