

A weekly thought from our senior minister, Jason Locke.

## Minister's Message



**B**ear one another's burdens. This simple instruction from Paul sums up the entire message of how to live the Christian life. He specifically says that we "fulfill the law of Christ" when we do this.

Two things make it hard to bear the burdens of others. The first is obvious, the second less so.

In order to bear another person's burdens, you must know that person, and knowing people requires time and commitment. We have space in our lives for a limited number of people—some more than others, but limited nonetheless. When it comes to living the Christian life, you must simply make room to care for those in your Christian community. You can't care for everyone, but you can bear the burdens of at least

some. This is our Christian duty, and it's a challenge.

The less obvious aspect of bearing one another's burdens is that you must let people know what burdens you are carrying. You must humble yourself and share what you are facing and feeling.

I've been saddened in the past when an individual has left a church and later shared that no one cared about what they were going through. Certainly, that isn't good. But I've also wanted to ask, "Did you share your burden?" If you don't talk about your struggles, then you make it impossible for others to fulfill the law of Christ. The church is an amazing blessing—if we will utilize it.

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Welcome! If you're **visiting** with us today, please give us your name & basic information on *the card below*. **Tear it off and place it in the offering basket** later in the service. We invite you to experience God's grace among us and to think about joining this fellowship of believers.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## People, Times & Places

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### FOR THE RECORD

#### Attendance

Worship (1/5)	168
Bible Class	116

#### Contribution Report

Last Week (1/5)	\$ 10,551
Weekly Average	\$ 10,551
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,432

#### 2019 Report

Total Donations	\$ 452,384
Total Expenditures	\$ 462,614

(does not include missions money)

### WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM

### SUNDAY CLASSES

10:40—11:30

#### Adults

Teacher: **Clora Ann Crum** Rm 405

*How Happiness Happens: How to Find Lasting Joy in a Complicated World*  
January 5—February 9

Teacher: **Jason Locke** Rm 411

*What Is Heaven? A Biblical Survey of What We Might Expect*  
November 10—December 15

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**Bible Study Fellowship** Rm 207

Group Leader: **Brook Gale**  
September 2019—May 2020

#### Youth Group

Jr. High & High School Rm 600

#### Kids' Classes — aka *Uptown*

(10:20-11:30)

Nursery	Rm 303
Space for Moms	Rm 306
Pre-School—Grade 6	500 Wing

*Our staffed nursery for children up to 30 months is available during worship and classes in Room 303.*

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### TUESDAY

**Ladies Bible Class**  
Room 405 @ 9:45 a.m.

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#### WEDNESDAY

**Men's Breakfast**

Country Waffles ~ 7141 N Cedar @ 7 a.m.

#### Mid-Week Gathering

Here in our Fellowship Hall 1/15 at 6 p.m.



The College Church of Christ exists to encourage & equip Christ-followers as they live out the mission of God in their homes, schools, work-places, and neighborhoods.

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. (Ps 100:1-4)*

*During the Lord's Supper, we have a space dedicated for prayer. Some of our leaders will be in the back corner (in front of the nursery) to pray with or for you.*

### This Morning's Order of Worship

#### Call to Worship ~ Sandra Henderson

*O Draw Me, Lord  
Forever Reign  
I Surrender All*

*This Is How We Overcome  
What the Lord Has Done*

#### Invitation to the Lord's Table

~ Edgar Minjarez

#### Offering ~ Robyn Gonzales

#### 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 ~ Louise Stuckert

*Who Can Satisfy My Soul  
What the Lord Has Done*

#### Church News & Prayer for Illumination

~ Greg Ruland

#### Message ~ Jason Locke,

"Marriage Matters 2:

#### Understanding Biblical Headship"

#### Closing Blessing

*Forever Reign*

*Preschool children can be taken to the foyer during the blessing, just before the final song. Their teachers will meet them and lead them to their classes.*

January 12, 2020

## Who We're Praying For...

### Church Member Updates:

**Michael Rodriguez** asks that we pray for our church's spiritual growth in 2020.

Continue to remember **Larry & Terry Cowger, Lee & Sue Smith, Catherine & Terry Tuell, Alice & Jay Farris** and **Stephen & Kenya Shelley** as they deal with ongoing health issues.

### Ongoing:

**Marvidean Joslin, Janice Kelley, Stephen Shelley, Jack Gross, Marge Howie, Carolyn Wilson, Florence Bedoian, Al Ramirez, Gloria Chisley, Alicia Rivera, John Jacobo, Pam Caples & mother Verlene Burns**

### Extended Family News:

**Olivia Gale's** sister **Carmen** is in critical care. She is on life support fighting a virus.

**Evelyn Howe's** daughter **Kim** is being scheduled for knee replacement surgery.

**Dennis Soliday** wants us to pray for his neighbor's sister, **Marylyn**: back operation.



### Memorial for Sherri Buchanan

(Invitation from Ryan Buchanan)

We are having a celebration of life memorial for my mom, Sherri Buchanan, on January 25 @ 2 p.m. It will be held at the Pines Resort/Ducey's at Bass Lake. We welcome our friends at the College Church of Christ to join us.

Sherri was a church member at College Church in the 1990s. She passed away on November 13 from cancer.

#### RSVP at:

<http://evite.me/QkhQmZjxub>

OR

Call/text Ryan at 559-288-1646

Thank you,  
Ryan



### January Collection Servants

Tom Agrava, Robert Chisley, Ellery Ellis, Dennis Soliday,  
Randy Southall, Dale Stuckert, Justin Sue & Stan Watson  
Coordinator: Aaron Roland

## Activities, Events & Church News

### Mark Your CALENDAR

- 1/14 Ladies Bible Class
- 1/15 Men's Breakfast; First Mid-Week Gathering
- 1/20 OFFICE CLOSED  
Martin Luther King Day
- 2/1 Saturday Sports @ Granny's Park
- 2/9 Second Sunday Shabach
- 2/8-10 Youth Group Winter Retreat
- 2/17 OFFICE CLOSED  
President's Day
- 3/20-22 Women's Retreat
- 4/12 NO CLASSES  
Easter Sunday



The 2020 Women's Retreat will once again be at the scenic Cambria Pines Lodge. This year's speaker is **Sara Barton** of Pepperdine University.

\*Registration forms and \$50 deposit to reserve a room need to be turned in by **Sunday, January 12**.

\*Balance after deposit will be due **Sunday, February 16**.



### Today @ 10:40 a.m.

#### Youth Room

DM: Dating & Marriage  
Topic-Unfollow/Mute  
**Ephesians 4:29-32**

### TNT: 6-7:30 p.m.

Winter-Themed Games  
Fellowship Hall  
Dinner will be provided.

#### Reminders:

- 1/15 Mid-Week Gathering
- 1/19 Ice-skating
- 2/8-10 Winter Retreat @ YBC

Be Sure to Visit the Youth Photo Board Near the Nursery!



Our high schoolers are headed to Yosemite Bible Camp for their annual retreat. It's February 8-10, and registration is live on our website. Cost is \$75 per teen. Check the BAND app or with **Chalé** for all the details. Deadline to register is January 25. No late registrations will be allowed.

## Minister's Message

Close your eyes and breathe in that fresh new air that the Lord is blowing on His people! As this new year kicks off, I'd like to share this small bit from *Sticky Faith*. This concept will be one of the focal points with the youth this year, Lord willing. I want to share the heart of this mission with you all:

"We may not say it outright, but it is so easy to slip into the kind of faith that says, "God loves you, sure... but God will really love you when you \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank)." The sticky gospel of Galatians 5:5 means that instead of concentrating on whether or how our kids are living 'righteous' lives, we youth leaders should focus on helping them discover and strengthen their trust and faith in Jesus Christ. In so doing, the righteousness they eventually display will be the **product of the Holy Spirit.**"

The authors explain that it is easy to get caught up in "The Pharisee Gospel", one where willingness to volunteer, service hours or attendance measures faith. While we obviously "know them by their fruit" as Christians mature, youth need to first focus on their relationship with the King, and learning that they can trust Him before measuring what can only come as a *product* of faith.

Chapter 2 explains, "God is the one who will make them righteous as they trust Him. Our job, then, is to help them learn to trust God and create the kind of environment in which they are able to explore faith and trust while practicing their freedom to respond in love."

Jesus' rant in Matthew 23 is the root of this mission.

Lord, help us build the youth from the inside out!



By Youth Minister,  
**Chalé Wesson**



# midweek gathering

Wednesday, January 15  
@ 6 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening gatherings will resume this week. Each week will have a slightly different program. Dinners will be only once a month. THIS WEDNESDAY at 6:00, we'll have coffee and cheesecake, along with a time of prayer geared toward all age groups—kids and adults alike. There will also be lots of good time for visiting and just being together.

**Make Wednesday nights a part of your weekly schedule!**