



The Weekly Bulletin of the Summit Church of Christ

*We love sharing the truth of God's Word!*

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FIX YOUR EYES  
ON JESUS  
2020



*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,  
Resurrected, & will Return*  
Sunday 11am Worship  
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## FAMILY OF GOD

***And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Galatians 4:6***

If you have known me for any time at all, you probably know that I am the anti-handyman. After many honest attempts to develop my abilities to repair things around the house, I am satisfied that I am not handy. If that trait is genetic, I should be the person you call to fix something at your house. Sadly, even though my Dad can fix anything, I cannot. I am likely to turn the small problem into an expensive disaster.

There is a tremendous confidence that comes from knowing you have a dad who has your back. It gives confidence to try something that's just a bit harder than what you are comfortable with. It provides peace of mind that if something goes horribly wrong, there is someone to call. Bottom line is there is no substitute for a dad.

Paul gave the Galatian Christians permission to call Yahweh, the holy, all powerful creator of the cosmos, Dad. They could call the being whose name is too holy to even pronounce, Papa. How shocking this statement must have been to the original reader. Once we realize the kind of relationship God wants with his children, it changes everything.

We can have the confidence to reach for something that seems a little too hard for us. We can have peace that someone has our back when things get tough. We can relax with all the stiff ritual and formality and just rest in the presence of Dad.

In unsettled times, it is a great blessing to remember that Dad can fix anything.

*Tom, for the elders*





## From Neville's Desk...

### SEEK THE LORD

What is your biggest obstacle to seeking the Lord? Is it you, your ego, your pride, your selfishness, or your idols? Obviously, it could be just about anything. So, let us rather focus on the solution.

The Jews are in captivity in Babylon. Since they will be there for 70 years the Lord encourages them to marry and have children. He culminates the statement by saying: Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV) — <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Through the Prophet Jeremiah God gives us the solution. Jeremiah 29:12-14 (ESV) — <sup>12</sup> Then you

will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Church, we have been in “captivity”. We have tried to carry on business as usual. Now the Lord is preparing to bring us back. He says the first step is “you will call upon me and come and pray to me”. And the result is “and I will hear you”.

Father God, help me to be fervent in prayer as I seek your face with all my heart.



## ANCIENT & MODERN IDOLATRY: PART II

Robert Murphy

Israel struggled with idolatry throughout much of its history up until the exile in 587 BC. Two Canaanite deities come up frequently as stumbling blocks to the Israelite faith: Baal and Asherah. Baal was the Canaanite storm god who promised to give rain for their crops. Asherah was a goddess who promised fertility to women. Both of these elements, weather and fertility, were something that humans had no power over themselves, and yet they needed both for the survival of their people. Along with meeting their needs, however, these deities were made even more alluring by their practice of religious prostitution (cf. 1 Kings 14:23-24). Males and females would dedicate their bodies to the service of the goddess Asherah, and they would worship her through a sexual act (a possible reference is in Num 25:1-8).

Modern idolatry, while different, is also dangerously similar. Our society often turns to other “gods” to save them in times of need. Some devote themselves to scientific knowledge and humanism in order to solve the world’s problems. Others worship money to solve their issues. Still others turn to entertainment and pleasure in order to help ease their sorrows. Let us make sure that we guard our hearts from such motivations. Let us be mindful to turn to the One, True God in our time of need instead of these false gods. Let us trust in him to fill all of our needs!

## NOW THAT THE POLLS ARE CLOSED...

Steve Proctor

We cast our votes this week. How awesome is it to live where we get a voice in our government! It is a blessing a large part of the world does not enjoy. Maybe the guy we voted for won, maybe he did not. The important thing for the Christian is to remember that our allegiance is to the kingdom of God. As citizens of a heavenly kingdom we have responsibilities no matter who sits behind the Resolute Desk in the Oval Office. According to God these people are indeed our Governor, President, or possibly even our King, should a strange woman lying in a pond distributing swords deem them to be. Regardless of whether we agree with or approve of their political position, personal lifestyle, or what color they wear on game day we owe them a few things.

- Subjection - Romans 13:1 *“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.”*
- Taxes - Romans 13:6 *“For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God’s ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.”*
- Honor and Respect - Romans 13:7 *“Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.”*
- Prayers - 1 Timothy 2:1-2 *“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.”*

It is just as important that we treat each other, and everyone else, with respect regardless of how they cast their votes. Pursue peace with all men or the Hebrew writer warns us our relationship with God is in danger.

Hebrews 12:14 *“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”*

# News, Notes & Announcements...



## COMMIT YOUTH RALLY

The Richmond church of Christ will be hosting the Commit Youth rally this year the weekend of November 13-15. The Summit group will leave the building at 4pm on Fri. and return Sat. around 7:30pm.

## BIBLES TO SIGN

Please stop by the lectern in the foyer and write a word of encouragement for those recently baptized.

## SUNDAY AM SERMON:

### THE GREAT COMMISSION

#### MARK 16:14-20

1. His A \_\_\_\_\_, MARK 16:14
2. His A \_\_\_\_\_, MARK 16:15-18; MT.28:18
3. His A \_\_\_\_\_, MARK 16:19-20;  
LK.24:50-53; ACTS 1:9-12

## WE REJOICE WITH THE ANGELS!

Emma Doerr was baptized last Sunday morning following services.



## CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00

YTD AVG - \$4,372.90

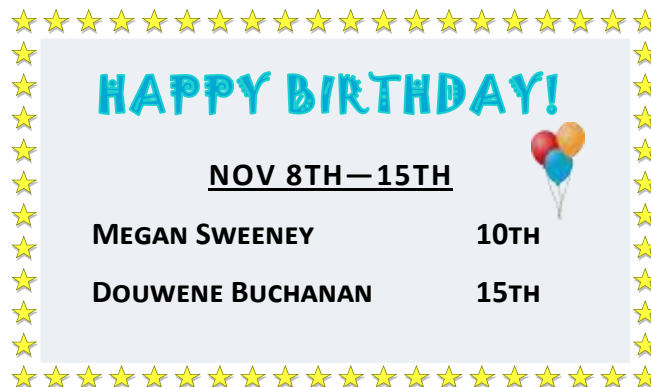
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Oct. 11, 2020-\$4,682.00

Oct. 18, 2020-\$3,977.00

Oct. 25, 2020-\$4,319.00

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## Summit's Prayer List

**Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs - Encourage someone today!**

Peace Please pray for peace in our nation during the election season

Peggy Holt In St. E Edgewood following a recent stroke

Shellee Jenkins (Melissa Denham's cousin) Recovering from last week's mastectomy; pray for Melissa as she cares for her

### Cancer

- **Bev** (Janie Hoskins' sister) Lung cancer
- **Christy Tucker** (Amanda Robinson's friend) Radiation is finished.
- **Dan Read** (Dan McNeese's friend) Tumor is shrinking.
- **Dave Hammer, Jr** (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable.
- **Mike White** (former elder at Summit) Prostate cancer.
- **Sean Timmerding** (Sheryl Herald's friend) Brain tumor is stable.
- **Tylene Clark** (Sheryl Herald's cousin's wife) Cancerous mass was found; determining a treatment plan

### COVID - Healthcare Workers/First Responders

- Aaron & Katelyn Adams (Sandy Adams' son & daughter-in-law)
- Abby Onst (Sharon Hammer's niece)
- Adam Fuller
- Alicia Nelson (Billie Rogers' granddaughter)
- Amanda Robinson
- **Candy Proctor**
- Clay Brown (Sharon Hammer's nephew)
- **Dustin & Kristin Menetrey**
- **Jenna Painter**
- **Josh Herald**
- **Julia Menetrey**
- **Kate Sloan**
- **Kelly Downey** (Deb Martin's daughter)
- **Laura Staskey**
- Lori Bell (Nancy Carnes' daughter)
- **Mary Moore**

- Megan Lee (Michelle Dischar's daughter)

- Romeo & Mariville Dumlao

- Samantha Pearson

- **Tracy Menetrey**

- **Vincent Dumalo**

### Long-term Needs

- **Clara Proctor** (Kyle & Steve's grandma) Hospice care

- **Daniel Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's brother) Drug rehab

- **Harold Painter**-recovering at home

- **Joey Adams**-needs of a suitable group home

- **Julie Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's mom) Caring for her parents who have dementia

- **Mandy** (Candice's friend) Going through a divorce

- **Richard Weber** (Jenny Guin's uncle) Health problems; pray for him to become a Christian

- **Ruthann Taylor**-health struggles

- **Stephanie Gilliam** (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure

### Shut-In Members

- **Clara Downard, Dana Fuller, & Shirley Holt**

### World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 5 active students & 3 active teachers

### Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission

Neville Buchanan-counseling work

For our country and our leaders

For our members to grow in the Word

Our Community's lost souls

Summit's planning efforts for the future

Summit Family-greater love for one another

Summit's Deacons-encouragement in service

Summit's Elders-wisdom & love for the flock

Summit's Seniors-faithfulness & mentoring