

Grace Presbyterian Gazette



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PASTOR'S CORNER

JIM HAYS

A Return to Church

I was glad to hear of the CDC guidelines removing the mask requirement for attending church services for those who are fully vaccinated and I was glad to hear Session approved removing the mask requirement for our services. It has been a long 14 or 15 months and as the pandemic is still not over, I believe we have reached an understanding of how we can resume some activities in a normal environment. I know there has been a lot of debate within the country on this issue, but I would like us to focus on one aspect as move forward and that is attending church services.

Why do we come to church? According to the Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Confessions, the Chief end of Man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. This question and answer of course can be applied to all aspects of life. In fact, the very answer to the question what is the chief end of man comes from 1 Corinthians 10: 31, "Therefore whatever you eat or drink, or whatever you do; do everything for the glory of

God."

But that also applies to worship and it has been difficult to worship in our homes disconnected from one another, not disconnected from God, but from each other. Ephesians chapter 4 is known as the unity of the church chapter Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus. The main point of this chapter is the building up of the Body of Christ, that is the church, to grow together in unity until we reach full maturity in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ, God's Son given to us for our salvation.

So let us come to church to worship, to bring God glory, and to build ourselves up in a full understanding and continuing growth in love towards one another.

Grace to you all,

Jim

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◇ The **Men's Breakfast group** will meet at 8:30 May 12th at the Golden Corral. Please join us if you are able.
- ◇ Please call or email the office if you would like to help with **church cleanup**.

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BIRTHDAYS:

6/1 - Renee Hunter; 6/3 - Barbara Watkins; 6/29 - Annette Sackhoff

CURRENT PRAYER LIST AS OF (6/3/2021):

Janet Bainter, friend of Barbara Watkins with digestive cancer; Heather Beczo, daughter-in-law of Tibor and Ilona Beczo; Chad Brown, son of Sharon Brown; Ron Carter, brother of Jean Brown with cancer; Bill Conner; Virginia Driggers, friend of the church; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Larry and Carol McAdams, sister and brother-in-law of Nancy Davis, health concerns; Vivian Sackhoff, mother of Jeff Sackhoff; Joy Upham; Phil and Cheryl White, father of Nancy Davis' daughter-in-law with heart trouble; Jeff and Jenny Whitehead, friends of Joe and Sue Dablock.

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