



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

# Family Matters

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## Lessons for Today

**AM: Patrick Adam**  
"Keep Pressing"  
2 Timothy 2:1-3

**PM: Patrick Adam**  
"The Not So Silent Years  
(Intertestamental  
Period)"  
Galatians 4:4-7

## Don't Stop Now

What would happen if you stopped eating? Foolish question because that'll never happen, right? But stay with me. What would happen if you did? What would happen if you quit drinking water, or what would happen if you stopped breathing? Of course! If you did any of these things you'd die. Our bodies simply cannot survive without food, water or oxygen. It may take longer if we quit eating than if we quit breathing, but eventually the end result would be the same.

You may not have thought about it, but that same principle applies to your spiritual life. Our souls need nourishing even more than our physical bodies do. In the letter to the Hebrews, the writer was lamenting that many of the people to whom he was writing were spiritually malnourished. Read *Hebrews 5.11-14*. Some of those people had been Christians for as many as thirty years, and yet, they were still feeding on milk (of the word) when they should have matured to the point of feeding on solid food (of the word). Even worse, some who had "once been enlightened," and had "tasted the heavenly gift," and had "shared in the Holy Spirit," and had "tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come," had for some unexplained reason stopped feasting on God and had fallen away (*Hebrews 6.4-6*). They no longer had an appetite for God and His word. Consequently, they were either spiritually dying, or dead (*Hebrews 6.7-8*).

That's one reason Christians are encouraged by God over and over to keep growing in grace and knowledge. Don't stop now; keep on growing. Peter's final words in the New Testament (*2 Peter 3.14-18*) urge us to "be diligent," to "take care," and to "grow in grace and knowledge." Sure there will be some things difficult to understand. Sure there will be hardships. Sure Satan will do whatever he can to get us to stop feeding on God. Satan uses all these things to discourage and destroy us. But remember this. Satan can do nothing to make us stop without our consent. We have a power within us that Satan cannot defeat ... without our approval (*Eph. 6.10ff*).

That's why new Christians are instructed to "long for the pure spiritual milk, that you may grow up into salvation" (*1 Peter 2.2*). That's why the Thessalonians were taught to "increase and abound in love for one another, and for all" and to "do this more and more" (*1 Thess. 3.12, 4.9-10*). That's why God gave the church spiritual leaders who could help them grow up into the fullness of Christ (*Ephesians 4.11-16*).

So, don't stop praying; don't stop studying and worshiping; don't stop serving / working for the Lord. Stopping is deadly. Keep it up no matter what! Even when you retire, don't stop!!

Joe Chesser  
Fruitland church of Christ

## Worship Times

### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am  
AM Worship: 10:00 am  
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

## For the Record

Sunday Class: 82  
Sunday AM: 139  
Sunday PM: 66  
Wednesday PM: 66  
Contribution: \$3694  
Budget: \$4831

## Think on This...

Those who are wise  
will shine like the  
brightness of the  
heavens, and those  
who lead many to  
righteousness, like the  
stars for ever and  
ever.

**Daniel 12:3**

## Celebrating This Week...

### Birthdays

Patrick Kellett: 03.19  
Taylor Fehr: 03.22  
Jera Tuetkin: 03.23  
Stephanie Hosey: 03.25

## *Serving This Week*

**Announcements:** Randy Seabaugh

### SUNDAY

**Greeters:** Charlie & Lesley Kluesner  
**Ushers:** Shawn Myers/Randy Seabaugh  
**A/V:** Greg Dowdy  
**Nursery:** Emma Seabaugh  
**Lead Singing:** Dale Gilliland  
**Head Lord's Table:** Phil Swiney  
**Scripture:** Seth Spraggs  
**Prayers:**  
**AM:** Larry Dowdy/Sid Naramore  
**PM:** Mat Kee/John McLain

### WEDNESDAY

**Lead Singing:** Seth Spraggs  
**Devo:** Todd Newman  
**Prayer:** Scott Watson

**Elder Chair:** Gary Ridenour

**Communion to Shut-Ins:** Dan Silvers

**Worship Organizer:** Ron Fehr

## *Daily Bible Reading*

**March 19:** Deuteronomy 24-27  
**March 20:** Deuteronomy 28-29  
**March 21:** Deuteronomy 30-31  
**March 22:** Deuteronomy 32-34, Psalm 91  
**March 23:** Joshua 1-4  
**March 24:** Joshua 5-8  
**March 25:** Joshua 9-11

## *Continuing Prayer Needs*

**\*\*Contact the office with updates\*\***

Ron Anderson	Jalonda Harris
Ginger Avery	Allen & Juanita Hedge
Esther Beck	Betty Jones
Shannon Birk	Sid Naramore
Mark Blaylock	Carolyn Neese
Lee Brooks	Wanda Raper
Dalton Bryan	Susan Seabaugh
Reita Conley	Steve Simmons
Donna Cox	Lee Simpson
Bill Dillman	Don Tawney
Newt & Kay Gilliland	Chris Weaver

## *Remember in Prayer*

- **David Clark**, George and Barbara's son, is very ill and is not expected to live much longer. Please keep the family, especially his sons, Dax and Payton, in your prayers.
- **Chris Weaver** is home and continuing therapy as she recovers from her recent illness and hospitalization.
- **Scott Lanpher**, Barbara Lanpher's son & Jennifer Huskey's brother, remains in St Francis Hospital. He will not be having surgery on his hip at this time. They are exploring options for his continued care.
- **Susan Seabaugh** is continuing to struggle with pain from her neck & shoulder issues. She is working with a pain management doctor to find the best solution for relief.

## *Thank You*

**Brittany Ringwald** responded Sunday requesting prayers for peace as their family adjusts to returning to their home in Ste. Genevieve after several years of traveling and working away from home.

## *News & Notes*

- **Paragould Children's Homes** item of the week: **Ranch Style Beans**. (Next pickup will be on April 3)
- We will be taking the bus to Wetaug, Illinois this **Monday, March 20** to support their gospel meeting with Brian Mitchell. We plan to leave the church building at 5:30pm and have room for a few more individuals. Please sign up if you would like to attend.
- A new **Fire/Burn-Out Ministry** has been set up and we need your help in gathering items for this need. A list with pull-tabs is posted on the **library door**; please claim an item or two and return those to the tote inside the library. Please see Debra Dexter or Scott Spraggs with questions.
- We appreciate Murray Dunn and the Curtis James Scholarship Committee for their decision-making and investments that have produced great growth in the scholarship fund. Many of our youth will be blessed because of their prudent management.
- Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for a **Potluck Lunch** celebrating our graduating seniors on **Sunday, April 30**. We have 6 seniors and gift bags will be available soon for cards.

## *Scholarship Opportunities*

- **Sarah's Gift Scholarship** is open to any graduating senior attending college or technical school. Applications are available in the office and must be postmarked by **April 15**.
- **Curtis James Memorial Scholarship** is available to any student enrolled at a college or university affiliated with the churches of Christ. Applications are available in the office and should be returned by **May 1** to the office.

## *Upcoming Area Events*

- **March 19-22:** **Brian Mitchell** will be holding a gospel meeting at the **Wetaug, Illinois** congregation
- **April 2-4:** **Arnold Gospel Meeting** with **Cliff Goodwin**

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DANIEL 12 : 3