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Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

My dear brothers and sister in Christ,

The Apostle Paul went through a lot in his life as he served his Lord Jesus. The story of Jesus calling Saul (Paul) into ministry is found in the ninth chapter of Acts. We read that the calling was anything but easy, however it was filled with grace from Jesus towards this persecutor of the church. And when Jesus sent Ananias to heal Saul of his blindness, he told him, **“But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. 16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” (Ac 9:15-16).**

We get a glimpse of the sufferings of Paul in 2 Corinthians 11. The church of Corinth was actually questioning Paul’s qualifications as an Apostle of Jesus because of the amount of suffering Paul had experienced in his service to Christ. So, Paul listed some of the things he had gone through for the Gospel of Jesus and let the church of Corinth know that much of it was gone through for their benefit.

Now, I began this article with an amazing passage that Paul wrote to this challenging church in Corinth... **Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)** This passage has been on my heart a lot lately. As I read Paul’s letters and the story of Paul’s life, I can learn from him and can be challenged by him to follow his life example, as he followed the example that Christ Jesus showed to him. And this passage has challenged me greatly to look at my life and ask myself tough questions of how I am living my life as an example to others... as I follow Christ.

This last week I was reading Acts 26, which covers Paul’s defense before King Agrippa. Paul had been in custody for two whole years on trumped up charges and here he was again, defending himself, this time before a King. And what did he do? What was Paul’s focus? He did present his defense, but he did it more in a way for him to present Christ’s Testimony of Paul’s life... with a rather important goal in mind. The goal was not to be released from captivity... the goal was to present the Gospel of Jesus so that others would be saved.

I love the last part of this chapter... (Ac 26:19–29):

“So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. 20 First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. 21 That is why the Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. 22 But I have had God’s help to this very day, and so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen— 23 that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles.”

24 At this point Festus interrupted Paul’s defense. “You are out of your mind, Paul!” he shouted. “Your great learning is driving you insane.”

25 “I am not insane, most excellent Festus,” Paul replied. “What I am saying is true and reasonable. 26 The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do.”

28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”

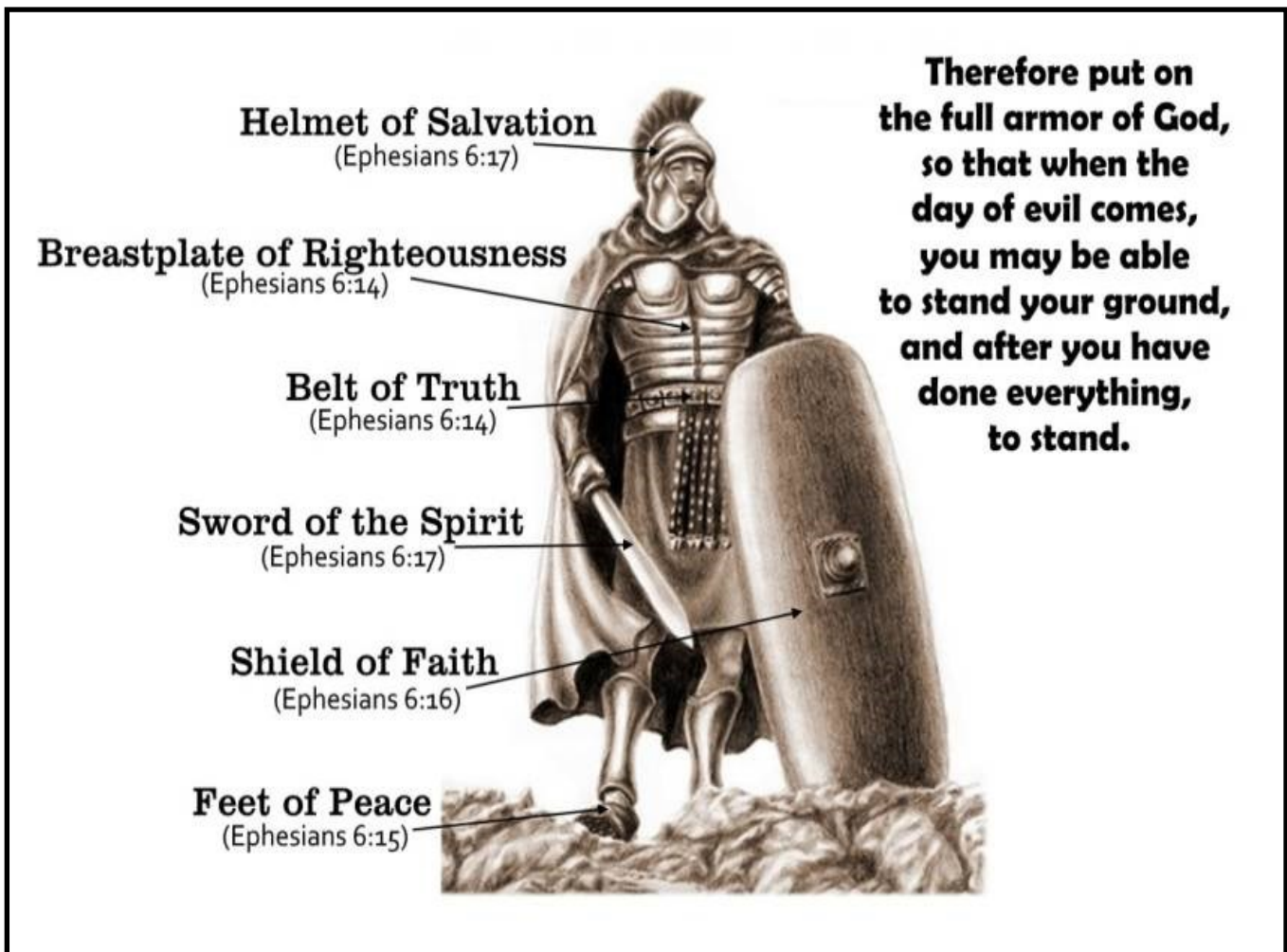
29 Paul replied, “Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.”

“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1) Paul served Jesus in every situation. Paul took every opportunity to encourage the church and use his very life as a living testimony of God. And when he could have done things for himself, he used even those opportunities to serve Christ with a heart of winning the lost for/to his Lord Jesus.

It is so easy to get tired (and Paul did), and it is so easy to get discouraged (and Paul did), and it is so easy to look to yourself (and Paul didn't) ... Paul looked to his Lord and served Him in all situations. I am convinced that that is the example I want to follow, and if you would like to... you can follow me as I follow Christ as well.

I love you all, Dan

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Monthly at a Glance

August 2023

- 1- Tuesday Night Bible Studies resume 6:00 PM meal, 6:30 PM Activities
- 2- GriefShare, 1:00 PM –3:00 PM
Discipleship Institute: “Becoming a Biblical Leader” class, 6:00-8 PM
- 4- Seniors on the Go, 2:00 PM—4:00 PM, game group
- 7- Discipleship Institute: “2 Timothy” class, 10:00 AM—12 noon
Elder’s Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 8- Tuesday Night Bible Studies resume 6:00 PM meal, 6:30 PM Activities
- 9- GriefShare, 1:00 PM –3:00 PM
“Becoming a Biblical Leader” class, 6:00-8 PM
- 12-Meal Prep, 10:00 AM—11:30 AM, sign up by 8/6
- 13-Mission Team Meeting, 12:00 PM
- 14-“2 Timothy” class, 10:00 AM—12 noon
- 15- Tuesday Night Bible Studies resume 6:00 PM meal, 6:30 PM Activities
- 16-GriefShare, 1:00 PM –3:00 PM
“Becoming a Biblical Leader” class, 6:00-8 PM^{22,29}
- 21- “2 Timothy” class, 10:00 AM—12 noon
- 22- Tuesday Night Bible Studies resume 6:00 PM meal, 6:30 PM Activities
- 23-GriefShare, 1:00 PM –3:00 PM
“Becoming a Biblical Leader” class, 6:00-8 PM
- 28-“2 Timothy” class, 10:00 AM—12 noon
- 29-Tuesday Night Bible Studies resume 6:00 PM meal, 6:30 PM Activities
- 30-GriefShare, 1:00 PM –3:00 PM
“Becoming a Biblical Leader” class, 6:00-8 PM

WEEKLY

- **Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship Services**
 - **Sunday, 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School**
 - **Staff meetings, Tuesday, 1:00 PM**
- **Tuesday Bible Studies, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM**

September 2023

- 1-4 Family Camp@ Camp Christian
- 4 LABOR DAY, office closed
- 5,12,19,26 Tuesday Night Bible Studies, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
- 6,13,20 GriefShare, 1:00 PM –3:00 PM
- 6,13,20 “Becoming a Biblical Leader” class, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM
- 24 Mexican sendoff dinner for Casas por Cristo trip, 12:00 noon

October 2023

- 1-6 Mission Trip to Juarez, Mexico

Office hours are: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM, M-Th.

For more information on any event, go to our website and click on calendar. Then click on the event to get more information.

<https://www.appletonchristian.org/calendar>

RECALL NOTICE:

(Whether you're religious or not, this is clever and to the point)

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype unit's code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed "Sub-sequential Internal Non-Morality," or more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include:

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| 1) Loss of direction | 6) Depression or confusion in the mental component |
| 2) Foul vocal emissions | 7) Fearfulness |
| 3) Amnesia of origin | 8) Idolatry |
| 4) Lack of peace and joy | 9) Rebellion |
| 5) Selfish or violent behavior | |

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R.

Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next; download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the S.I.N defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

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| 1) Love | 6) Goodness |
| 2) Joy | 7) Faithfulness |
| 3) Peace | 8) Gentleness |
| 4) Patience | 9) Self-control |
| 5) Kindness | |

Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of the fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufactures warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on Jesus.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The S.I.N defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention!

-God

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice and you may contact the Father any time by "Knee mail"!

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Before house



After house built

CASAS POR CRISTO MISSION TRIP October 1-6, 2023

Please ask God how you can help as ACC sends our volunteer mission team to Mexico to build a house for a family in need. There are many opportunities:

- 1) **join** the team,
- 2) **pray** for the team,
- 3) **provide** items for the new home,
- 4) **prepare** food for the mission team,
- 5) **help** prepare the van and trailer for the trip, and
- 6) **help** organize a *Send off Fellowship Dinner, Sunday, September 24*

We need a coordinator for each of these areas. Sign ups on back table



Western Colorado Christian Campus Ministries

Dave Downey (Birthday 8/28)
Adam Martin (Birthday 8/28)
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Ministry: Western Colorado Christian Campus Ministries is a collection of churches, businesses, and individuals that have teamed to support the students of Christian Student Fellowship on the campus of Colorado Mesa University (CMU). Our goal is to encourage and minister to the needs of these students, equipping them to live their faith in a broken world. This is done through a student-run club called Christian Student Fellowship (CSF).

Prayer Requests:

For a more personal involvement, we have what we call our "Extended Family (EF)." Please visit our web page and click on the link to find out how to stay informed about ways to help these students: with physical needs such as car repairs or groceries; psychological encouragement such as a listening ear or a connection with a fellow Christian's relevant life experiences; or spiritual help such as prayer and Christian guidance. There are no commitments beyond what you wish to give. . . a simple willingness to jump in where the Lord leads you. About once a quarter we hold an EF event to meet and Fellowship with the students.

"And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward." Matthew 10:42

Operation Christmas Child



The **August** needs are school supplies: pens, pencils, crayons, paper, rulers, markers, etc.

Please put donations in the box in the lower building. Other items for the shoebox are always appreciated.



School Supplies
August

Questions? Please see or call Donna Jean, 970-640-8396.

The next Meal Prep is

August 12, 2023

(Sign up by August 6, 2023.)



The meals are:

- 1) Asian Pork Chops
- 2) Chipotle Fajitas
- 3) Italian Beef Sliders
- 4) Lemon Garlic Chicken Thighs
- 5) Rosemary Citrus Pasta
- 6) Taco Meatloaf

The cost is:

- \$ 35.00 for 6 meals for 2 people
- \$ 70.00 for 6 meals for 4 people
- \$100.00 for 6 meals for 6 people

Contact Heidi Waggoner, 970-250-0588



Prayer needs

Please let the office know if your family needs help with prayer, communion, meals, visits, etc. The Appleton Care Ministry mails cards, visits, phones, runs errands, performs light chores, etc. *We must know when people need these services to address the needs of our congregation.* If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact the office.

GriefShare

The next **GriefShare Support** is beginning on July 12 - October 11

Wednesday's 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

It is a 14-week class. Please register on line

<https://www.griefshare.org/>

Contact Phyllis Bolsinger, 970-216-8258

DID YOU KNOW?

Mesa County offers food services and programs for Mesa County residents which includes: food pantries, SNAP, WIC, Meals on Wheels, Kids Aid Backpack, mobile food pantries, and more. If you need assistance these services are available. Scan the QR code below for more information and the full brochure.

For more information on special requirements or specific instructions scan the QR code below



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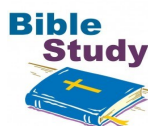
EVERY SUNDAY

we offer refreshments for the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services. If you would like to help with refreshments, please sign up to help at the welcome table or check with Donna Ward or Jeanne Baker for more information.



Tuesday night Bible Studies

will resume on August 1st at 6:30 PM. For more information contact Alan, 928-580-9856 (men's) or Kari, 928-581-2735 (women's) or Levi, 303-653-8620 (children's). A meal is offered at 6:00 PM.



FOOD SERVICES & PROGRAMS

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You might remember a television show that played a few years ago called “Psych.” In the show two adult men ran around solving serious crimes while refusing to act like adults and pretending to have psychic powers. If I am honest, I really liked the show. The main characters were mostly funny and it was a police detective show that didn’t take itself too seriously. The only problem I had was when I would think a little too hard about what I was watching. Not that it had much vulgarity, especially compared to many shows today, but if I thought about these too young guys running around joking, casually breaking laws, making fun of people all the while investigating the death of someone, it just felt wrong. They were doing serious work and they were not taking it seriously. Even in the worst of circumstances, they refused to grow out of their adolescence and act appropriately. Like I said, I really liked the show, but that was always a problem for me if I thought too hard. Solution...don’t think too hard.

I bring this up because I was reminded the other day that as Christians we have been called to a serious task. We are ambassadors of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18,20), to make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20), to pick up our cross and follow Jesus (Matt. 16:24-26), along with many other commands of scripture. The task is sometimes daunting, and often we may not feel up to it, but that doesn’t give us a free pass. Instead, not living in a make-believe television show, we are called to do something about it. We are called to grow.

The Scriptures are filled with words that encourage, command, and prod believers to grow in Christ and in their faith. For the believer, it is not optional, but a way of life. In 2 Peter we read, “For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” We are told to do these things so that we can “share in the divine nature,” by “escaping the corruption” in this world. Increasing in these things will also, “. . . keep you from being useless or unfruitful...”.

I want to encourage us all to grow. Grow in our knowledge both mental and experiential in regard to our savior. Grow in our holiness, our affection towards fellow believers, and our love for all. This isn’t just a good idea, it is a command from God that carries great promise for those who follow through. The time for immaturity, for running around like fools and hoping things work out, to have amazing power and treat it like a game, is over. This is the real world, not a television show. So let’s be a people filled with joy and laughter, but also a people who are growing daily in the Lord.

If you are ready to start growing, but are not sure how, then please talk with any of the Elders or Ministers at ACC, or take the time to have a conversation with a believer whose faith you admire and want to emulate. May God bless us all as we seek the Lord together.

Your Servant in Christ,
Alan

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>30</p> <p>Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10am - NEW Class, "2 Timothy" 11am - DOK meeting 4:30pm - Counseling 430-530, rm 6pm - Stand for the Constitution,</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9am - Desert West Chapter 1pm - Staff meeting 6pm - Meal at 6 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Joe Lyons 1pm - Griefshare, 1:00 PM - 3:00 4pm - Counseling sessions, rm 3 6pm - NEW "Becoming a Biblical</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Mark Jennifer Murrell 5pm - Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2pm - Seniors On The Go - game 5pm - Counseling rm 3 6pm - Christmas Cantata meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Tallina Costello</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Landin Erolson Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10am - NEW Class, "2 Timothy" 11am - DOK meeting 4:30pm - Counseling 430-530, rm 6pm - Stand for the Constitution, 6:30pm - Elder's Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Brett McDonald 1pm - Desert West Stitch-in 1pm - Staff meeting 6pm - Meal at 6 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1pm - Griefshare, 1:00 PM - 3:00 4pm - Counseling sessions, rm 3 6pm - NEW "Becoming a Biblical</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Christian Women's Ministry, 11:00 5pm - Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Building in use - Meal Prep 5pm - Counseling rm 3</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Burk & Heather Wedding Meal Prep</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am 12pm - Missions Team Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Alan Karl Dyson 10am - NEW Class, "2 Timothy" 11am - DOK meeting 4:30pm - Counseling 430-530, rm 6pm - Stand for the Constitution,</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Jack Caria Costello 1pm - Staff meeting 6pm - Meal at 6 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Kitchen in use - 1pm - Griefshare, 1:00 PM - 3:00 4pm - Counseling sessions, rm 3 6pm - NEW "Becoming a Biblical 7pm - Beading Group, Ark room</p>	<p>17</p> <p>DOK Ministry 5pm - Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5pm - Counseling rm 3</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Casa por Cristo information Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Phyllis Bolsinger 10am - NEW Class, "2 Timothy" 11am - DOK meeting 4:30pm - Counseling 430-530, rm 6pm - Stand for the Constitution,</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1pm - Desert West Stitch-in 1pm - Staff meeting 6pm - Meal at 6 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1pm - Griefshare, 1:00 PM - 3:00 4pm - Counseling sessions, rm 3 6pm - NEW "Becoming a Biblical</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5pm - Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5pm - Counseling rm 3</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Dave Downey 10am - NEW Class, "2 Timothy" 11am - DOK meeting 4:30pm - Counseling 430-530, rm 6pm - Stand for the Constitution,</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Louise Vig 1pm - Staff meeting 6pm - Meal at 6 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1pm - Griefshare, 1:00 PM - 3:00 4pm - Counseling sessions, rm 3 6pm - NEW "Becoming a Biblical</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Linda Mann 5pm - Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Family Camp (475/Adult, \$50/child 6-17) @ Camp Christian, 2915 Co Rd Steve Nancy Hagerman 2pm - Seniors On The Go - game 5pm - Counseling rm 3</p>	<p>2</p>



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 OR email
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 OR call
 Nancy @970-241-0858 or the church office @970-242-7380

For **shut-in communion**, please call 970-242-7380 during office hours or contact a person listed below:



August
 6- Jack Costello
 13-Alan Dyson
 20-Kathy & Kelly Messamer
 27-Dan Baker

 **Clip and post in your home as a reminder when you serve**

Communion & Offering ~~Meditation~~

<u>First Service</u> <u>August 2023</u> 6-Bob Labig 13-Alan Dyson 20-Heidi Waggoner 27-John Wilson	<u>Second Service</u> <u>August 2023</u> 6-Bob Labig 13-Alan Dyson 20-Jenny Nichols 27-John Wilson
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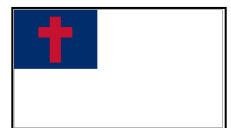
SUNDAY GREETERS

<u>First Service</u> <u>August 2023</u> 6-Keith Kump 13-Judy Devine 20-C. Ackerman/M. Miller 27-Linda/Dick Mann	<u>Second Service</u> <u>August 2023</u> 6-K & K Messamer 13-Cris Hoche 20-C & L Martinez 27-Jenny Nichols
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AUGUST PRAYER FAMILIES

6- John & Phyllis Bolsinger
 Landen & Debbie Brolien
 13- Karla & Steve Brown
 Doug & Carolyn Bryant
 20- Doug & Mary Bybee
 Helen Caldwell
 27- Yvette Caldwell
 Freida Chavez

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 TO
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- THE STATE OF COLORADO
- THE GOVERNMENT
- THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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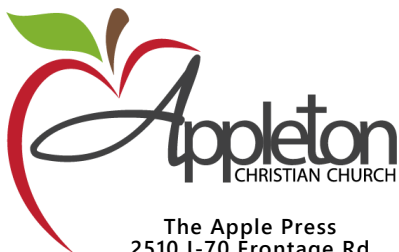
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*Our Mission
To grow fully devoted followers of
Jesus Christ.
Matthew 28:19-20*

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School for all ages

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