



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST  
*Family Matters*

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*Lessons for Today*

**Sunday AM**

Brian Mitchell  
"Be Transformed"  
Romans 12:1-2

**"AUTHOR—AUTHOR!!!"**

The footlights dim as the curtain descends after a spectacular performance on opening night. As the house lights come on the applause is deafening as the crowded audience rises to a standing ovation amidst cries of "Author, Author!!!" from every corner. These pleased patrons of the arts want to laud and honor the creator of the masterpiece that has just entertained them for the better part of three hours.

A well dressed, grizzled, and wise looking old man comes to center stage and bows. As he raises his hand a hush falls over the crowd. When he speaks it is the gentle voice of the kind heart that reaches to every corner, yet feels like a whisper. "Your praise is overwhelming, and to me, quite undeserved..." The room explodes with voices all claiming their deepest respect for this artist.

He continues when the voices grow quiet: "You see, it is this way --- The true author can not appear before you on this stage." With these words a shocked silence falls upon the crowd. The silence is thick enough to see. "No," he continues with a firmer voice, "I do not deserve the praise you have so richly lavished on this effort, all your praise should be directed to the true author..." Once again he was interrupted by the eruption of human voices in confusion and dismay.

"Truly, I typed the manuscript that became the play you enjoyed, but the talent is only mine as a gift from the Almighty – THE AUTHOR of all that is holy and right. Should I allow myself the "privilege" of personal pride, I feel sure that my talent would be worthless – it might even no longer be mine to exercise. So – in humility, I accept your praise for my work, yet I feel that we together are praising the creator of the universe, the ONE who made it all possible, the LORD, the MASTER, the SAVIOR", he concluded with a bow and left the stage.

Let us be like this fictional playwright who gives honor to God for the talents he has. Let us use our talents to praise God, the one who has given to us abundantly.

Please read: Acts 17:28; Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 14:33; Hebrews 5:9; 12:2; James 1:17

Tony W. Boyd  
(Adapted)

*Worship Times*

Sunday

Worship: 10:00 am

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

*For the Record*

Sunday AM: 132  
Wednesday PM: 68  
Contribution: \$3116  
Budget: \$4402

*Think on This...*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Romans 12:1-2**

*Celebrating This Week...*

Birthdays

Sharon Eck: 08.27  
Charlie Kluesner: 08.28

Anniversary

Doug & Nancy Lester:  
08.24



## Serving This Week

**Announcements:** David Selvig  
**Greeters:** No greeters at this time  
**Ushers:** Leonard Fulbright/Shawn Myers  
**PowerPoint:** Greg Dowdy  
**Lead Singing:** Dylan Seabaugh  
**Head Lord's Table:** Steve Simmons  
**Scripture:** Kolten Kluesner  
**Prayers:**  
**AM:** Randy Seabaugh/Scott Spraggs  
**Wednesday Singing:** Christopher Newman  
**Wednesday Devo:** Jeremy Tucker  
*"What the Bible Teaches about Last Things"*  
**Wednesday Prayer:** Jerry Singleton  
**Elder Chair:** Gary Ridenour  
**Communion to Shut-Ins:** Nick Brown

## Remember in Your Prayers

- **Mike Turnbow** is in St Francis Hospital with COVID-19. He is still on oxygen and expects to remain in the hospital for quite a while. He is receiving a trial drug and has remained stable since being admitted last week.
- **Bart and Jera Tuetkin** are expecting triplets in September and Jera has been admitted to St Francis for monitoring. The babies are doing well and they are hoping to keep from delivering for at least two more weeks.
- **Dorothy Loyd** returned home last week after a few weeks in an area nursing home.
- **Ray Duffey** is doing well since his heart procedure. He is still weak, but recovering.
- Betty Jones' brother, **Al Jackson**, continues to struggle with several health issues in a Campbell nursing home.

## Daily Bible Reading

**August 23:** Jeremiah 49-50  
**August 24:** Jeremiah 51-52  
**August 25:** Lamentations 1:1-3:36  
**August 26:** Lamentations 3:37-5:22  
**August 27:** Ezekiel 1-4  
**August 28:** Ezekiel 5-8  
**August 29:** Ezekiel 9-12

## News & Notes

- **Elders and Deacons** will have a meeting next **Sunday, August 30** at **4pm**. Please make plans to be present.
- Make sure to be here for our last **Summer Series** of the year this **Wednesday** at 7 pm. **Jeremy Tucker** from the Dexter congregation will be with us for the final lesson in our series.
- Those not directly involved with **Thursday School** may not know that, due to the continued restrictions from the coronavirus, we have decided not to begin our school year this September. We hope to be able to reopen in January so that we can continue serving the community with this program. If you have any desire to be involved when we start back—whether in a classroom or volunteering in some other way—please see Joy Kaye for more information and for how you may be able to help.
- Updated **Directories** are available on the entryway table if you have not yet picked up a copy.

## Continuing Prayer Needs

**\*\*Please help keep our list current: contact the office with updates, to add/remove individuals\*\***

June Black	Al Jackson
Thelma Brown	Betty Jones
Donna Cox	Isabelle Long
Bill Dillman	Dorothy Loyd
Ray & Marilyn Duffey	Barbara Rushing
Paul Ensor	Lena Schweain
Kelly & Trudy Garland	Sarah Singleton
Kenny & Sharon Giesler	Gelena Stoffregen
Dale Gilliland	Molly Thomas
Wayne Graham	Mike Turnbow

## Youth News

- Most of our college students have returned to their campuses and many have already started classes. Our local school students all return to their classrooms this week for the first time since March. Please keep all our students in your thoughts and prayers as they begin this new (and likely weird) school year.

