

Looks Can be Deceiving

Introduction

Remember the first time you tasted beets?

We are reminded that a person can be more than they appear to be.

- I. Luke wants to show that looks can be deceiving.
 - a. Throughout Luke leaders look like they have it together.
 - i. Sometimes those who appear to have it all together spiritually can be a complete mess.
 - ii. Looks never deceive God.
 - iii. God knows the heart.
 1. 1 Samuel 16:7
 2. Psalm 44:20-21
 3. Proverbs 15:11
 - iv. God saw the Jewish leaders as being arrogant.
 - v. Luke 18:9-14 – The Pharisee & the tax collector.
 - vi. Luke 20:45-47
 - vii. God is not a judge that is going to be fooled; we need to be reminded of that truth.
 - viii. As we deceive others, we often deceive ourselves.
 - ix. Do we have an eye on the heart?
 - x. Proverbs 4:23
 - II. How do you guard your heart?
 - a. We must have trusted people in our lives that care enough to ask “heart” questions.
 - i. We all need this in our life.
 - ii. Satan wants us to believe the hype.
 - iii. Jesus is willing to ask “heart” questions.
 - b. The widow and her gift.
 - i. Luke 21:1-4
 - ii. I’ve always wondered what happened in heaven when the widow dropped in her small coins.
 - c. Jesus is saying to the disciples, “Pay attention, she gets it!” Here are two reasons why she gets it:
 - i. She models how to trust God completely.
 1. Deep faith prompts radical action!
 2. The sick woman in Luke 8:42ff.
 - ii. She is a model for extravagant giving.
 1. Can you love without giving?
 2. 1 Corinthians 13:3
 3. The sinful woman and the gift of her perfume in Luke 7:36ff.
 - d. Sometimes those hardly noticed are spiritual giants.
 - i. We need to open our eyes to the spiritual giants among us.
 - ii. Our lives are rich when we see past appearances.
 - iii. Don’t think that what you have to offer is too small.

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Sunday Worship (10:00 & 4:00)

Sunday Bible Study (9:00)

Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)

Life Groups (Various Locations)

Ministers:

Doug Austin & Michael Nelson

Elders:

Davis Bennett - Tim Dunnahoo

Wayne Fenter - Jerry McCormack

Lee Rogers - David West

Elder Chairman of the Month:

Davis Bennett

OUR MISSION

*To seek and save the lost through
evangelism, benevolence, and edification.*
-Luke 19:10

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Country Club Road Church of Christ

Worship Order – May 17, 2020

Welcome: Brandon Cometti

Songs: Somehow You Want Me

Blessed Assurance

The Great Redeemer

Softly and Tenderly

Come Share the Lord

Communion Thought: Michael Nelson

Song: There Is a Habitation

Our God, He is Alive

Sermon: Doug Austin – “Looks Can be Deceiving”

Song: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Closing Prayer: Wayne Fenter

Closing Song: The Lord Bless You and Keep You

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Prayer Requests

- o **George Escalante** underwent hernia surgery on Wednesday. He has returned home and is dealing with quite a bit of soreness.

Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O’Neal, Bill Linder, Anita Zuniga, Clara O’Neil, Wanda Walker, Jean Brooks, Tim Miller, Loretta Bullock, Mary Lou Hall, Jerry Stanley, Larry Williams, Shawn Lee, Ray & Joanne Magness, Vicki Gove, Jay Harrell

Week @ a Glance

Celebrations & Happenings

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| 17th | Tune into a.m. worship via 106.5 or Facebook Live! Amy Wishard’s b-day. |
| 18th | Willie Chavez’s b-day. |
| 19th | Zoom Bible Study w/Emily Cometti @ 6:30 p.m. |
| 20th | Zoom Bible Study w/David West @ 7 p.m. Logan Harrell & Brian Doyle’s b-day. |
| 21st | Jared Van Winkle’s b-day. |
| 23rd | Pam Warboys b-day. |

Pantry Items Needed: Our pantry is currently in great shape! Thanks so much for your continued donations!!

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....---/---
Sunday AM/PM Worship.....---/---
Weekly Contribution.....\$7,701

A Note From the Elders:

Brothers and Sisters,

The elders and ministers have met and prayerfully considered various options in light of the slight lifting of restrictions to church services by the Governor as of May 16, 2020.

Limited worship services will be held at the church building this Sunday, May 17, 2020, at 10:00am and within an understanding of all the safety protocols presented by the New Mexico Department of Health. Thusly, we will conduct a worship service limited to 10% of the building capacity. We will adhere to seating family groups with at least 6’ between and keep every other pew row open to assure safe social distancing. We are asking you to refrain from hugging or shaking hands. Given the public order regarding the use of facemasks in public, we are asking each of you to wear them at the church building. In an effort to mitigate exposure time and disinfecting effort, we will not conduct bible classes throughout the building at this time. We will not provide a nursery service. We will limit public access to portions of the church building not directly related to the morning worship service. The presentation of communion will be conducted in a way to mitigate contamination but will be Biblically based.

For those of you not yet comfortable with attending a communal service, we understand and support your decision. Hebrews 10:25 encourages us to not forsake or neglect meeting together, but the elders wish to assure you that we do not interpret that passage to mean that it is sinful to stay at home to protect yourself and others from the spread of the virus. Therefore, the elders have asked the staff to continue to provide you with the on-line Face Book live option. They have done an outstanding job thus far. We are aware proper hygiene includes washing your hands and using disinfecting agents when washing is not available.

We remind you that the church has hand sanitizer stations at each entrance and throughout the worship area. We ask for your prayers, patience and understanding as we navigate through these situations.

Finally, the elders are supporting the re-convening of small group bible studies, conducted with all the protocols mentioned. The elders are asking that any group who uses a room at the church building to understand and conduct proper cleaning and sanitizing measures after each use. We are aware that these are challenging and uncertain times. The elders are aware of the strong political move locally to re-open the economy but could cite biblical references to taking care of and certainly do not want to be reckless with our bodies. We will continue to offer pastoral care and at the same time respect appropriate medical precautions. With that said, we believe God is capable of interceding in ways unexpected and change the trajectory of any illness. We are trusting in God to redeem the times and bring unique blessings out of this challenging situation. We look forward to that day when we will gather together again under normal conditions. In the meantime, we continue to ask God’s blessings upon all of us and his grace to sustain us in the days ahead.

Thank You Note Received

Dear Elders and Members,
During this time of uncertainty, it is very generous of you to think of the Albuquerque Christian Children’s Home with your donation. The children will be blessed by your gift and it will go a long way to help us in our mission of taking care of these precious souls. May God bless you and your families!
For the children,
Britton Pruitt (Development Director)