

# Vancleave Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter

*Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and local Christian ministry*

June 19, 2022

*Scripture Reading: John 17:1-3*

## **God, Our Heavenly Father** by Duane Patton

Scriptures teach that God is essentially a spirit being who, in order to exist, is not dependent on anyone or anything outside of Himself (**John 4:24; 1:1-3**), that He is infinite in all His attributes (e.g. goodness, knowledge, wisdom, power, etc.) and that He is the creator of all living and non-living things (**Colossians 1:15, 16**). As a matter of further support for this claim, please consider the following passage.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. (**Psalms 90:1, 2, KJV**)

Yet, the Scriptures also indicate that God is transcendent (i.e., *beyond the limits of ordinary human experience and comprehension*) and altogether holy (*perfect in every possible way*), He has not so far removed Himself from us that He cannot be touched by our weaknesses. God is not merely our creator with little to no regard to how we might relate to Him, however transcendent and holy He is. In God's divine and eternal wisdom and will, He appears to His earthly creation as our Heavenly Father – the one who gives us life, provides us with security against the diabolical schemes of Satan, delivers us from trouble, and promises to never leave nor forsake those who put their trust in Him (cf., **Acts 17:24-26; Ephesians 6:10-13; Hebrews 13:5; John 3:18; cf., Psalms 18:29-30ff**). In a very real sense, then, while the One true God is not a human (**Numbers 23:19a**), He is our Father and wants all people to know Him as such!

Our world needs godly fathers now perhaps more than ever before. We are blessed to have the great examples of faithful fathers who've gone on before us as well as those who are still here. On this Father's Day, 2022, will you take a little time to consider how truly great our God is while at the same time recognize the privilege of being His sons and daughters by faith?

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

(John 1:12, 13, NKJV)

## Seeking First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness

Services:	Local Works of Faith:	Foreign Missions:	Subscribe to these on YouTube:
<b><u>Sunday:</u></b> 9 AM Bible Class 10AM Worship 6 PM Worship	Sunnybrook Children's Home Gulf Coast Bible Camp Local Food Pantry Annual Youth Events	Guyana India Guam	<i>Vancleave Church of Christ Digital Ministries</i> <i>The Mississippi Gospel Minute</i>
<b><u>Wednesday:</u></b> 6 PM Prayer & Bible Class	Back-Pack Buddies The Gospel of Christ TV (Every Sunday at 6:30 AM, Fox 25)		



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month: Fellowship / Lunch followed by brief devotional, with no evening service.**

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## Recent Prayer Requests & Announcements



**Deb Searcy:** Needs our prayers for recovery from shoulder surgery.

**Frank Sentelle:** Back surgery went well. May take up to 6 weeks for full recovery.

**David Robinson:** Awaiting results from recent scans. Prayers are needed and welcomed!

**Alex and Heidi Patton:** Celebrating the birth of their first daughter, **Tavie** (pr., Tay-vee) **Emagyn Patton**. Born 7:58 PM, 17 June, 2022. 8lb.10oz. Mother is doing very well. Thank you for prayers!

**Christy Masseur:** Nearing her time to deliver her baby. Please keep the Masseur family in prayers.

**Others:** \_\_\_\_\_

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry. ~ Psalms 34:15

*Please refer to previous Newsletter for those who need continued prayers*

Darlene Guston	Gayle Williams	Norma Jean Hart	Elsie Ashcraft
Linda Kenney	Earl Kenney	Keiundra Huddleston	Cindy Stevens
Kimi Atkins	Charlie Tanner	Judy Hinton	Liz Logan
Heath Smith	Pearl Thigpen	Dana Kelly	
Mary McDaniel	Jo Lichtenburg	Mary Alice Kenney	

*Have requests or other announcements? Send email to [vcocministry@vancleavemchurch.org](mailto:vcocministry@vancleavemchurch.org)*

### **Rightly Dividing the Word**

*A weekly synopsis of every book of the Bible with a memory verse designed to increase our faith*

**Proverbs:** Written mostly – if not altogether – by King Solomon, the Proverbs are terse and pithy statements of truth that exalt the wisdom of God in every day, practical ways of life. While some of them aren't always easy to apply without a fuller understanding of the historical setting in which they were originally penned, they are all divine principles of godly living in an ungodly world (see Proverbs 1:1-7).

*This week's memory verse:*

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.”

(Proverbs 3:5, 6, NKJV)



Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. ~ 2 Timothy 2:15