



From The Upper Room (July-August 2021 Print Edition)

IMITATORS

READ Ephesians 5:1-2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. ~ Romans 12:2 (NIV)

The alarm of a nearby water system woke me up. After several minutes, I heard a mockingbird copying the beeping sound. I smiled at the bird who was copying not another bird's song but a noise from a machine made by humans.

Then I thought about what I copy. How often do I, as a child of God, imitate humanity's way rather than God's way? My amusement faded as I realized that just that week, I had imitated the habits of the world more than once. I was quick to judge a woman's character based on her clothing. I held a conversation questioning the motives behind someone's acts of service. My TV shows, reading, and music that week had not portrayed godly values.

In today's reading, Paul encourages us to imitate God's love. But too often, rather than looking on others with the kind of love God shows me, I think and act out of habits and judgements that I have learned from the world around me.

Maybe that is why Paul says that we should follow Christ's example of a life filled with sacrificial love. As we seek to imitate Christ, God can transform our attitudes so that we can grow and act in ways that match God's will for us.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for the example of Christ's sacrificial love. Help us to imitate his love in our attitudes and actions. Amen.

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S.T.E.P.S.- Studying + Teaching + Equipping + Praying + Serving:

This presbytery-wide event is a wonderful opportunity for high school youth and adult church members, teachers, ministry teams, worship/music leaders, officers and staffs to enrich their faith and understanding of the church. S.T.E.P.S. will take place **Friday, August 27 and Saturday, August**



RISE YOUTH PROGRAM SUNDAYS at 10:45 AM

Come one, come all! If you or someone that you know is between the ages of 12 (rising 6th grader) and 18 (rising 12th grader) come check us out at RISE. RISE meets each week from 10:45 AM until 1:00 PM. It's about stuff like food, travel, tech, games, the world, your life, God and

28. Cost is \$10. Registration information is on the presbytery website and brochures are in the narthex.

how all of this mixes to make up our lives together. RISE starts each week in the meeting room outside of the church main office and ends up...well, who knows where it's gonna end up!

It's so awesome to look forward to doing life together! See you Sunday!

Click [here](#) for the Youth Participation form (required).



CHURCH JAM SESSION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19th
6:30 - 9:00 PM
in the Fellowship Hall

Bring an instrument, sit in a circle, play & sing. Each person performs once and then passes the mic to the next person. Open to all genres and styles of music. Others are welcome to attend, even if they aren't going to perform. Bring friends and neighbors, co-workers, etc. Light refreshments will be provided.



Final Family VBS

Tues, Aug 10th
6:30 – 7:30 PM

Outside games, weather permitting

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you'd like to sign up for flowers, please click [here](#). Silk arrangements are available for your use, if you prefer. Please email dedications to Natalie at office@harborviewpc.org.



Happy birthday to:

*Emily Chihocky (8/5), Lexton Stoll (8/5), Aurora Worsham (8/5),
Lois Amos (8/6), Alec Chessman (8/6)*

Please be in prayer for:

Rhodine Floyd, The Joanna Dunn Family, The Pate and Anna Pierce Family, The Webber Family, Wilma Deddish, Mark Millikin, Paul Rumpel, Tommy & Sue Mathews, John DeVane, Steve McAlvey, Dennis Mottin Sr., Ronnie Hill, Lois Amos, Bob & Audrey Geiger, Peggy George, Tom & Beth Gibbs, Gabbie

