

Real Life News & Notes

church of Christ of Grand Junction

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New Year's Resolutions Anyone?

Hopefully all of us have made some good (Godly) New Year's Resolutions. These should be goals for spiritual growth. The apostle Paul gives us some guidelines for attaining these Godly goals in **Philippians chapter three**.

1. Realize you are not yet where you want to be... Paul said, "I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it" (verse 13). Admit there is room for growth in your life, that you have not yet "arrived."

2. Forgetting what is behind... (3:13) We might need to forget all of our past seemingly great accomplishments (see verses 4-6) or credentials and humbly realize they may not be that valuable (verse 8). Or we might need to forget our past mistakes and failings so that we don't get discouraged. We might need to forget the "pleasures of sin" or at least remember that they were "passing" (Hebrews 11:25) and that the consequences of sin

were far more unpleasant and consequential.

3. Straining toward what is ahead... (3:13) Positive growth or accomplishments require real effort. Nothing worthwhile in life is easy or acquired without work. Going forward is a challenge. It is easy to just drift along or even backslide.

4. I press on toward the goal... (3:14) Spiritual growth, faithfulness and steadfastness are very personal commodities. Paul said "I" press on. We may not be able to wait for our spouses, our friends or other church members to grow with us. "I" must take responsibility for my own resolutions and growth. The prize, eternal life in God's Heaven is worth whatever it takes. Let's resolve to do whatever we need to do to grow spiritually this year!

I am resolved, God help me,
John

YOUTH SECTION

BY DOUG CLAYTON

Updates Regarding our Student Ministry

Happy 2012! These are busy times that compel us to seek God's calm and wisdom as we move forward. Our youth ministry search committee met Wednesday night to start narrowing the field of applicants. Although we will continue to accept resumes through the end of the month we have chosen our top three already from the applicants we now have and will soon begin conducting phone interviews, checking references, etc. Please keep this process in your prayers as we want God to choose our Youth minister! (Really, please don't just read this and go on. Specifically ask Father to guide, oversee and send us the right minister for our kingdom needs)

Youth Page: As I begin preaching each week I will continue in the role of Youth Minister through June (or sooner if we have a new minister). **Lucas Matthews** has agreed to take over the Youth Page section of the bulletin. Announcement and articles will continue as always but from Lucas' keyboard instead of mine. Lucas is a tremendous help and asset in our Student ministry and I am very thankful for his love for and investment in our teens, especially during this time of transition.

Alicia Tinkle has offered her help during this hiring and transition phase and we will be relying on her as well as she knows and loves our kids and has been an integral part of our student ministry the past 3 summers. Thank you Alicia!

WNL: Lucas or I will be asking for help to do devo talks on Wednesday night for our combined middle and high school class (very much like an indoor version of a PIT talk) So, be ready to say, "Yes, I would love to do that, put me down!" We would love to have some couples do these as well so be thinking and praying about it! **Nathan Walker** will join us during WNL and lead us in a time of praise for 15 minutes or so each Wednesday night. Thanks Nathan, we appreciate your singing gifts and are thankful for you and **Talene** blessing our church and teen ministry in that area!

May God's wisdom guide our church family in a spirit of unity and love through all of these changes. - Doug

Huddle Hosts needed! There is a sign-up sheet outside my office.

Huddle: Next week, Sunday January 8 (...no host yet)

Winter Peak is Feb. 24-26th (High school): Registration forms are available on the church website (grandjunctionchurch.org). Print one, fill it out, and turn it in (with the \$100 fee) to Doug by February 12th. (**Middle School Madness** is April 13-15. Forms available on web site as well).

Memory Verse For January: Isaiah 6:8
Here am I, send me.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Children's Memory Verse—John Cooper
Announcements—Curtis Fleming
Song Leader— Bryan Crowe

41—Mighty Is Our God
 121—Come Let Us All Unite To Sing
 123—The Steadfast Love Of The Lord

Scripture Reading & Prayer—David Scheurman

18—Faithful Love
 287—There is A Redeemer

The Lord's Supper

Song Before Offering
 68—Give Thanks

Offering

63—I Will Call Upon The Lord

Sermon - " What Now?" - Doug Clayton

Invitation

790—Lord Take Control

Benediction—David Scheurman

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in
January

Dan Vorse
 Josh Vorse
 Matthew Vorse
 Nathan Walker
 John Warner
 Jeremiah Watson
 Dan Williams
 Rick Wilkins

Announcements

January-----Curtis Fleming
February-----Karl Antwine
March-----Vince Urbina
April-----Ron Wilson

For the Record
Dec. 25 , 2011

Attendance	174
Average Attendance, 3rd qtr.	244
Average Children's Church	20

Contributions	\$4,680.66
Budget	\$5,289.12

Communion Preparation

January-Leonard & Lynne Harvey

Outreach Minister—John Cooper	241-4075
Minister—Doug Clayton	523-1654
Visitation Minister—Hunt Zumwalt	210-8960

Special Prayer Requests

CHARLES FANT.....cancer
 STAN HURD..... heart problems and lymphoma
 WINNE AND MARIA LARCADA.....Maria's surgery & recovery
 MARGE SMITH.... Cancer
 Infant JOJO... injuries from child abuse
 LORI WISE....cirrhosis of liver
 MIKE VERMAN.....severe burns (recovering at home, but has a lot of treatment yet to go)
 ELLEN GIBSON... Randy Moore's mother in law....cancer
 KEN COX... Ken's surgery went okay, he is recuperating at home. They did not find more cancer cells. He has another Dr visit this week, hopefully they will be able to remove the drain. They thank us for our prayers and ask us to continue them.
 RON WILSON He is still awaiting the doctor's decision on how to treat him. The news on his condition appears to be optimistic at this time. Praise God!
 Pray for the ENGLISH FAMILY in the loss of their loved one Cody. Pray for the peace and comfort of God to fill their hearts. Pray for the rehabilitation of their Grandson, THOMAS.

PHYLLIS HAIGHT—Is in St Mary's with several health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.
 RHONDA PRINCE....pray for good results from the tests she recently underwent.
 DAN SCOTT—Husband of author Latayne Scott. He has been hospitalized completely paralyzed with Guillian Barre Syndrome in Albuquerque.
 CAROLYN DEBERRY—Foot Surgery. She must stay off her feet for some time in order to heal.
 The Family of DOUG COLLARD. God be with them in this tragic, trying time of death and sorrow. A number of our family are sick with colds and flu. Keep them in your prayers.
 JAN NELSON—Fell on the ice and injured her hip and arm. Please keep her in your prayers
 VERLYN MATHEWS—In VA Hospital with back problems JOHN AKERS—Having tests at hospital. Pray for good results.
 A friend of Mendenhalls was in a car accident..and they ask for prayers for her. Her name if FELICIA. She has a broken pelvic bone and other injuries.

Food Pantry Dive

Please pick a grocery bag or two with a list of items needed for the pantry attached. They should be returned full of the listed groceries by January 8.

Updating Prayer Chain

We are going to update the prayer chain list....so if anyone who is not on it now and would like to be will please let Lila know in the next couple weeks, we will add your name and get you a calling list.. (or if you are on it and wish to be taken off also let Lila know) To those who have been helping with this my deepest thanks, its an important ministry and you are appreciated. Lila

Homeless Meal

Tomorrow (January 2) is our opportunity to provide the evening meal at the Homeless Shelter on North Ave, The lasagna trays will be distributed in the foyer right after services today for those who prepare the food and servers should be at the shelter by 5:30 PM tomorrow.

Verlyn Mathews Update

Verlyn has had a stay in the VA Hospital with serious back problems. Theresa informs us that he will probably be going into a nursing home for rehabilitation when he is released from the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

Numerous Items To Be Claimed

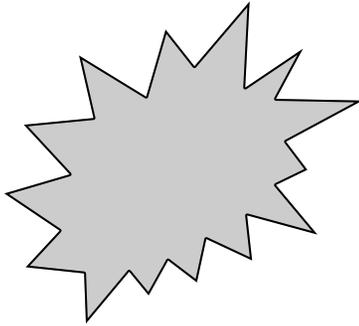
If you are a Secret Sister, please check to see if you have a present on the table in the foyer. There are several there. Namely, for-Mary Ann Rayside, Deborah Carol, Bridget Beaver, Becca Ferguson, Trina Keller, Rebecca Parks, Tuttie DeLancey. Please check carefully as some of you may have two or more presents.

Also there are many cards under the pictures in the foyer. Please check to see if someone has sent you a card of encouragement or a good will greeting.

Dishes To be Taken Home

Thank you so much to the ladies who brought food for the bereaved families of recent funerals. Your dishes are in the fellowship hall to be taken home. Again, thank you for your kindness.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!



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Welcome to the church of Christ of Grand Junction! If you are visiting with us we want you to know how honored we are to have you. It is our desire to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 22:30,31). We are attempting to share His love with others through following Jesus' words , "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). If you have any questions about anything that you hear taught or see practiced we would be glad to share with you the reasons for the faith we have. Just speak with one of our shepherds or ministers or call 970-245-4210 and we will gladly assist you!

COME WORSHIP WITH US

We're On the Web grandjunctionchurch.org

- Newsletter
- Announcements
- Women's Ministry
- Audio Sermons

Soul Care 101 Training

Are you interested in joining our soul care ministry or do you just want a review? Dale Wright will be teaching Soul Care 101 on Friday January 27 at 6 PM and Saturday January 28 at 9 AM—Noon at Canyon View Vineyard Church.

BIBLE CLASS AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning Adult Classes—9:00 AM—9:45 AM

To Be Announced _____ Auditorium
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Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

John Cooper _____ Purpose _____ Auditorium
 Hymn Class _____ 103

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

2 & 3 yr. old _____ 104
 Kindergarten _____ 205
 1st & 2nd Grade _____ 209
 3rd thru 5th Grade _____ 208
 Middle School _____ 213
 High School _____ 203

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

2 & 3 yr. old _____ 104
 Kindergarten _____ 205
 1st & 2nd Grade _____ 209
 3rd thru 5th Grade _____ 208
 All teens meet in _____ 203

Sunday morning worship begins at 10:15 AM

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me," for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11: 29, 30.