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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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Bryan Crowe

Our Gathering Today

**"Behold,
I am making
all things
new."
Revelation 21:5**

Welcome Guests!

May you be fed and encouraged by our gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share the Lord's supper, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. We dismiss by about 11:30. Please stay around and let us get to know you a little better.

**View our web site at grandjunctionchurch.org and Face Book page *Church of Christ of Grand Junction* to discover a little more about us.

the Living Word

Happy 2017! Resolutions are as much a part of this season as Christmas trees, gifts and the excited faces of children. *What do you think the top 5 New Year's resolutions for 2017 might be?* Here's a hint...They don't vary much from year to year.

This morning we will look to Solomon's inspired direction regarding a different kind of **resolve**. **Proverbs** challenges us with renewed goals and disciplines as God's children seek to commit to a deeper faith, holier lives, and reaching out to the sin enslaved captive in order to set them free with Good News.

May the year of our Lord 2017 be a fascinating and fulfilling ride as you follow closer than ever to Jesus!

Praise!

Father, I thank you for . . .

- Keeping **Charlie, Kristen and Oakley** safe as their wind shield was shattered by a block of ice flying off a semi on their drive back from Idaho this past week.

- This loving church family who so graciously and courageously gets "out of the boat" onto uncertain shores to welcome and reach out to the outcasts, the "un-churched," the downcast, and so many who are hurting and in need of hope and healing.

- Fresh starts, new beginnings, spiritual challenges, and your daily mercy of forgiveness and a clean slate!

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For January: 2nd Corinthians 5:17

"If anyone is in Christ he is a new creature."

Christmas Ice-Capades

The holiday season is over and a New Year has officially arrived. Hopefully, your Christmas season brought joy and happiness and time spent with loved ones eating and being merry. This time of year, most of us typically begin to set the course for the coming year, deciding what we will accomplish in the various categories of our lives. We tend to think about the things in the previous year that we regret or wish we could have to do again, resolving to make them different in the coming year. I fall into this demographic of “New Year’s Resolvers”. It is a great time to make the changes we feel that we need to. I must say that I do not wish to belittle this practice, or even suggest that it isn’t a good one. However, a recent experience has reminded me of a slightly different perspective that I believe to be both biblically accurate and Christ like.

We were making good time, though a day delayed in returning from our Christmas trip to Idaho. Though we had recently seen one of the worst snow storms in years, the weather was quite favorable on our way home with sunshine and dry roads. Having been on the road about an hour and a half, our daughter was sleeping soundly. My wife was doing some quiet reading in the passenger seat of our truck, and I was focused on the road and thinking about all that I needed to do once we got home, after all, we were a whole day behind! Snow was blowing off the top of the Wal-Mart semi as we approached him, one of the few other vehicles on the road. I do not like to linger while passing big rigs, so I accelerated a few miles per hour and began to pass. As I reached the rear wheels of the trailer, a very large, square chunk of what appeared to be snow dislodged from the trailer and came flying towards our truck. In about a half a second, as my brain was telling my hand to move to the wiper controls so that I would be able to see through the coming onslaught of snow, I learned that it was in fact not fluffy soft snow. The 2 foot square of solid ice struck our windshield with a most stomach churning THUD! I could see glass all over the inside of our truck, but at 80 mph, I could not be certain that my wife was completely ok. I immediately pulled into center median. The brakes, as well as the 2 plus feet of snow slowed us down very quickly. A few seconds later, I was able to determine that everyone was just fine, and our daughter was even still asleep. While I stressed over the money and the time that this event was adding to our trip, I noticed a different attitude in my daughter. She was saddened and even a little scared at the damage to our windshield, she was so thankful that her Mamma was not hurt. When I explained that we had to get a hotel for the night, she was not concerned with getting home later than expected. Instead, she was curious if the hotel would have a pool. She was excited about the fun we could have staying the night at a hotel. While it is easy to just dismiss her position as childish, I think it was a beautiful example of living in the moment.

James 4:13-15 says *“Now listen, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.’ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, ‘If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.’”* Life can change in an instant. Many of us spend time planning, worrying, and stressing over things that simply do not matter. How our sports teams will do this year (sorry Broncos fans!), or if our favorite TV series will be renewed for another season on Netflix. All of us spend time planning, worrying, and stressing over things like bills, work, what to fix for dinner, etc. While these things do matter, they just matter less. Our unfortunate “ice-capade” truly affected several other “important” things that we had going on. Yet, the really important part was that my family was safe and unharmed.

Jesus says in Matthew 6:33-34 *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”* This verse has a very similar idea to the one in James 4. Instead of worrying, or putting too much stock in our own plans, anything we do should be done first for the will of God. When we keep this perspective on our planning, we can more easily notice the difference between things that matter, and things that matter less or even not at all. So this year as you and I lose weight, eat healthier, save more money, or whatever it is you plan to do, let’s do it first for the kingdom of God.

God bless you in 2017!

Charlie DeLong

Oneita Higgins Service

Oneita Higgins passed away last week. Her funeral service is scheduled for the morning of January 4 here at the building. Further details will be forthcoming when available.

Malawi Project

We are accepting donations for vinyl disposable gloves to be sent to Malawi. Please see Dean Blanck if you wish to donate or have questions.

New Adult Bible Class

Vince Urbina will begin a new adult bible class in room 103 today. Class will focus on the Parables and is titled "Go and Do Likewise". Ron Wilson's class is in the auditorium and Wes Yeager's class is upstairs in 202. On Wednesday evenings, Doug Clayton will start an adult class titled "Daring Faith" in late January after the current video series ends.

Thank you!

Dear Church Family,

It is so humbling to go thru such a scary health crisis and be so surrounded by such love, prayers, visits, and generosity! Thank you so, so much!

We also want to thank Bobby Heath and Charlie DeLong for finishing our kitchen floor trim—They were a big help.

Thanks also to some of the BEST cooks ever for such delicious and healthy meals—What a blessing! We sure appreciate our church family. *Lots of Love, Craig, Elaine and Ty Roberts*

Pruitt Baby Shower

A baby shower for Chenaë & Tyler Pruitt will be held from 10:00-11:30am Saturday January 21st. For questions and details, please contact Stephanie Cooper.

Please keep the following in your prayers this week Thank you and God bless you for taking the time to remember them.

Please pray for the Higgins family in the passing of Oneita. And for the Hughes family in the passing of Mike's father.

Pray for Bob Howard's mom who had surgery for a broken hip. Pray for healing and comfort during the process....and also for her family.

Pray for Kirby Franklin who is undergoing treatment in GJ for a veinous ulcer, and at this time is unable to speak. Pray for healing for him.

Continue to pray for Jim Fisher, Bobbie June's son, who was seriously injured and has a head injury. Pray for complete healing and comfort, and for his family.

Mike & Pam Hurd's son-in-law, Verne Twait—he was injured in an accident breaking his shoulder and leg.

Continue prayers for the following with on going issues:
Audra Gladstone....prayers for courage strength as she deals with some family issues

Key Lee...pancreatitis

Tom and Robin English.. a number of health issues

Shane Briggs. .leukemia

David, Della's freind....leukemia

Betty Jo Lewiscancer

Tammy Sitton of Montrose—Is critical and not expected to live. Family has been called in and the are asking for prayers.

Continue to pray for our nation , for God's will to be done in all things, for the President elect and his team to do God's will in all their decisions, for protection from the violence and terror that is threatening, and for the State of Israel who continue to be threatened, for Christians to be in prayer everywhere that God may forgive and bless the nation.

Pray for the persecuted church everywhere, and for those humanitarian groups that there helping those who are fleeing for their lives. Pray for protection for them all.

Prayers of thanksgiving to God for the many answered prayers. Many of those who have been ill lately or had surgery are back with us and we are thankful to God for their healing and improvement. God is good!

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

None Today—Happy New Year

Sunday, January 8 - 6-8 pm at the home of Summer Franklin. (Peyton & Rebecca Franklin live at 657 26 1/2 Road - GJ 81506) Kids bring drinks and desserts! Please park on 26 1/2 Rd and not in the drive way.

Sunday, January 22 - Julia and Jonnathan Simoes' house

Sunday, February 5 - SUPER BOWL HUDDLE at the DeLongs'

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!
2017**



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For the Record

Dec. 25, 2016

Attendance	284
Weekly Contributions 12/25/16	\$4,107.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$7,109.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in January

Phillip Bagga
Larry Ball
Doug Barnett
Bill Barslund
Wes Beaver
Dean Blanck
Scott Boyle
Scott Bradley

Communion Preparation—January

Rebecca Franklin

Communion Table 1/1/17

Announcements—January

Mike Hurd

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

Ron Wilson	Auditorium
Wes Yeager	202
Vince Urbina	103
Young Adult (Under 30)	207

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

John Cooper	Auditorium
Singing Class	103

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2	Nursery
2 & 4 Year Old	104
Pre KK, Kindergarten	205
1st & 2nd Grade	209
3rd thru 5th Grade	208
Middle School	213
High School	203

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

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

Thursday Morning Bible Classes

Thursday Bible School for Pre-Schoolers	9:30 am—12:30 PM
Ladies Bible Class, starts 9:30 am	207

Sunday Morning Bible Classes Begin at 9 AM
Sunday Morning Fellowship Time 9:45 AM—10:15 AM
Sunday Morning Assembly Begins at 10:15 AM
Sunday Evening Class begins at 6 PM In Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM