

January 7, 2018



## Real Life News & Notes

*A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers*

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## Our Gathering Today



### **Feeding on the Word!**

Today we jump ahead to Luke 19 and the story of that "wee little man" Zacchaeus. **Dr. Luke** shows us Jesus as he encounters a Jewish tax collector up a tree and we are challenged and encouraged by Zacchaeus' good heart, willingness to do the right thing, and determination to see Jesus even if it makes him appear a little "strange." There are some obvious lessons and at least one "not so" obvious lesson. See you in Luke 19 in a few minutes!

### **Welcome Guests!**

Thank you for being with us this morning! May you be spiritually fed and encouraged this morning by our simple gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share communion, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. Please enjoy the coffee, juice and donuts you will find in the fellowship hall.

\*\*View our web site at [grandjunctionchurch.org](http://grandjunctionchurch.org) and Face Book page *Church of Christ of Grand Junction* to discover a little more about us.

#### Quotable Quotes. . .

"*The Abundant life is a vulnerable communion*" - Ann Voskamp

"*Be stronger than your excuses!*" - Mary Clayton

"*Be the change you want to see in the world.*" - Gandhi

"*What is impossible with man is possible with God.*" - Jesus Christ

## ***Love One Another!***

Memory Verse For January: Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

## Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

### Goals

It's not my goal to routinely set goals. I admit there can be tremendous value in doing so if the goals are specific, measurable and provide a focused approach to a meaningful end. Despite being reluctant to come up with a list bound for a February expiration date or a cool slide show revealing annual resolutions I **find great value in deliberately inviting God's into each moment of each day trusting Him for guidance, wisdom, forgiveness and grace.**

As an Air Traffic Controller my minute by minute goal was to **"Ensure the safe and expeditious flow of air traffic"** (ATC manual 7110.65). For goal-setting gurus this may be way too general and yet it is so by necessity; for a controller to stubbornly persist in a specific course of action refusing to adapt as the air traffic picture changes is to invite disaster. **"Forget the plan! Work 'em as they come!"** was the call to action in the radar room and tower. The plan is fluid, the goal firm! I tend to take life (like I did aircraft) as it comes, deliberately (and imperfectly) trying to be a good steward of today while prayerfully planning for tomorrow.

Jesus had the broad objective of **"doing the will of Him who sent me"** (John 6:38) and that translated into countless **specific acts of obedience** to the Father. Jesus daily and intentionally moved under the broad umbrella of the greatest command, **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and love others as yourself."** *When we do the same the specifics of changed behavior follow.*

**Here are the renewed aspirations of this non-goal-setter...**

Love God and others. Be generous and kind. Be present, listen longer and better to God and others. See Jesus in others and live so that others see Jesus in me. Depend more on God's grace than my efforts. Be honest, humble and compassionate. Turn the other cheek. Consider others better than myself. Speak less, hear more. Remember everyone has a story and it's often a painful one. Compliment and encourage others. Extend mercy, withhold judgment. Make the things that matter most to God matter most to me and the things that don't matter to God to diminish in me. Cherish each moment with my family, kids and grand kids. Nurture friendships. Live in joy, not fearing life or death. Embrace the daily reminders of God's love and mercy. Live in hope knowing Christ's empty tomb is my assurance to one day escape that gaudy ash urn on the mantle. I want the church I serve to continue to love others and God, to be forgiving, inclusive and have a heart of humility, patience and repentance, to defer and serve each other and regard **function over form** in church and **faith over religion** in life, to encourage each other and to **mentor and validate those young in faith.** I want us as a family of Jesus' followers to grow in relying more on God's word than on man's word, daily surrendering to the Holy Spirit instead of our carnal spirit, and to trust more in God's kingdom and less in the kingdoms of men as we share the good news of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

Just for good measure I'll include for 2018: **Obey** Proverbs 3:5-6 each day. **Finish** the gospel of Luke sermon series.

**Begin** a series on great themes in the Bible and plan...wait a minute...**"Man plans, God laughs!"** 😊

**Happy New Year!**

## Youth Corner

### Upcoming Events and Activities:

THIS SUNDAY! Jan. 7th – Huddle @ the Robert's (2950 Pheasant Run Cir - GJ 81506) Girls bring drinks, boys bring desserts. Invite a friend and come for dinner, devo and fun!

February 15th-19th – Boise Youth Rally. We'll be leaving after school on Thursday, Feb. 15th and staying the night in Salt Lake City. We will return Monday night, Feb. 19th (President's Day). The cost for this trip will be \$30. YOU WILL HAVE TO MISS 1 DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THIS TRIP. I need everyone to check with parents about this trip asap.

### Huddles:

**Tonight** - 6-8 pm at the Roberts' House (2950 Pheasant Run Cir - GJ 81506) Girls bring drinks, boys bring desserts. Invite a friend and come for dinner, devo and fun!

To host a huddle, holler at Lesa Brassette ([Lesa@Brassette.com](mailto:Lesa@Brassette.com) or 640-2243)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The elders will host an "Evening with the elders" on January 21st, 5 PM. Please mark your calendars.**

### **Pantry Needs for December**

Canned Vegetables (not Green Beans)

Soups

Canned fruit

Canned meat (tuna Spam, etc.)

### **Creative Christian Art Guild**

The Art Guild will meet today at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This will be an opportunity for anyone wanting to attend to jump in.

They will be planning their annual calendar for 2018. Everyone is welcome.

### **Attention Photographers**

If you have an SLR or DSLR camera we need you to take pictures for the new website. Please contact Bryan Crowe. Also, if you have old photos of church activities (camp, VBS, Over Sixties, Christmas parties, Youth activities, etc.) please send digital copies to the office.

### **Mountain States Change Can Campaign**

Mountain States reports that our gift towards the change can campaign was \$685.69 given for 2017. On behalf of the children, staff and Board, they are very thankful for you. (See complete letter on bulletin board).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following in your prayers this week. Your prayers are requested and appreciated and very important. Thank You and God bless!

Pray for George Dorn who is still recovering from a fall and broken bones several weeks ago. Pray for a complete recovery and for comfort.

Pray for Gena Willits who has sustained a concussion. Pray for comfort and a quick recovery.

Pray for George Robinson who was seriously injured in a car wreck and his wife was killed just before Christmas. Pray for healing and for comfort for him and the family in their loss. (The minister from Montrose, his wife was the former Brenda Shipp)

Continue to pray for Bob Heath for a quick and complete recovery from back surgery. Pray for comfort and that it is successful in relieving the pain he was having.

Continue to pray for Kirby Franklin, for a quick recovery from surgery on his foot. Pray it was successful and he has a complete recovery and for his comfort.

Continue prayers for Bobbi June Ball and Bernice Fox as they are healing and doing rehab. Pray for comfort for them both.

Pray for our nation and the President and other leaders. Pray that God's will is done in all areas and positions. Pray for our nation to return to God and for our safety from those who would destroy us. Pray for godly wisdom to be sought by those in positions of authority...and decision making.

Give thanksgiving to God for the blessings we receive from His hand every day.



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## For the Record

December 31, 2017

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>Weekly Contributions 12/31/17</b>	<b>\$6,847.00</b>
<b>Contribution 4 week average</b>	<b>\$8,808.50</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$6,521.00</b>

## Communion Preparation—January

Roy & Kathy Karo

## Communion Table 1/7/18

Ed Riddle

## Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in January

Mike Hurd  
Dane Jennings  
Richard Jones  
Matt King  
Pat Kanda  
Roy Karo  
Sandy Kiser  
Jordan Lemons

## Announcements—January

Jeremy Antwine

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

Bill Wade	Auditorium
Vince Urbina	103
Tom Deister for College/Young Adult	213

## 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	203
High School	203

## Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

John Cooper	Auditorium
Shirlene Caraway, Ladies Class	103
Singing Class	Library

## 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 9:30 AM—1 PM Thursdays  
Ladies Bible Class, - 9:30 AM Rm. 103

**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 5 PM In Fellowship Hall**  
**Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM**