

# Real Life News & Notes

## *church of Christ of Grand Junction*

### Prison Break!

Several years ago there was a TV series named "Prison Break". As I recall it was about several prisoners (as the plot goes-falsely accused and unfairly imprisoned) who spend all of their time in the "big house" working on a "jail break", surprise, surprise.

Quite a bit is said in Scripture about prisoners-Joseph did some time as did Jesus, Peter and Paul. A couple of scriptures mention our responsibility as disciples of Christ to prisoners- "I was in prison and you came to visit me..." (Mt. 25:36)... "Remember those in prison..." (Heb. 13:3).

Jesus quoted Isaiah 61:1,2 in the synagogue in Nazareth and applied it to His mission and ministry. A part of this is found in Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners..." No doubt he is here referring to those imprisoned in sin as Paul refers to this concept in Roman 7:23.

Although most of the scriptures about prisoners in the Bible probably refer to saints imprisoned because of their faith, it is likely

true that those imprisoned for criminal offenses may be more open to listening to the "good news" of Jesus while incarcerated. Many who are in prison are there because they have been imprisoned in some personal sinful addictive behaviors-drugs, alcohol, anger, pornography, etc. As a church we presently have an active prison ministry, but we would like to involve more of our members in this outreach effort.

Tonight at our home (John & Holly Cooper) we will be hosting a meeting to share plans and ideas for including more from our church family in this effort. The time is 6 p.m. and the location of our home is 2376 So. San Miguel Drive. If you need directions, see one of us. If you cannot attend but want to be involved let us know. We certainly need your prayers in this challenging evangelistic outreach effort.

In the love of Jesus, John Cooper

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## YOUTH SECTION

BY LUCAS MATTHEWS

### Prelude

It is a treat to share the Lord's Day with family. For the past three months I (Lucas) have worked Sunday mornings, and I've found it disorienting. The whole rest of the week seems off-balance, and rarely do I know what day of the week I am inhabiting. But this is now at an end, and I am thrilled to be back!

Communing with the family is a time of refocusing, of re-securing, and re-identifying oneself with the beliefs and traditions that make us a group. It is a time to share the deep love we feel for and from our God, to share the deep joy we feel from our salvation, and also a time to share deep needs and deep pains.

If you are fortunate enough to have been attending worship lately, take a moment now and think about what brought you here and what keeps bringing you back. Why are you here? What do you hope to accomplish? What will you ask of our God, and what will you expect from him? Do you expect him to do great things in you and through you?

I will be writing the Youth Page Bulletin for a little while, and I hope that these articles/thoughts/ramblings will be a blessing to you. You can expect to read news on and for the youth group, musings on Scripture, and short (true) stories to illustrate a spiritual point. And I want this to

involve and include you as my family, as well. I want this to be a dialogue, and that requires YOU. Please do write back, make suggestions, and discuss these articles with me, so that this is a collaborative effort. Grace and peace.

-Lucas

In other news, the search for a new addition to the ministry team is underway. We are still accepting résumés for hopeful youth ministers, and will soon have applicants coming to visit our church. If you have any questions/comments/considerations regarding the process, ask Keri Fleming.

**Huddle** tonight at the Walkers' house at 6! Ask them what they want you to bring! Or just bring a surprise? Personally, I enjoy Swiss Cake Rolls and orange juice.

Huddle hosts NEEDED! ASAP—Sign up outside Doug's office.

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

#162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**Children Verse - John Cooper**  
**Announcements - Curtis Fleming**  
**Greeting Time**

#162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**Call to Worship - Doug Clayton**

# 266 Majesty  
 Salvation Belongs to Our God  
 No Other Gods  
 What the Lord Has Done in Me

**Shepherd's Prayer - Dave Scheuerman**

Worthy is the Lamb

**Communion - Jaydin Connell**

#383 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

**Offering Prayer- Gabe Wilkins**

#790 Lord Take Control

In Christ Alone

**Lesson - "In Christ Alone" - Doug Clayton**

A Shield About Me

**Blessing - Doug**

**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**  
**Jan. 1, 2012**

**Attendance** **216**  
**Average Attendance, 3rd qtr.** **244**  
**Average Children's Church** **20**

**Contributions** **\$7,445.00**  
**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 Received word that cancer is not present in his kidney. His health is much improved. 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— Please keep her in your prayers. It is reported that she was discharged from hospital on January 4 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.  
 VERLYN MATHEWS—In La Villa Grande recuperating from infections in both knees.  
 A friend of Mendenhalls was in a car accident..and they ask for prayers for her. Her name is FELICIA. She has a broken pelvic bone and other injuries  
 A..J. URBINA—Was hit in the eye with a tennis ball causing serious injury to his left eye. He is at home recovering. Pray all goes well.  
 ED RIDDLE—He will have hip replacement surgery on January 16.  
 JOHN AKERS—Received word that he does not have cancer. Praise God!

**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

**To The Church Family**

We wanted to take a moment and thank you for all the meals, cards, phone calls and prayers that have been placed on our behalf these past few weeks. It is so very comforting to be embraced like that, and we may not remember all of you, but your generosity will not be forgotten!

With Deepest Appreciation  
The Nelson/Collard Family

**GRAND JUNCTION CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*presents*

**“RE-IMAGINING THE CHURCH”**

**2012 MEN’S RETREAT**

*Fearless Men in God’s Kingdom: Ever wonder why Jesus kept saying “Fear Not”? Ever wonder if what we are doing on Sundays is what Jesus intended when he came to establish His kingdom? It takes courage to re-imagine the church and our place in this kingdom, this world, and our homes.*

*It is time: time to be strong and fearless, and time to take a hard look at our lives and “church”.....*

*-Patrick Mead 2012*

**DATES:** March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

**TIMES:** Friday 5pm-10pm & Saturday 7am-2pm

**PLACE:** Colorado Wine Country Inn, Palisade CO

**COST:** \$50.00 per person

**DUE DATE:** February 12<sup>th</sup> (pre-registration required)

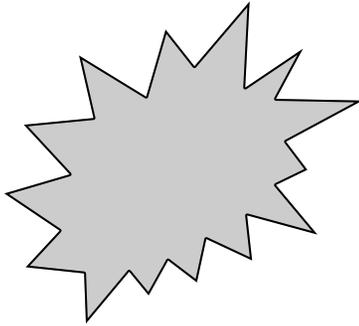
**INCLUDES:** Dinner on Friday, Full Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday

*To register, turn in forms or obtain more information please contact:*

**NATHAN WALKER – 970.216.7607**

**CHURCH OFFICE – 970.245.4210**

**Registration forms are now available in the foyer.**



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**A place to belong.**

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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](http://grandjunctionchurch.org)

## **Soul Care 101 Training**

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

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**

Tom Deister	Auditorium
Dave Scheuerman	103
Scott Ferguson, Young Marrieds	203

### **Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM**

John Cooper	Love Languages	Auditorium
Hymn Class		103

### **Sunday Morning Children's Classes**

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2	Nursery
2 & 4 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.*