



Real Life News & Notes

church of Christ of Grand Junction

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Looking Back at 2013

As we get in to this new year it may be helpful to look back at last year as we consider making some plans for the rest of this year. Bear in mind we cannot mention everything that occurred this past year as part of our outreach efforts. However, as your "outreach minister" I would like to share some memories of how God has blessed some of the outreach efforts I have personally been blessed to be a part of. Thanks for all your interest, hard work and support.

In January I attended a training/certification seminar in Denver for the PREP's organization's material for leading marriage seminars. This material is approved for use on our Military Bases and one reason I did the training is so I could present seminars on the military bases on Guam. This could be a great way to serve married couples in our military as well as give me an opportunity to witness for Jesus. This is the same material we are now using for our Sunday morning marriage class. I have permission from the PREP people to add Spiritual/Scriptural directions as well, as long as it is clearly stated that it is my addition.

In March I traveled to Guam where God blessed our efforts. We had many Bible studies, 7 baptisms, visited many members, did some marriage counseling, lectured at the University of Guam on the existence of God, met the Governor of Guam (which would come in handy later), and the congregation there was revived and strengthened.

In May we honored the Grand Junction Police Department at our annual Spring Congregational Picnic at Riverbend Park in Palisade. You all did a fantastic job in every aspect of this major effort- Thanks! In June, camp was another great week for all involved. June also saw six of us travel to France to help in the continuing process of renovating an old ski lodge into a summer Christian Youth Camp. All of French speaking Europe is blessed by this Christian camp facility. In July Lesa Brassette did a marvelous job with our Vacation Bible School. Thanks Lesa! Then in September our seminar with John Clayton was exceptionally well attended and much good was accomplished. Our annual clothing drive went well and we thank all those involved. In October I was able to deliver a series of lectures on Christian Evidences to the church in Trumbull, Connecticut. The members there very appreciative and there were four baptism later stemming from these lessons. Locally, our new life groups got rolling in the Fall, with much thanks to Bill and Karen Wade.

God again blessed our second trip to Guam in November. One of the highlights was meeting with the Lt. Governor and getting his backing for a renewal and expansion of a Police Chaplaincy program on Guam. Through this venue I met all the island's Police Chiefs and was able to meet a number of the officers through "ride alongs" and visits to the various precincts. What a blessing to meet so many wonderful Guamanian people. They treated me royally and I made some wonderful friends and was able to share my faith numerous times-planting the seed. I also met with the head Chaplain on the Navy Base on Guam. He is excited about my doing a "Fearless Marriage" seminar for Navy couples in October of 2014.

While at home here in Colorado I was able to preach many times for area congregations without "full time" preachers in Montrose, Gunnison and Rifle. Several of them have asked me to tell you of their gratitude for letting me come and encourage them. Also, my weekly Bible studies in the Mesa County jail have been well received. It has been an honor to serve our fair city as one of seven Police chaplains and I think we are having a positive impact on the force. I have several weekly Bible studies as well as individual and couple marriage counseling sessions. I pray God can be glorified and the Gospel shared through the doors He opens for us. Thank you again for your support and please let me know if I can assist you in any way in spreading the Gospel.

Sharing the Word, John Cooper

Memory Verse For January— Rev. 21:5

"I am making everything new".

Our Gathering Today

Sermon: John Cooper, our Outreach minister, will share with us details of his recent mission effort in Guam and challenge us with a word from Jesus.

Guests: Thank you for choosing to be with us today. Please let us get to know you and let us know how we might more specifically serve you in the name of Christ. If you want more info about us, check out our website at **grandjunction-church.org**. Or, our FaceBook page "**Church of Christ of Grand Junction**"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth News

Classes today: Middle and high school are **combined** for what I'm sure will be another great class! Join us in the high school room!

Lunch after church *today*: After the service is over, we'll be hopping in the van and heading to Cafe Rio over by the mall. Also, Subway is right next door!

No huddle tonight: Enjoy a peaceful evening with your families. Go Broncos!

Wednesday night worship: As usual, we'll all be meeting at **7pm** on Wednesday evening in the high school room for a time of worship and fellowship. And maybe snacks? You don't want to miss it!

Winter Peak: Just ask Brian if you're wanting a form to fill out to come to the high school youth rally in Estes Park (Feb 21-23). The cost is \$100, and more info is on the form. Forms and payment need to be turned in to Brian by Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Quilting Ministry

The quilting ministry will resume on Tuesday (January 14) at 9 AM in the fellowship hall after being off for the holidays. See Della Fiske/Turner for questions.

Missing Items

If anyone knows the whereabouts of a basket that is used for distributing bread to visitors on Sunday morning, please let Della Fiske/Turner know or place it in the kitchen.

There is a step stool from the resource room that has been misplaced. If you have borrowed it, please let Lynne Harvey know or put it back in the resource room.

Lost Items

If anyone has lost a harlequin music box, it is located on the table in the fellowship hall. It might have been left here as a decoration for a holiday party.

New Arrival

Troy and Joy Potter are the proud parents for a baby boy. Cameron Ryan was born January 6 and weighed in at 8 pounds 6 ounces, 20 inches long. Congratulations to the Potters.

Please remember the following in your daily prayers.

There are many who need our continued prayers as they recover from various illnesses , and some have ongoing health issues. Please continue to pray for them and their families....

JOHN AND BARBARA AKERS...the doctors have never seen a case like his before and are not sure how to proceed with his care. Pray that the Maker and Creator of all things will give them the knowledge to do what is best for him.

GARY WALLACE (friend of Jan N.) has extensive brain cancer, MARY CATHEY...in rehab at Larchwood

LARRY LUCERO FAMILY (Montrose)...pray for healing of several health issues in their family.

MILLIE'S son, as he deals with ALS and for his family.

RAGS RAGSDALE.... Lung cancer

BRYAN CROWE....healing from the TIA he recently suffered.

PEGGY LAMKIN...pray for recovery from a fall and healing of other health issues .

WALTER, Barb Akers' brother in law....pray for healing and the treatment for a blood clot in his heart to be successful.

Pray for MARY CLAYTON. Give thanks for her safe passage traveling to Rwanda and for safety, guidance and wisdom as she works in Africa.

Also keep the other MISSIONARIES and their families in your prayers. Many are in dangerous places and need God's protection, wisdom and guidance.

Continue to Pray for travel safety for the many that are traveling.

ROWAN WILLEKE... friend of the Briggs, 15 yr old son, had a sled-ding accident at the old Powderhorn area. He has a broken hip and was flown from St Mary's to Children's hospital in Denver. Pray for healing and comfort for him and peace of mind for his family.

LYNN & LILA BRIGGS— They have been suffering from a nasty virus for the past 10 days.

Always keep The MILITARY and their families, and the our VETERANS in your prayers.

Pray for our NATION and the leaders, be led to do His will and return to seeking God's guidance. Pray that godly people in our nation will unite to elect godly men and women to positions of power and influence.God's family here.

Give thanks for the ministers and leaders of our congregation as well as the blessing over our many women's ministries ... may we renew our faith and desire to bring others to the Lord in the new year.

Continue to give thanks to God for answered prayers! How blessed we are to have such a loving, caring God, who listens and answers. Praise His HOLY Name.

"When you come together...let all things be done for edifying of the church." (I Corinthians 14:26)

Singapore

As the time of my leaving to Malaysia draws near I wanted to use this space to give you some information about my upcoming trip. I will leave Grand Junction on Thursday January 30 and arrive in Singapore on Saturday morning February 1st (12:20am). I will hook up there with Brandi and Penny Kendall. Some of you remember the Kendalls from their time working with our church in the early 90's. Brandi is the director of the Sunset International Biblical Institute in Singapore. I have been tasked with teaching for two weeks (80 hours of class room instruction) on one of my favorite and most personally challenging passages of the Bible, Matthew chapter 5-7, otherwise known as the **Sermon on the Mount**.

The school is a training ground for preachers/ministers within our fellowship who earn a college level degree in Bible and ministry and then go out into their world, wherever that may be, to teach, preach and evangelize in the name of Jesus. The class has about 8 full time students and anywhere from 15-20 part time students. Most all are in their twenties with a strong desire to come to know Jesus better and share him with others.

As you might imagine, I am very excited about the subject matter I will be sharing with them and yet I am more excited about the opportunity to make our time together more than an intellectual exercise in Bible study, memory work, and tests. I have been praying that God will allow me to fulfill a greater mission than mere education and knowledge. I want to be used by God to greatly encourage and inspire these young hearts in their personal faith, their decision to minister, and to challenge them to live lives of dedicated disciples, Jesus followers, in the kingdom each day. Please pray to this end!

I will return home, Lord willing, on Saturday evening February 15th. In my absence John Cooper, Brian Peacock and Bobby Heath will preach.

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for all those who have contributed financially so I might make this trip. Your open hearts and generosity is a blessing to me and I pray the fruits of this trip will be felt in eternity for as we follow Paul's guidance to Timothy to go and **"teach able men who will be able to teach others also."** (2 Timothy 2:2).

I am humbled and blessed to be able to serve this church family. I love you all and am very proud of your continuous growth and boldness in Jesus!

Grace and peace,

Doug



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For the Record

Jan 5, 2014

Attendance 261
Average Attendance, 4th qtr. 238
Contributions \$15,430.00

Budget Pending

Communion Preparation—January

Leonard & Lynne Harvey

Communion Table 1/12/14

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in January

Tom English
Scott Ferguson
Curtis Fleming
Ray Gehrett
Mark Gomez
Nolan Grigsby
Kit Hatfield
Bob Heath

Announcements: Vince Urbina

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

Ron Wilson—Covenant of God—Auditorium
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207
Sermon On The Mount—Vince Urbina—Room 103

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Doug Clayton— 1st John—Auditorium
Shirlene Caraway—103

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2—Nursery
2 & 3 yr. 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 & 4 yr. old—104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd—205
3rd thru 5th Grade—208
All teens meet in—203

Sunday morning worship begins at 10:15 AM

Mesa View Retirement Service Schedule

Meets Sundays at 10 AM

Jan 12	Bill Tidwell, Wes Yeager	Mark 9:14-32
Jan 19	Bob Heath, Darren Mahoney	Mark 9:33-36
Jan 26	Paul Delancy, Scott Delancy	Mark 9:42-50
Feb 2	Hunt Zumwalt, Steve Bagga	Mark 10:1-12
Feb 9	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Mark 10:13-16
Feb 16	Scott Ferguson, Dave Scheurman	Mark 10:17-31
Feb 23	Bobby Heath, Matt King	Mark 10:32-45

“Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will never forget you.” (how good is a timely word.” Proverbs 15:23)