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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Patterson Road church of Christ



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Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word!

Jesus never ceases to amaze me! I read and re-read these accounts of how Jesus interacts with people, what he says and does and how, and I see the Holy Spirit's wisdom and intentional good on our behalf every time. I still have questions. I still wonder. I still search and pray and constantly try to better understand the details of what God is doing, what he wants me to know and how I can grow from watching Jesus. What a blessing to have a Bible! As we wrap up chapter 8 this morning the good Dr. Luke shows us the value of "touch" when it comes to faith. We see a desperate woman with a long standing health issue in need of healing and fearful of being passed by. The irony of the story is that vital, needed ministry can and often does happen **on the way** to minister. See you in Luke 8!

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 and Face Book page **Church of Christ of Grand Junction to discover a little more about us.

Thank you for serving Jesus!

Manon Jacob - Manon is here every Wednesday night teaching our young children while their parent's are in other classes. Sometimes she has one or two students, sometimes a few more, but she is always smiling and sharing wonderful stories about Jesus with our little ones. Thank you **Manon!** You are a blessing to us!!

Bill Tidwell - Every Friday **Bill** goes to the store and buys bananas, juice and milk and drops them off in our church kitchen for our Sunday Donut time. Thank you for silently serving our church **Bill**, in this and other ways!

"We must always remember that the path does not produce the change; it only places us where the change can occur. This is the path of disciplined grace." (Richard Foster)

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For January: Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

Prayer Check pt. 1

How has your prayer life been lately? Prayer is similar to breathing. Most of the time, we don't do it with much conscious effort as to the how, yet if we were to stop, we would most definitely suffocate. Periodically though, a breathing exercise can be very beneficial to our overall health and wellbeing. There are, in fact, ways to breath that better than others. In my next few articles, I'd like to offer a few thoughts that you can use to take a quick look into the health of your prayer life.

Are your prayers possible or impossible? Most of the time, I find myself praying for possible things. I find that praying for the possible is a lot easier on my faith than asking God to do the impossible. Think about Jesus' disciples on the Sea of Galilee when the storms rose up and they were about to drown. What did they ask Jesus to do? Did they say, "Jesus, could you please tell this storm to cool it?" No, they simply said "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" (Mt. 8:25) After this Jesus even calls them out for their lack of faith. I would say that asking Jesus to calm the storm did not occur to them in that moment. It would not have to me either. I do not tend to ask God to do impossible things.

There's another biblical story that portrays this concept quite well. In 2 Chron. 16, Asa, the King of Judah makes a big mistake. Baasha, the King of Israel has attacked and set up a blockade against Judah. Asa panics and takes silver and gold from the temple treasury (belongs to God) and offers it as payment to get one of Israel's powerful allies to turn their loyalty and defend Judah. It does work, and Judah is saved. But later, God sends a messenger to Asa that tells him how displeased he is. He reminds him of the impossible victories that were given to him by God's hand. He even tells him "the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him." (2 Chron. 16:9) Because Asa did not seek an impossible victory from God, he is condemned to always be at war.

God is literally looking for people who are fully committed to Him and wants to bless them. His blessings are not small. Jesus told us that what is impossible with men is possible with God. May God grow your faith to trust him more through praying for the impossible and expecting God to follow through.

Charlie DeLong

Youth Corner

Upcoming Events and Activities:

THIS SUNDAY – Jan. 14th – HS Hangout.

Jan. 21st – MS Hangout

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. If you have not RSVP'd yet PLEASE DO SO THIS WEEK.

Huddles

THIS SUNDAY – Jan. 14th – HS Hangout.

Jan. 21st – MS Hangout

Parents:

If you are able, we would love to have you join us at our Sunday night Huddles on a regular basis. If you are willing and able to take on the job of preparing and delivering the devo or lesson sometime, let me know, and I'll get you on the schedule.

Charlie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Attention all couples who want to improve their marriage:

For those of you who have been patiently waiting for a starting date for our **Marriage Strong class**, we finally have one!

On February 11th, Doug and Ann Clayton will begin a 9 week long small group study designed to confront some of the lies and problems that drive our marriages to a desperate state or to a hopeless stagnation. We will share some tools and insights that can help move marriages out of a crisis or stagnant mode where couples feel stuck and discouraged into a healthy, rewarding and growing relationship.

If you are wanting to make a good marriage better or are needing some help finding hope and encouragement-a new direction in your marriage- then you may want to consider being part of this group. It will be limited to only four couples.

Many of you have expressed an interest in this group and we have been praying for the couples who will choose to commit to this study. **We will meet on Sunday evenings from 5-6:30 pm at Doug and Ann's home.**

Topics covered will be conflict and conflict resolution, personality differences, spiritual gifts, boundaries and appreciating "us-ness." If you are considering being part of this group and have any questions about it please see Doug or Ann. If you want to be one of the four couples let Doug or Ann know as soon as possible so they can save you a spot. **Due to the nature of discussions and group dynamics, no children will be able to come to this group.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Harrell Johnson, Craig Roberts step father, passed away last week. Pray for comfort and peace for the Roberts family.

Pray for the family of Jeannette Sanburg, who passed away last week. Pray the Lord's blessings of His comfort and peace will be with them all.

Continue to pray for the following who are still in need of our prayers.
Georgia Dorn...in rehab
Gena Willits....head injury
George Robinson....car accident injuries, wife killed
Kirby Franklin...surgery/infection
Bobbie June ..transition to home/continued healing
Bob Heath...recent back surgery

Pray for Scott Webb who is having some issues with the treatments on his eyes. And there are some other health issues in the family...also they are having car problems. Please pray for all of their health and other issues to be solved and for strength and peace of mind for them.

Continue prayers for our nation and the President and other leaders. Pray for God's will to be done in the decisions that are made and for our nation to repent and come back to the Lord in all things. For the leaders to turn to the wisdom of God and not the world in all they do.

Pray for our church family here, that we will be the servants of the Holy God that He wants and needs to get His work done here on earth. That we will bring glory to our God by our lives.

Cindy Fleming , a minister's wife and Janet Moore-Cox's daughter has requested prayers for Rango Garcia, the newborn baby boy of Lacy and Juan Garcia, who was delivered 8 weeks early...He has a very low platelet count and has been given a transfusion the last two nights, if there is no improvement today (Wed) they will call in a hemotologist for further treatment. Rango is in the hospital in San Antonio, TX . They would like our prayers for Rango and family.



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For the Record

January 7, 2018

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| Attendance | 250 |
| Weekly Contributions 1/7/18 | \$8,688.00 |
| Contribution 4 week average | \$9,407.50 |
| Weekly Budget | \$6,521.00 |

Communion Preparation—January

Roy & Cathy Karo

Communion Table 1/14/18

Richard Jones

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

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

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

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| 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

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

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

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| 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