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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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Elder of Month

Bryan Crowe

Our Gathering Today



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...the sermon

"Mercy Me" part 2: Be merciful! Last Sunday we looked at the plea and prayer of "mercy" as receive it from God. This morning we will gaze into two stories that Jesus tells to expand our understanding of what mercy looks like as we extend it to others and warnings against attempts to regulate and restrict God's mercy. (*I'll meet you in Matthew 20 in a few minutes!*)

Covered!

A special word of appreciation to our **prayer ministry**. We have several ladies, prayer warriors, who regularly hit their knees at the throne of God on behalf of you and I and the kingdom. They offer praise and petitions for any and every life event; health, family, crisis, encouragement, strength, power, patience, unity, love, guidance, hope, peace, comfort and courage. They pray specifically, by name, for our church family members and all it's extensions of loved ones and friends world wide.

I (Doug) joyfully confess I have literally "felt" these prayers countless times and knew I was **"covered"** by God's rich mercy and care because of these prayer ladies and so many of our men as well who, as Paul said, **"pray without ceasing."** One of the **greatest mercies** we can extend to each other is to pray for each other!! **Thank you!!**

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For January: 2nd Corinthians 5:17

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

Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Mercy

Mercy is more than a noble concept. Mercy is wonderfully deep with many layers. Mercy is similar but different from forgiveness. God is merciful to us even when we don't sin. Likewise, we can be merciful to others who have not sinned against us. Mercy probes the essence of how God thinks about us and our attitude and treatment of others. Despite what we deserve mercy seeks to act in a favorable and benevolent way bestowing kindness and compassion.

One of the biblical words translated *mercy* is "**chesed**." Paraphrasing Rabbi Shamon Lieberman: **Chesed** *is unprecedented because it is unconditional and unmotivated. Mercy is not recycled and is not because of something else. Every action in the universe has a cause, except the first one, creation itself. The physical universe was created "out of nothing," which is the essence of "chesed." Our very existence therefore is an act of mercy!*

What this means to us is that mercy, in its truest and purest form stands entirely on its own. Mercy is the ultimate act of undeserved favor. God owes us nothing; not life, not another breath, not food and water, not shade or sunsets, not a flower or a breeze, not health, not warmth on a cold day, not an explanation or audience, not anything. God did not create the universe or us out of obligation or payback. He does not love me out of compulsion. He does not forgive me because he must. He is not kind to me because I pray, attend church, give to charitable causes or otherwise behave myself. God is love and love shows itself in countless acts of compassion and gestures of kindness when I deserve otherwise. **Mercy acts mercifully!**

Jesus models mercy. He listens. He cares. He validates. He heals. He blesses. He is genuine. He is invested. He is faithful. He is compassionate. He is kind. He is empathic. He encourages. He sacrifices. He empowers. He embraces. He protects. He gives. He understands. He is making all things new...**Mercy!**

Let's get real...I don't want justice from God. I don't want justice from you. **I want mercy!** We are never more like our Father in heaven than when we extend mercy. God's mercies are new every morning. **What does mercy look like in you?**

Malawi Project

We are accepting donations for vinyl disposable gloves to be sent to Malawi through January 31. Please see Dean Blanck if you wish to donate or have questions.

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.

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

I just wanted you to know how grateful I am for all your cards, encouragement, and prayers. Thank you to John Cooper, Gabriele, Roy and Kathy, Melva, Hannah, Rebecca, Rose, Holly, Billy & Maxine and Bill & Jimmie and everyone else. You have all truly warmed my heart and lifted my spirit. May God bless you abundantly.—*Sincerely in Christ, Billy Shellby*

PS-Any further correspondence is welcome and appreciated. Thank You!

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will meet today at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. They will be having an all-important organizational meeting for the coming year. Everyone is welcome.

Conley Address

For those who remember the Conley family and wish to express condolences to Sarah and Norm, in the death of Art..... their address is 613 Sierra Court, Grand Junction, 81507

Please pray for the following in your daily prayers. Thank you for your willingness to pray for all of these.

Pray for Melody Haight, she was in the hospital this past week with pneumonia. Pray for complete healing for her and for comfort.

Pray for Kathy Deister who fell on the ice and broke her hip. She has had surgery. Pray for a complete and quick recovery for her and for her comfort as she heals, And for Tom as he cares for her during this time.

Pray for the family of Art Connelly who passed away this week. Pray for comfort and peace for them.

Pray for Amanda and Destiny Gadberry, who have both been ill this week with a viral/flu bug. Pray for quick recoveries for them both.

Pray for the upcoming Presidential inauguration, pray that it will go on without violence or terrorism, that all will be safe and the transition can be made peacefully.

Continued prayers are need for the following;
Bob Howards mom as she recovers from a fall.

Kirby Franklin

Verne Twait....broken hip and shoulder

Jim Fisher....accident and serious head injury

Shane Briggs....MDS acute leukemia, waiting for conformation of transplant success

David....leukemia

Betty Jo....cancer

Debra Trahernovarian cancer

Please pray for Karen Challenbarger, Darlene Rettig's daughter, who had knee replacement surgery this week. Pray for her to have a complete and quick recovery and for her comfort during the process.

Prayers of Thanksgiving that we serve a loving, merciful and forgiving God. Prayers that our lives will bring glory to His name.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

None today

> **January 22:** 6-8 pm at the home of Julia and Jonnathan Simoes (579 Belhaven Way - GJ 81506, next to church building) Girls bring drinks, guys bring desserts.

> **February 5:** at the DeLongs' .. SUPER BOWL HUDDLE

> **February 19:** at the home of Alex & Zoe Hoffman

February 12th -

Youth Ministry update meeting following services. Lunch will be provided. Parents, teens, siblings and anyone else who may be interested in learning what's going on in our youth ministry program are invited! For food planning purposes, please RSVP with Charlie by email at myfriendscallmecharlie@gmail.com

Reminder

High School Students— sign up for Winter Peak?



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For the Record

Jan. 8, 2017

Attendance	268
Weekly Contributions 1/8/17	\$6,758.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$7,429.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

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 1/15/17

Bill Wade

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