

# Real Life News & Notes

## *church of Christ of Grand Junction*

### “Here Am I. Send Me!”

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“Here Am I. Send Me!” These are some of the words from Isaiah 6:8. We have chosen them for our “memory verse” for February. I shared a little of the background when I introduced this verse at the beginning of the month. Please allow me to repeat some of what I said then as well as elaborate a bit.

Isaiah the prophet lived and wrote around 750 B.C. It seems that Israel had drifted away from God. Their worship was impressive but empty- “When you come to appear before me, who asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me.” (1: 12,13). Their lifestyle was one of self-indulgence.- “Woe to those who rise early in the morning to run after their drinks, who stay up late at night till they are inflamed with wine.” (5:11) Their morals were mixed up- “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil...” (5:20).

Isaiah then sees God on His throne in all His grandeur, holiness and glory (6:1-4). He feels completely unclean and unworthy until he is cleansed by an angel of God (6:5-7). He then hears the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” That is when Isaiah says “Here am I send me!” (6:8) God then shares with Isaiah what he could expect, that many would not listen (6:9-13). Part of this section (6:9-10) is used by Jesus (Matthew 13:14,15) as he shares the parable of the sower.

What can we glean from these passages? First, our world desperately needs to turn to God, we are people who often stray. Second, when we see God in His holiness we realize how sinful we are, we need the cleansing that only He provides. Third, we ought to feel a sense of duty coupled with a great honor to share God’s salvation with those around us. Fourth, though many will not listen, some seed will fall on good soil and produce a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown (Mt. 13:23). Let’s sow the seed, the word of God (Lu. 8:11).

“Here am I. Send me!” - John Cooper

## YOUTH SECTION

BY LUCAS MATTHEWS

### Confession, Part 2

One of the wonderful truths about our God is that nothing stays buried. Even now while we await the resurrection, the renewing from the decay of the grave and experiencing full communion with the Lord.

And one of the frustrating truths about our God is, again, that nothing stays buried. There will be a judgment for the things done in the body, whether good or bad (2 Cor 5:10).

Nothing stays buried. Nothing stays hidden. All will be brought to light.

But this is not a message to fear! This is not a threat! This is redemption, and we are invited to take part in the process. Confession is an act of participation in God's restorative work. James 5:16 says, “Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” Through the act of confession, we are more than passive receivers of grace. We become active participants and involved witnesses of God's power to save and to forgive.

The message I *don't* want you to get is, “I've got to come clean sooner or later, might as well make it now.” Confession is so *much more* than what we understand it to be. Yes, all things will be brought to light. But think about what that means! 1 John 1:5 says that God IS light!

A simple definition of confession could be, “bringing to light.” Bringing it all to God. Opening ourselves before God. Laying ourselves bare before him. Leaving nothing for ourselves. Giving it all to HIM. Giving him the good, that he may be glorified. Giving him the bad, than he may redeem it, and in doing so be glorified.

John 3:21 “whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done *through GOD.*”

To be continued!  
-Lucas

In other news...The Huddle is at the Tinkles' house tonight! 6 pm! Ask them what to bring! Or just bring Zebra Cakes for Lucas. He likes those.

WINTER PEAK: turn in them forms, y'hear?

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty 72

**Children's Verse – John Cooper**  
**Announcements – Curtis Fleming**  
**Song Leader – Nathan Walker**  
**Call to Worship - Doug Clayton**  
 Greeting Time- Doug Clayton

\*Blessed be the Lord God Almighty (reprise) 72  
 \*Holy is the Lord  
 \*Majesty 266  
 \*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing 226  
 \*We Fall Down / Holy Holy Holy 47

**Communion - Parish Williams**  
 \*Just As I Am 924

**Offering - Eric Pennal**

\*I need the every hour 837  
 \*Here in This Place

**Sermon—"A Church Where Grace Trumps Law" - Doug Clayton**  
 \*Amazing Grace MCAg

**Response Prayer**

**Blessing - Eddie Tinkle**

**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. 15, 2012**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>325</b>
<b>Average Attendance, 2011</b>	<b>258</b>

<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$6,926.10</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$6,715.30</b>

**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.  
 PHYLLIS HAIGHT— Please keep her in your prayers.

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 and back pain. He may require surgery.  
 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—Has damage to the retina in his left eye and must see a specialist. He was injured when he was hit in the left eye with a tennis ball.  
 ED RIDDLE—Surgery was a success but he may have to do some re-hab.  
 MARY BAKER—Sister of Sue Boyle. She had surgery last week to remove a cancerous kidney.  
 LARRY BALL—had exploratory surgery last week. He is in St.Mary's #247.

## Notes and Items of Interest

### Ladies' Bunco Night:

Friday, January 27, at 6 pm in the fellowship hall, all ladies are invited to come for fun and fellowship together in a game of Bunco. (Bunco is played with dice. It is easy to learn and you don't need to have played before to join us!) Bring a friend if you want, a card table if you have one, and a snack to share if you wish. Contact Lesa Brassette with questions at 433-7987 or [Lesa@Brassette.com](mailto:Lesa@Brassette.com).

### Children's Valentine Prty

Saturday, February 11, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon in the fellowship hall, children (K through 5th grades) are invited to come and make Valentine bags for the widows, widowers and shut-ins of our congregation.

Children should bring two (class sized) boxes of already signed Valentines if they are able. Also, we are in need of: Valentine stickers, extra boxes of Valentines and individually wrapped candies. Please put these in the Valentine box in the foyer. If you know of someone who we can make a bag for, please get their name to Lesa Brassette, ASAP. (433-7987 or [Lesa@Brassette.com](mailto:Lesa@Brassette.com)) Teens are welcome to come and help!

### Ladies Class

The Ladies class, "Crazy Love" taught by Lee Ann Camp which previously met at the home of Jill Wilkins has been changed to the home of Pam Hurd each Thursday at 9:45 AM. Pam' address is: 610 Stonegate Dr., Phone 523-1116.

### Nursery Volunteers Needed

Nursery volunteers are needed starting next Sunday, January 22. Please sign up to help. Parents really appreciate this help on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please see Sandy Gustafson.

### Agape Sunday

Agape Sunday is January 29th. Please plan on sharing a meal with one another—Rick Wilkins

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:*

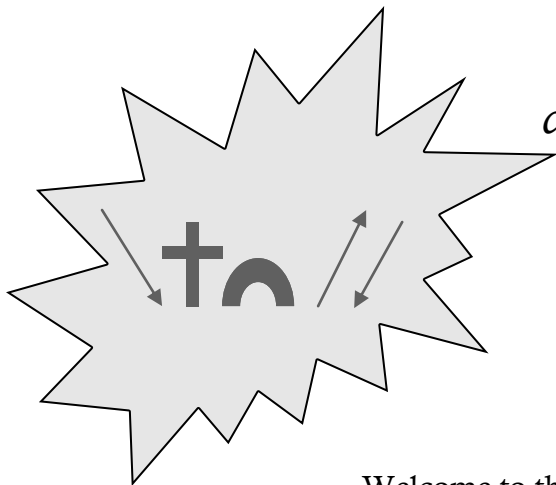
**NATHAN WALKER** – 970.216.7607

**CHURCH OFFICE** – 970.245.4210

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

### Guam Mission

John & Holly Cooper will be leaving soon for their mission to Guam (Feb 2—Feb 24). Please keep them in your prayers for success. Also remember our other missionaries in the field working diligently for the Lord, Scott & Lisa Harris-Africa, Audric Franklin-Miami, Alyx Barthel-Lubbock, Marty & Louise Koonce—Rwanda, Zak & Kathy Zumwalt-Oregon, and Ron & Susan Pottberg with World Bible School. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to sponsor their good works.



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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

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

Dane Jennings—Auditorium  
Dave Scheuerman—One Year Bible Study—103  
Scott Ferguson,— Young Marrieds—202

John Cooper —Love Languages—Auditorium  
Hymn Class—103

### Sunday Morning Children's Classes

### Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

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

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**

*"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."  
Romans 12:2*