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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 uses an occasion of normal human need to remind us he is the only one who can fully and completely satisfy. Join me in chapter 9 as the good Dr. Luke tells a simple, engaging true story about feeding thousands of hungry people with 5 loaves and 2 fish, and having lots left over!

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!

Our Shepherds - We are blessed to have 7 men (and their gifted wives) who gently guide, feed, protect, challenge and love this flock, our church family. Please be here tonight (Sunday) at 5 PM for "An evening with the elders" as they share their thoughts and invite us to us to ask questions.

"A man prayed and at first thought that prayer was talking. But he became more and more quiet until in the end he realized that prayer is listening."

- Soren Kierkegaard

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For January: Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever



Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Wings

As a flight instructor I would take wannabe pilots on an intro flight, saying **“Let’s go fly!”** Once safely airborne I would let go of the controls allowing them to “fly.” Afterward (if they had not gotten airsick) most were **all in** and wanted to know what they needed to do to become a pilot? It would have been unwise and unfair to simply toss them a flight manual and a checklist and say, “It’s easy, just do what it says.”

Instead, I told them there is a point in time when the FAA examiner will issue a private pilot certificate but becoming a pilot is a process and truly “getting your wings” only becomes a reality as you begin to experience the **freedom of flight** not having to think about every move. I told them it would be wonderful and awesome and at times challenging and frustrating. I assured them I would be right there helping, teaching, demonstrating, and when necessary keep them from killing themselves (and me). I told them they would **not fail due to a technicality** and I reassured them they would pass their check-ride if they would trust me enough to do what I said even if they didn’t fully understand it at the time. I gently warned them to stay humble and keep learning because the minute you think you have this flying thing figured out you become dangerous to yourself and others!

When it comes to faith there is value in a systematic approach to learning yet we must be careful lest we inadvertently diminish the beautiful saving work of God by **unwisely reducing it to a formula or a check-list**. When Jesus seekers ask, “What must I do to be saved?” I show them those in Acts chapter two who asked the same question, but I do so not as a part of a performance based check-list but as a part of a process of **spiritual gestation**, a convicted heart, a new birth, and growing to know and trust Jesus.

When sharing the good news of Jesus with someone we do them no favors by tossing them a “do or die” list, anyone can check a box. I introduce them to the Lamb of God, the Suffering Servant, the Savior, the only One uniquely qualified to save completely. I tell them that coming into saving relationship with God is a wonderful, experiential journey that involves their heart and behavior (repentance), symbolically sharing in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus (baptism) and living joyfully with victories, failures, growth and grace. I tell them salvation involves trusting God enough to obey Him when they don’t fully understand and they need **never worry about busting their spiritual “check-ride” on a technicality**. I tell them that salvation is a process initiated by God’s unconditional love and manifested in us as we are gracefully mentored into sincere obedience and redeeming relationship as we are set free in Christ and begin to experience the **liberating joy of salvation!**

God’s word and gift of salvation must never be reduced to a formula and a set of religious rules that allege to keep us saved. **“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works so that none can boast.”** (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Let’s go fly! Grace and love will give you wings and set you free to **slip the surly bonds of earth and touch the face of God!**

Youth Corner

Upcoming Events and Activities:

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

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" this evening in the Auditorium, 5 PM. Please plan on attending for an interesting and informative presentation.

Benevolence Effort

Continue to pray for George Robinson (Montrose Church of Christ minister) who is recovering from serious injuries as a result of a car crash just before Christmas. His wife, Brenda, was killed in the crash. The Montrose church is collecting funds to help defer some of George's medical costs and funeral expenses. If you are able to assist in this benevolence effort, please submit your donation to the church here and earmark it to "George Robinson fund". Our church will then send the funds to Montrose. Thank you.

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.**

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will meet today in the Fellowship Hall at 1 PM. They will be going over the new schedule and Cindi has a SURPRISE PROJECT in store. Everyone is invited.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following in your prayers this weeks. It is important for these that we do and our prayers are very much appreciated by all. God bless and thank you!

Pray for Ty Roberts as he leaves for the military. Pray for safety, protection and wisdom for him as he enters and goes through his training.

Continue to pray for Tom and Robin English. Pray for Robin as she cares for Tom and deals with some health of her own. And for Tom as his disease progress. Pray for God's strength and comfort for them both.

Continue to pray for Gena Willits as she recovers from a head injury. She is doing better. Pray for comfort and a complete and rapid recovery.

Prayers of thanksgiving that Bob Heath is home and doing better. continue to pray for his healing and comfort.

Continue to pray for George Robinson and family....for his healing and recovery and for comfort for him and his family in the loss of Brenda...also Brenda's folks who some of us know. (Don Shippo)

Continue to remember in prayer the families who have recently lost loved ones , the Sanburg and Craig families being the latest.

Pray for Will Whitaker who is having back surgery on the 25. Pray for a successful surgery and that the pain will be relieved. Pray for comfort and strength as he recovers.

Update on the newborn boy that Cindy Fleming requested prayers for. Update on him is good news. He does not have meningitis, but an infection much easier to treat. He weighs a little over 2 lb now. His mom is better too and they are so thankful for your prayers. Continue to pray for this family.

Continue to pray for the following, all dealing with ongoing issues at this time.

Scott and Patty Webb

Georgia Dorn,

Kirby Franklin

Bobbie June Ball

Bernice Fox

Shane Briggs

Randy Brabec

Ron Wilson

Our Nation, president and other leaders.

Our Bible class teachers, deacons and elders

Prayers of thanksgiving for the answers to prayers by our God, who loves us unconditionally. For His abiding presence and His mercies and grace which are new every morning.



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For the Record

January 14, 2018

Attendance	272
Weekly Contributions 1/14/18	\$5,365.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$10,172.25
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Communion Preparation—January

Roy & Cathy Karo

Communion Table 1/21/18

Joel Trumbo

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

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

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	203
High School	203

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

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

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 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