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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



The Living Word...the sermon

"**Mercy Me**" part 3 - **God's Name tag!** Last Sunday we listened to Jesus tell two stories about what mercy should look like in us. This morning we will wrap up our **Mercy mini-series** and unpack several passages describing the mercy of God. In the end... "**Mercy triumphs over judgment!**" (James 2:13)

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.

Acts of Mercy

751 - The number of recorded quilts (actually the number is well over a 1000) to date our quilting ministry has lovingly made and given to those who needed "a warmth" in a difficult time. Thank you quilting ladies (and a few men) for your gifts of mercy!

17 - The number of couples who enjoyed a time of root beer and finger foods at Bobby and Sheri Heath's last Monday night. Thank you Heaths for this gift of gathering and fellowship in your home for our young adults!

?? - The number known only to God of the tiny acts of mercy through calls, cards, prayers, kind gestures, financial gifts, smiles, hugs, secret acts of service, other cheeks turned, second miles traveled, anger restrained, strangers greeted and welcomed, encouragement offered, and words of life and hope that go out from you each week!

We are never more like our Heavenly Father than when we extend mercy!

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For January: 2nd Corinthians 5:17

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

Do You Love Me?

“Do you love me?” A very important question. Somewhat risky to ask. What if the answer is “no”? Why do we need to ask? Things happen. Words are spoken. So we wonder...do they still love me. Interestingly, Jesus even asked this question of Peter (John 21:15,16,17) three times. Perhaps it was because Peter had earlier denied Jesus three times. Whatever the reason Jesus felt it was important to ask the question and hear the answer.

Peter answered in the affirmative each time and the third time the scripture says Peter was hurt. He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know I love you.” He felt Jesus already knew the answer, why did he keep on asking? Good question. Jesus did not bring up Peter’s threefold denials. He did not say, “I guess I was wondering after what you pulled.” He just said, “feed my sheep.” Love is shown by our faithful service and actions. True love recognizes responsibilities and even duties.

So, it seems important for all of us to hear the words, “I love you.” We should actually be telling those close to us that we love them...and very often. Secondly, our love is ultimately shown by our actions. Are we doing the things our loved ones need and ask of us? This is the hard part-letting our love determine our actions. Jesus once said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command.” (John 14:15). Our love is shown by our compliance to others wishes. I want to do what Jesus wants me to because I love him. I want to do what my wife wants me to because I love her. Love is not just a feeling but an intentional desire to put someone else’s desires and needs above our own. That can be a challenge.

Lovingly, John Cooper

AGAPE SUNDAY—January 29, 2017

Our first Agape Sunday of the year will be having a fellowship meal right

Bring your favorite soup, salad, especially our visitors! There will



year takes place on January 29. We will have a fellowship meal after assembly on that day.

bread and desserts. Everyone is invited, and there will be plenty of food.

John Hines

John Hines, father of Nikki Cooper, passed away on Wednesday of last week in York, Nebraska after a battle with cancer. His service is scheduled for tomorrow at 2 PM. John and Holly are with Stephen & Nikki now. Keep the Hines and Cooper families in your prayers for comfort and safe travel.

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.

Conley Address

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

Velma Chambers

Velma Chambers passed away last week. Services are pending awaiting a family member to arrive from Great Britain. Ours prayers are for Charles and Wei Wei and all the Chambers family. Further details will be posted as they become available.

Kay Wilson's Mother

We have just been notified that Kay Wilson's mother, Maxine Baxter, is undergoing diagnostic surgery for possible intestinal cancer. Ron and Kay are asking for your prayers.

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 has been in hospital with pneumonia but is now at home greatly improved. Pray for complete healing for her and for comfort.

Pray for a complete and quick recovery for Kathy Deister and for her comfort as she heals from a hip replacement, and for Tom as he cares for her during this time.

Pray for the family of Art Conley 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.

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 con-
formation of transplant success
David....leukemia
Betty Jo....cancer
Debra Trahernovarian cancer

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:**

> Tonight - 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 e-mail at myfriendscallmecharlie@gmail.com

Reminder

High School Students—sign up for Winter Peak



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For the Record

Jan. 15, 2017

Attendance	?
Weekly Contributions 1/15/17	\$5,741.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,830.00
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 1/22/17

Scott Ferguson

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