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Real Life News & Notes

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Is it Important?

A six-year-old who throws a tantrum and refuses to go to school is escalating into the urgent. Going to school every day is important. Killing the bugs in the kitchen is urgent, putting in weatherstripping to keep them out for the long haul is important. Important means: long-term, foundational, coherent, in the interest of many, strategic, efficient, positive... If you take care of important things, the urgent things don't show up as often. The opposite is never true. - Seth Godin

We focus on something everyday and we have to choose whether we are going to focus on what is important or what is yelling the loudest. It can be easy to procrastinate on what is important and pay attention to daily chores.

As Christians, we called to lay up treasures in heaven and not on earth. People can get worried about the day to day changes in the stock market. A teenager often worries more about a new pimple over a healthy diet.

Small problems will happen. We cannot live in a bubble where nothing bad happens. On the other hand, we also cannot hit a target if we don't have a target. So although we must deal with our day to day issues we must also keep what lays up treasure in heaven on the top of the to-do list everyday.

How can you make changes to your daily life in order to focus on what is important and not simply the unexpected jury summons?

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. -Hebrews 12:1-2"

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Memory Verse For January: Gen 1:1

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth"

Gathering Today

Welcome Guests! (Guest WiFi is available)

May you be blessed and encouraged by our simple Christ centered gathering as we sing, pray, commune and feast on the word of God. If you would like to know more about us feel free to ask us or go to grandjunctionchurch.org and click on the "About" tab and then "What we believe." Thank you for being our Guests this morning!

Feeding on the Word!

Who am I? Why am I here? What is my purpose in life? What happens when I die? As we learned last week, God does not always cater to the quick and easy answer. Yet, God knows the value and power of his children knowing who they are, possessing a confident **spiritual identity** so he gives the answers by re-telling the ongoing story of his great love and rich mercy displayed in Christ! The Apostle Paul reminds the early Christians in Ephesus (who BTW are very much like you and I today) that their true identity and purpose is found in what God has done in Christ, for us, by grace, through faith. **This morning we take a new look at what may be to some an old and familiar text, Ephesians 2:8-10. See you there in a few minutes!**

Spiritual Growth Prompt

Do you recall last week's Faith prompt? It was, per Peter's directive, about adding to our faith "**goodness.**" How did that play out last week for you? Or, did you kind of forget about it (falling prey to that "Spiritual ADD" thing) a few seconds after you read the prompt?

This week we want to focus on adding "**knowledge**" to our goodness (**2 Peter 1:5-6**). I **know** what you are thinking...knowledge of what? Great question! Each day this week seek to **know** Christ and to add **knowledge** about the things of God. Ask God to help you **know** him better. Pray for **spiritual discernment and understanding** that allows us to filter out the false ideas, misdirected hopes and useless information the world feeds us. Commit to **knowing** the word of God better and how it can more practically direct your life. Ask God to help you **know** how to best serve others, to **know** what is true about your own flaws and failures, to **know** where your weakness are and to **know** what tempts you and to **know and take** the way of escape that God provides, to **know** how to be humble and to **know** how to dispense grace in light of God's grace for you. **Knowledge** is power! The **knowledge** of and about God and his truth will make a transforming difference in how you see the world.

Add to your goodness, **knowledge**. Paul said: "*I want to **know** Christ and the power of his rising, share in his suffering and be conformed to his death.*" Look it up, then you will **know** I didn't just make that verse up :-)

*[If you are struggling with **knowing** what to do with these faith prompts here is a practical way to use them. Simply, slowly, deliberately pray the prompt every morning by reading it and/or changing the words to personalize it. **I am proud of you all!**]*

Love One Another

Agape Sunday January 31

January 31st we'll be having a 5th Sunday Agape meal after morning services. The theme is "Chili & Cornbread" so that is the suggested menu and, of course, a desert to share with others. We invite everyone to stay and participate in a time of food and fellowship.

Men's Retreat February 26 & 27

There will be Men's Retreat Friday and Saturday February 26th and 27th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and 8 AM till noon on Saturday. Refreshments on Friday night will be served and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

A suggested donation of \$25 per person will help defray the cost of guest speaker Don McLaughlin's airfare and the food.. Further details will follow when John gets back.

S2S Event

On Thursday February 4 at 6:30 pm, the S2S ladies will be making valentines for shut-ins in the fellowship hall. In addition, They are tentatively planning on having the Health Foods event that had to be cancelled on January 14 re-scheduled for February 20. More information on this later.

College Student Needs Room

Greetings!

My daughter is a Senior at Colorado Mesa University. She is in her final semester of school and is looking for a room/basement/apartment to rent for the next three months. She a 4.0 pre-med student and she loves the Lord. Please pass this around and let me know if anyone is able to accommodate a student until May graduation.

Thank you and God Bless,

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Thank You!

This is a continuation of last week's thank you note to those angels who just keep coming. We have not had to fix a meal since my accident and we are so grateful. I must add some names to my list of angels: Teddi, Jan, Ann, Pam, Melva—Thank you so much for the food you prepared for us with such loving hands. We will never forget this.—With Much Love, Bill & Jimmye

Special Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your prayers each day, its important and appreciated by all....thank you!!

Pray for Thelma Davisshe had treatment for her back pain this week. Pray that it will be successful and the pain will be gone. Pray for her family and for Margie who is in hospice care at home.

Continue to pray for the following who are dealing with health issues.....

Jimmye....what a trooper....who missed very little work despite her fall and broken ankle. Pray for continued and complete healing for her. and thanksgiving for prayers answered for her.

Sandy Harris as he recovers from should surgery.

Bill Tidwell's sister, Inez Ford, who had a heart attack. Pray for her comfort and recovery and for her family.

Donna Smith, as she is in hospice care .

Pray for John and Holly Cooper as they work for the Lord in Guam and other areas there. Pray for safety while there and on their return trip. Pray for hearts to be touched and turned to the Lord because of their efforts there. Pray for the church to be strengthened in that part of the world!

Pray for the success of the upcoming men's retreat. Pray for God to be with those who travel to attend and for the speaker to impart truths that will help those attending in their spiritual walk with our Lord. Pray for His presence to be evident to all attending.

Continued prayers for those who are in harms way.....the military, law enforcement, firemen and emergency people.
For the persecuted Christians around the world and the missionaries serving in many places. Pray for God to guide and protect them all...and their families.

Prayers of thanksgiving that the Iranian prisoners from the US are at long last released.

Prayers of thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father for his love and watchful care, guidance and protection. and for the many answered prayers.

Vince Urbina was in a car accident last week. Fortunately he has no broken bones but was shaken up considerably. He is recovering at home from soreness. Keep him in your prayers for speedy recovery.

YOUTH NEWS

SKI POWDERHORN

February 15th Join Matt and other students for a day together skiing building relationships. Students are responsible for their own lift ticket and skis/snowboard.

Wednesday Night

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM Our Youth group will meet in the middle school room for hot chocolate and discussion.

Huddle

January 31st Doug and Ann Clayton will host our Huddle. If you would like to host a huddle please contact Keri Fleming.

Winter Peak

February 26-28th The theme for Winter Peak 2016 is **"Explore"**. Join us this year for a huge gathering of High Schoolers that will get together to spend time developing their relationship with each other and with God. Cost is \$75

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For the Record

Jan 17, 2016

Attendance	297
Contributions	\$4,757.00
Budget	\$6,358.00

Communion Preparation—January

Leonard & Lynne Harvey

Communion Table 1/24/16

Scott Ferguson

Upcoming Children's Bible Verses

February—Isa. 40:26
 March—Isa. 40:22
 April—Isa. 40:29
 May—Col. 1:15
 June—Col. 1:17

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in January

Chuck Tourney
 Ed Treu
 Dick Truitt
 Vince Urbina
 Dan Vorse
 Bill Wade
 Gabe Wilkins
 Rick Wilkins

Announcements

Jan. 17—Jeremy Antwine
 Jan. 24—Audric Franklin
 January 31—Mark Brassette

Sunday Morning Adult Classes—9:00 AM—9:45 AM

Tom Deister	Auditorium
Vince Urbina	103
Young Adult (Under 30)	Room 207

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 6—7 PM

Doug Clayton	Auditorium
Singing Class	103

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2	Nursery
2 & 3 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 & 4 yr. old	104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd	205
3rd thru 5th Grade	208
All teens meet in	203

Thursday Morning Bible Classes

Thursday Bible School for Pre-Schoolers	9:30 am—1 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
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 6 PM