



Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Loss

Many in our church family have experienced loss recently. Presiding over two funerals for two family members in less than a week is a voyage I would not choose to take again anytime soon. While such a path was not easy, it was an opportunity to listen carefully to the voice of our Heavenly Father and to rest in His calm presence.

What could God be saying to us in the midst of such painful times? What soft whispers of strength are gently spoken to willing hearts in tune to the voice of God as that last breath of life is witnessed, as that long journey across grief's cold tundra is endured, as that dark night of the soul with its questions, tears, loneliness and pain is experienced? Surely similar words of comfort bless all those who listen and live in the glow of God's radiant love. Expressions of love and comfort are spoken in the language of consolation that flow like a deep river from God's heart to ours.

Here are a few of God's merciful reminders sent to Ann and I the past couple of weeks:

- **Life is a precious gift. Love matters most.**
- **Each person is God's creation and is uniquely designed to bless Him and others, to love Him and others.**
- **We can love completely without complete understanding.**
- **Life at times is difficult, painful, unfair, and challenging, but such seasons do not define our story, rather they are a mere brief and dark tunnel in a mountain of light.**
- **Strong families are important, precious, a comfort and a blessing in times of distress.**
- **Jesus' body, the church, is there to pray for, comfort, listen, feed, and grieve with us. God lives in and speaks through good people of deep and sincere faith.**
- **His mercies are new every morning and His goodness is everlasting!**
- **"I, your Heavenly Father, experienced the graphic horror of death too. I know exactly how you feel and trust me, as painful as it is, know that I walk faithfully with you through this dark time and death is not the end."**

Jehovah has saved the best for last as He winks in the face of death and says again, "Trust Me!" as he points to the empty tomb. To those of you who have experienced loss and have walked through the valley of the shadow of death realizing you will never see a spouse, a parent, a sibling, a child, on this side of eternity again, may you fully comprehend that the grief of the grave is sacred ground to God. This passing through death's door is personal to our Lord, he sees our tears. The Savior who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus intimately considers our loss as the death of his children is precious to him (Psalm 116:15).

As we watch with tears Abba Father reaches down with loving arms and welcomes his child home, and what once was our loss is now forever found and reclaimed by Love!

Memory Verse For January-Romans 6:4

"We too may live a new life"

Our Gathering Today

Feeding on the Word:

This morning we will take a new look at an old passage about Jesus calming the storm. We will ask some questions about this event and focus on some key phrases that challenge us to trust Jesus in the midst of the storms of life. I will meet you in **Mark chapter 4!**

Welcome Guests! Thank you for being with us! We trust your time here this morning will be an encouragement and blessing and you might find this family of faith to be a place where you want to belong. Please let us know how we might serve you. Feel free to ask if you have any questions about our church.

Acts of Service...The Face of Jesus.

Thanks to Craig Roberts and Dick Truitt for their work installing new lights this week in the auditorium (I think we will "see" a difference ;-) and to all of you who helped remove and put the chairs back in place so the carpet could be cleaned.

Thanks to John Cooper for preaching for me the past two Sundays as I was away. Its so good to be home!! **Thank you all** for your prayers, kind gestures and notes of encouragement! Ann arrives home this afternoon :-)

****The Truth Project.****

*This past week we took a challenging tour in Episode 3 as we looked into the nature of man asking "Who is Man?" and answering it from both the world's view and from God's view. This Wednesday the topic is **Who is God?** Please join us at 7pm Wednesday. Bring a friend, neighbor or Truth seeker!*

Generation Timeline Display

When Doug Clayton saw a timeline displayed upstairs in room 208 he asked if it could be moved downstairs for the congregation to see. Take a close look at the timeline on display in the Fellowship Hall. On the west wall bulletin board are posters regarding the six days of creation. Then to the right of the poster of the seventh day of rest is the beginning of the generations of Adam and Seth illustrated on graph paper. (The writing and coloring were done by Sheila Yeager's mother and sister.) Each linear square represents one year of life of the person mentioned in Genesis chapter five who lived during the sixteen hundred years before The Flood. A continuation of the timeline is on the east wall for ease of viewing the generations of Shem according to Genesis chapters ten and eleven. The timeline ends with the lives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

If you are interested in having a copy of the timeline in an abbreviated form, look for a line graph titled "Generations from Adam to Jacob or Israel" compiled by Farrel Harris's parents, Ruth E. and John E. Dunkin laying on the table under the east wall bulletin board. If the large papers are not there, contact Sheila Yeager for a copy.

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower at the church building on February 7th, 10:00 a.m. to honor Jenna Hill and celebrate the upcoming arrival of Baby Wade. Jenna is registered at Target. If you have any questions please see Breanna Yea

Honduras Presentation

Dean Blanck is going to be giving a presentation on Honduras in the auditorium class on Sunday morning February 1st. Everyone is invited to attend

Men's Retreat

The Grand Junction Men's Retreat takes place February 27 & 28 here at the building. We are in need of lodging for those out-of-town visitors. If you can help, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. See John Cooper if you have questions. Here is the Retreat Agenda:

Theme: Some Really Good News... *For Some Really Good Men*

Key Scripture: Mark 1:15

There is a story from God that comes to us under the heading of, "The Good News!" And this story wasn't meant to be about someone else, somewhere else, 2,000 years ago. This is for us right now. And men, we could use some really good news! During this retreat we will take an innovative look at the good news of God, and specifically how it equips men to successfully meet the challenges of our daily realities.

1. **Session One (Friday night)** **The Last Word** Explore: How the good news of God makes us courageous.
2. **Session Two (Friday night)** **The First Word** Explore: How the good news of God makes us trustworthy.
3. **Session Three (Saturday)** **The Curse Word** Explore: How the good news of God makes us impactful.
4. **Session Four (Saturday)** **The Good Word** Explore: How the good news of God makes us successful.
5. **Session Five (Saturday)** **The Next Word** Explore: How the good news of God makes us hopeful.

There will be a registration fee of \$25.00 to cover Mr. McLaughlin's expenses. However, do not let the fee deter your presence at the Retreat.

Please call 970-245-4210 if you would like to make arrangements to stay with a church member or if you prefer a Motel, make your own reservations.

We look forward to a very successful, inspirational Retreat.

Special Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following request we have received. Your prayers are important and avail much, and are very appreciated by those for whom you pray.

Prayers for Carol Coale's lifelong friend BUFFY, who just lost her husband of many years. Pray for comfort for her and the family.

Prayers for healing and quick recovery for ED RIDDLE, who had a hip replacement this past week. Thanksgiving that the surgery went well. Pray for comfort for him as he heals.

Prayers for JOHN AND HOLLY COOPER as they travel and work in Guam and Saipan. Prayers for safety, for guidance and wisdom and for the hearts of those they work with to be open to the Word of God. Prayers for a successful work in broadening the Lord's Kingdom and spreading His love and redemption to the people there. Prayers for the church there to grow and be strong in the Lord.

Continued prayers for the CLAYTON FAMILY in their recent losses of brother and mother. Prayers for comfort and strength as they adjust to the changes these losses mean to their lives and those of the rest of their families. Thanksgiving for safety in travel for them all.

Prayers for KATIE CLAYTON in her new home and job....for the Lord to bless her in it all....and help the transition go well and easy for her. And for her family and church family as she will be missed here!!

Prayers for LYNN BRIGGS, for a correct diagnosis and treatment for the severe back pain he has been experiencing for the past two weeks. Pray the MRI he had on Friday will help them find the cause.

Pray for the newly elected people in Washington to make decisions in accordance with God's will and in the best interest of the country and its citizens.

Prayers of thanksgiving to God for His unconditional love and mercy, his answers to our prayers, His constant presence and care,

Youth News

Huddle

Sunday, January 25th tonight our Huddle will be at the home of Chuck and Bobbi Tourney (260 W. Danbury Ct. Grand Junction, CO 81503) at 6 PM. Guys bring cookies and girls bring chips.

Next week, Sunday, February 1st we will have a Super Bowl Huddle with Tom Brady and Russell Wilson.

Huddle hosts needed! Huddle hosts needed on February 15th and March 1st please let Keri Fleming know if you are able to **host** one of these events.

Winter Peak Friday, February 20 – Sunday, February 22.

This is the **high school** retreat near Estes Park, CO. The cost is \$110. Start saving now to attend this amazing, uplifting, encouraging and fun weekend. Matthew Lee and Sheri Heath will be attending along with the first 13 students to sign up. Please turn in your registration form by February 4th.

Middle School Madness Friday, April 10- Sunday, April 12.

This event is for **6th-8th grade** students and is held near Estes Park, CO. The cost is \$110. Fantastic weekend—plan to attend! More info to come.

God Bless,
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For the Record

Jan 18, 2015

Attendance	284
Average Attendance, 4th qtr.	282
Contributions	\$5,232.00
Budget	\$7,035.38

Communion Preparation—January

Leonard & Lynne Harvey

Communion Table 1/25

Tim Riddle

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in January

David Olree
 Brian Peacock
 Dale Pirtle
 Eric Pennal
 Ted Reaves
 Ed Riddle
 Tim Riddle
 Craig Roberts

Announcements

Ron Wilson-January
 Scott Ferguson-February
 Curtis Fleming—March

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Bill Wade—Making a Worthy Christian Walk—Auditorium
 Vince Urbina, Book of Romans—103
 Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Doug Clayton—Auditorium

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2—Nursery
 2 & 3 yr. old—104
 Pre KK, Kindergarten—205
 1st & 2nd Grade—209
 3rd thru 5th Grade—208
 Middle School—213
 High School—203

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

Sunday Morning Worship at Mesa View Retirement Center Starts At 10 A.M.

Jan 25	Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence	Acts 3:1-10
Feb 1	Bob Howard, Dave Scheuerman	Acts 4:1-12
Feb 8	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Acts 4:13-22
Feb 15	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Acts 4:32-36
Feb 22	Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey	Acts 5:1-11
Mar 1	Bill Tidwell, David Olree	Acts 5:17-32
Mar 8	Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence	Acts 6:1-7
Mar 15	Bob Howard, Dave Scheuerman	Acts 7:51-8:3
Mar 22	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Acts 8:4-25
Mar 29	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Acts 8:26-40

Visitors welcome.