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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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Tony Clayton

Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word!

As we walk through the remainder of Luke chapter 9 this morning we are confronted with Jesus' growing challenges as his own death looms and the disciples still seem spiritually clueless as to what the kingdom looks like and what they should look like in the kingdom. Dr. Luke shows several mini-encounters revealing truths for us to live by, the first of which is a personal question to see what we really think of Jesus. See you in a few as we open the Word together!

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.

Evening with the Elders!

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 wisdom and invite us to ask questions.

Thanks to our Elders for encouraging us "From the Shepherd's Pen" the last Sunday of each month! Check out the next page and be challenged and encouraged!

"And for all these people alike, the key to healing turned out to be the same. Each had a hurt he had to forgive."

- Corrie ten Boom (Holocaust survivor)

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For January: Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"

From The Shepherd's Pen



John 1: 16-17 “Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”

We are an amazing creation of God. It seems counterintuitive that God would make something imperfect, yet here we are, living proof. We are imperfect, sinful beings of our doing, and for that reason, Christ came to this world to suffer and die. There is no way for us to comprehend God, to have a complete knowledge and understanding of Him and His ways. God knows this and felt it sufficient for us to know we have salvation through Christ; that He loves us and gives us hope, peace, and the many others blessings of a relationship with Him. We deceive ourselves and others if we profess to have a monopoly on precise knowledge and understanding of the mysteries of God, His Son, the Holy Spirit, or interpretation of the book by which we learn and teach about the trinity. That deception is manifested and compounded through words or actions that are divisive and quarrelsome, especially in matters related to the unity of the body.

If we expect to have the type of relationship with God that He wants, then we must accept the means by which the infinite sized chasm between God (perfection) and human (imperfection) is bridged. That chasm is bridged and otherwise made passable by God's grace, extended through the blood of Jesus Christ. That amazing grace negates the necessity of us having to perfect all issues and matters of faith and doctrine. Let not our attempts at compliance with God's plan for us overshadow the simple truths of faith, hope, and love. May it never become a stumbling block to others, and be counterproductive to the very life of faith, mercy, and grace God wants us to live.

Grace can be a hard virtue to define. It is difficult to capture its complete essence in words. However, it's one of those blessings that we know when we see it. Let us offer it freely to others, and extend it in real and practical ways. Let us extend grace by being more tolerant towards those who see things differently than us; let us extend grace by being more patient towards those we want to persuade; let us extend grace by showing more acceptance of those to whom we disagree; by being more understanding of those whom hold an alternate opinion; by being more humble and less presumptuous; by being more temperate in speech and gracious in tone, by being more understanding of believers with differing viewpoints; and by being intentionally more courteous, more civil, and more considerate.

May we be blessed and bring honor to Jesus Christ by the way we extend God's amazing grace to those we come into contact with each and every day.

Ephesians 2:4-5, “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—...”

In Christian love,
Tony

Youth Corner

Parents:

COMING SOON!

We are excited to announce some big changes to our Wednesday Youth Group schedule. Beginning **March 7th**, we will begin an **after school open house time from 3-6**. Students are encouraged to come to the youth group room and work on homework, play games, study the Bible, pretty much anything they'd like to fill that time with. I am working on the idea of offering transportation after school (If you can help with this, it would be HUGE!) and will keep you updated about that particular detail via weekly updates. Beginning the same day, we will also be changing our **regular youth group time from 6-8**. We will begin with a meal at 6 in the fellowship hall. Parents and siblings are very much encouraged to join us! We would love to have parents join us on Wednesday nights for youth group time. Join us for our meal,

our games, our worship, and our lesson, or any of these you'd like to. We will have youth group activities where we will encourage parents to let their students attend without them, but for Wednesday Youth Group and Huddles we would like for our parents (and anyone else who has an interest in the spiritual lives of our students) to be more involved if possible. If you'd like to lead a devo or teach a lesson, please let me know, but even just showing up and being with our students during this time will be great. If you have any other questions or concerns about these changes, please give me a call or shoot me an email.

Thanks!
Charlie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The "Evening with the elders" has been re-scheduled for this evening (January 28) in the Auditorium, 5 PM. Please plan on attending for an interesting and informative presentation.

Benevolence Effort

Continue to pray for George Robison (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 Robison fund". Our church will then send the funds to Montrose. Thank you.

Marriage Strong!! There's still room!

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.**

Attention Men!

Mark your calendars for the weekend of March 23rd and 24th for the 2018 Men's Retreat that will be held at Camp Cedaredge. Please keep the following in your prayers this week...Thank you and God bless you! See Bo Hill or Dave Downey for more info!"

"Attention: Meals Needed.

There has been a meal calendar created for Anona Lofton and family, after the birth of her beautiful baby girl, Olivia. If you are willing and able to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Anona and family live in Fruita; church family who live in that area, here's your opportunity to be Jesus, and to not have to drive very far. Thank you for your service and love! Go to www.carecalendar.org and use the following codes:

Calendar ID: 265851
Security Code: 9486"

Pantry Items Needed

Peanut Butter & Jam or Jelly
Box & dry macaroni
Small ketchup & mustard

Note: Pantry—We are receiving many items that we cannot use in there. They have been sorted out and will be placed on a table in the fellowship hall for people to take, if needed. Please donate only what is requested.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Ben Skogen's uncle Mark who had a massive stroke recently and His grandfather Bob, who has advanced cancer. Pray for comfort for both, and peace of mind for them and their family.

Melody Haight had a port for dialysis put in this week, pray it will work as it is supposed to. Pray for her as she has the dialysis regularly for it to help her health issues.

Pray for those who are ill at home or in the hospital with the flu. It is to epidemic proportions in many areas. Also for those with other viruses or "bugs" that are prevalent at this time.

Pray for Amanda Briggs who is very ill at home, with an upper respiratory infection and influenza. Pray for healing and comfort for her.

Those who need our continuing prayers for ongoing health issue include:

Randy Brabec
Scott and Patty Webb
Georgia Dorn
Kirby Franklin
Bobbie June Ball
Bernice Fox
Shane Briggs
Bob Tucker
Durango Garcia
Ty Roberts, Gabriel Harris and others of our family who are in the military.
Gena Willits
George Robinson
Tom and Robin English
Our nation and President and other leaders.

Ron Wilson's health has taken a downhill turn and he must go back on dialysis soon. Pray for his comfort during this trying time.

Pray for a quick recovery for Will Whitaker who had back surgery on the 25. Pray for his comfort and healing and that it was successful in stopping the pain he has had.

Prayers of peace and comfort for the Frank Lucero family in the passing of their daughter April last week.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the answers to so many prayers. For God's love, mercy and grace. For His abiding presence and the wondrous promises he always keeps.

The tech booth is looking for 1 or 2 more volunteers to work the computer and/or the soundboard on Sunday mornings. We work month long shifts during both class time and during worship and you can sign up for as many or as few months as you feel comfortable with. The computer side requires an average comfort level with using a computer and a little more time commitment to learn. Having some knowledge of how we sing songs is helpful. The soundboard side is much less stressful but does require you be a bit early to get microphones ready. An ear for singing parts is helpful.

If you feel you would be interested in being a part of either of these sides to the tech booth ministry please come see David Cooper. Don't be afraid, we train you well and are ready to support you being a part of our little team.



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For the Record January 21, 2018

Attendance	197
Weekly Contributions 1/21/18	\$5,450.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$5,912.50
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Communion Preparation—January

Roy & Cathy Karo

Communion Table 1/28/18

Gabe Wilkins

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