

Real Life News & Notes

church of Christ of Grand Junction

Guam Mission Update

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Hard to believe that my departure date for the Guam mission trip is almost here. On Thursday of this week, Lord willing, I will be leaving for the long trip to Guam (Flight time is around 18 hours and layovers for me are another 24 hours). Two weeks later on February 16 Holly will make an even longer trip to join me, Lord willing. I was able to get her a "free" reward ticket by using my frequent flyer miles (70,000 miles + \$34.00 for taxes and fees). She flies from Grand Junction to Houston, Houston to Japan and then Japan down to Guam.

We will be working with the small church of Christ in Asan. Their present preacher, Alex Coloma, is back in the Philippines working on his immigration papers for his eventual return to Guam. He has sent me pictures and a brief description of 9 or 10 people he had been sharing the gospel with prior to his departure. He has also asked me to work with some young people in the Talafofo area of Guam that he has had contact with.

The Asan, Guam church of Christ is made up primarily of Filipinos and Guamanians. There are only about 20 or 30 members presently. The island of Guam is located about 1,500 miles south of Japan and 1,500 miles east of the Philippines. The island is about 30 miles long and varies from 4 to 9 miles wide. Anderson Air Force Base is on the northern part of the island and there is a Navy base a little south of the middle of the West Coast of Guam.

Thanks to our elders who are supportive of this mission effort and thanks to all of you who will be supporting this work financially by continuing my income while we are there. I am also very grateful to several who have contributed to my airfare expense. We need your prayers as the church on Guam is small and struggling. It is always difficult for me to be away from my wife, kids and grandkids. Thankfully Holly will be with me the last week.

May God bless all of us in our efforts to share the good news of Jesus, John Cooper

YOUTH SECTION

Need

One great benefit of the act of confession is that of bringing the church family closer together. Confession removes the walls of "what we're trying to hide" and "what we imagine the others are up to," and instead lays bare the fact that we are all sinners in profound need of a savior. And it's not *what* we confess that unites us; it's *who* forgives us as we bring it to light.

Confession is not limited to sin. We don't have to sin for grace to increase (Romans 6), or to be unified as a confessing church. Today I want you to consider the confession of need.

Think on the prophet Habakkuk. Sadly most aren't familiar with his writings, but his is a truly fascinating story. While Isaiah and Jeremiah record the story of God appointing them to the position of truth-teller to Israel, the book of Habakkuk starts off with a complaint! The not-yet-a-prophet is in anguish, because God seemingly allows evil to continue and even to flourish. But then something astonishing happens.

God answers.

And the answer is not "don't tell me how to do my job" or "watch your mouth, peon." And while God's answer is one that Habakkuk probably didn't prefer (go read it!), Habakkuk

unexpectedly becomes a prophet just because he was running his mouth! He shares his grief and confesses his deep need, and God

honors (not admonishes) him for it.

Think on this through the week. God honors the confession of what you need. Is it more faith? Is it patience? Is it friends? Is it purpose? Is it healing from a deep, old wound (physical or otherwise)?

Confess your need. You just may end up becoming a prophet.

To be continued!

By Lucas Matthews

Tuesday! Come to **Outcasts!** Bring your Bible to the church at 7 pm!

Get those **Winter Peak** forms turned in!

Memory Verse For January: Isaiah 6:8
Here am I, send me.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Children's Verse – John Cooper
Song
Announcements – Curtis Fleming

Song Leader –

Opening Prayer—Gabe Wilkins

Songs

Communion
Offering

Sermon—Scott Ferguson

Invitation Song

Closing Prayer

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in

January

Dan Vorse
 Josh Vorse
 Matthew Vorse
 Nathan Walker
 John Warner
 Jeremiah Watson
 Dan Williams
 Rick Wilkins

Announcements

January-----Curtis Fleming
February-----Karl Antwine
March-----Vince Urbina
April-----Ron Wilson

For the Record

Jan. 22, 2012

Attendance **270**
Average Attendance, 2011 **258**

Contributions **\$5,115.00**
Budget **\$6,715.30**

Communion Preparation

January—Leonard & Lynne Harvey

Outreach Minister—John Cooper	241-4075
Minister—Doug Clayton	523-1654
Visitation Minister—Hunt Zumwalt	210-8960

Special Prayer Requests

A.J. URBINA— He was injured when he was hit in the left eye with a tennis ball and is having to see a specialist.

LARRY BALL—Had surgery to remove a part of his colon. It is reported that he is doing much better.

ED RIDDLE—Surgery was a success but he may have to do some re-hab. He has been plagued with quite a bit of pain and the hiccups.

VERLYN MATHEWS—In La Villa Grande and is unable to walk due to a pinched nerve in his back which may require surgery.

SHARON RIDDLE—Has thrombophlebitis with two blood clots in her leg. Pray for her strength and recovery as she deals with this and as she nurses Ed back to health.

CHARLES FANT.....cancer

STAN HURD..... heart problems and lymphoma

CAROLYN DEBERRY—Foot Surgery. She must stay off her feet for some time in order to heal.

WINNE AND MARIA LARCADA—Keep them in your prayers that they may be able to return to us soon.

MARGE SMITH.... Cancer

MIKE VERMAN.....severe burns (recovering at home, but has a lot of treatment yet to go)

ELLEN GIBSON... Randy Moore's mother-in-law—Cancer

MARY BAKER—Pray for her recovery the removal of a cancerous kidney a couple of weeks ago.

Notes and Items of Interest

Children's Valentine Party

Saturday, February 11, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon in the fellowship hall, children (K through 5th grades) are invited to come and make Valentine bags for the widows, widowers and shut-ins of our congregation.

Children should bring two (class sized) boxes of already signed Valentines if they are able. Also, we are in need of: Valentine stickers, extra boxes of Valentines and individually wrapped candies. Please put these in the Valentine box in the foyer. If you know of someone who we can make a bag for, please get their name to Lesa Brassette, ASAP. (433-7987 or Lesa@Brassette.com) Teens are welcome to come and help!

Ladies Class

The Ladies class, "Crazy Love" taught by Lee Ann Camp which previously met at the home of Jill Wilkins has been changed to the home of Pam Hurd. Starting February 9, they will meet each Thursday at 9:45 AM. Pam' address is: 610 Stonegate Dr., Phone 523-1116.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Nursery volunteers are needed starting next Sunday, January 22. Please sign up to help. Parents really appreciate this help on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please see Sandy Gustafson.

Agape Sunday

Agape Sunday TODAY. Please plan on sharing a meal with one another. Invite your friends & neighbors to join us.—Rick Wilkins

Teacher Needed

A Bible teacher is needed for K-1st & 2nd grades on every other Wednesday. See Sharon Riddle if you can help.

GRAND JUNCTION CHURCH OF CHRIST

presents

"RE-IMAGINING THE CHURCH" 2012 MEN'S RETREAT

To register, turn in forms and fee as soon as possible.

NATHAN WALKER – 970.216.7607

CHURCH OFFICE – 970.245.4210

Registration forms are now available in the foyer. Do not let a financial shortfall keep you from attending. We are here to help.

Responses to the Invitation:

Amy Moore— to re-dedicate and re-commit her life to the Lord and place her burdens on Him

Phillip Bagga-Asks God to help him to love people more. He confesses he has too many "Samaritan's" in his life and he needs help dealing with that.

Ann Clayton-Wishes to lend her support to her husband (Doug) as our church moves forward in bringing souls to Christ.

It takes courage to open oneself up to the congregation with such humility. Let these wonderful Christians be an example to all of us and let them know that we will love and support them also.

Guam Mission

John Cooper will be leaving soon for Guam (Feb 2— Feb 24). Holly will join him on February 16. Please keep them in your prayers for success.

JoJo's Progress

We have been praying for a baby that was seriously injured from child abuse. It is reported that his condition has greatly improved and he is starting to walk. JoJo is in the custody of his Dad and is becoming a normal toddler. Thank God for that. Ask God to be with the father and baby as they recover from such tragedy.

Special Prayer Request

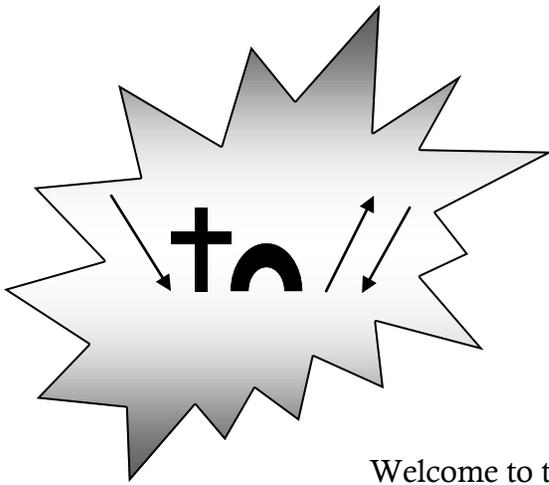
Lois Williams who has worked with the quilters for at least 2 years has recently moved to California to live with her daughter. Her failing eyesight and diagnosis of bone & breast cancer required the move. Please keep her in your prayers for strength and peace during this difficult time. She is a dear friend of all the quilting ladies and her handiwork is reflected in many, many beautiful quilts that have gone all over the world.

Library Items for Giveaway

There has been several Bible tapes, books, programs and other items donated to our church library. Lynne Harvey is cataloging and placing some of this material on the shelves of the library for your use. However, there will be some duplicates and Lynne is sorting that out. Whatever is left over, she will have it out in the foyer next Sunday (February 5) for you to take home.

Business Meeting

There will be a short business meeting right after services today to present the 2012 budget and a brief explanation of last year's activities and financial report.



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A place to belong.

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Welcome to the church of Christ of Grand Junction! If you are visiting with us we want you to know how honored we are to have you. It is our desire to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 22:30,31). We are attempting to share His love with others through following Jesus' words, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). If you have any questions about anything that you hear taught or see practiced we would be glad to share with you the reasons for the faith we have. Just speak with one of our shepherds or ministers or call 970-245-4210 and we will gladly assist you!

COME WORSHIP WITH US

We're On the Web
grandjunctionchurch.org

- Newsletter
- Announcements
- Women's Ministry
- Audio Sermons

Soul Care Ministry

We need each other. Many of us fight our greatest battles all alone, but we don't have to. Trained peer counselors are available to truly listen. Free and confidential.

Call 260-7309

BIBLE CLASS AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7- 8 PM

Dane Jennings—Auditorium	John Cooper —Love Languages—Auditorium
Dave Scheuerman—One Year Bible Study—103	Hymn Class—103
Scott Ferguson,— Young Marrieds—202	

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2 —Nursery	2 & 3 yr. old—104
2 & 4 yr. old—104	Kindergarten—205
Kindergarten—205	1st & 2nd Grade—209
1st & 2nd Grade—209	3rd thru 5th Grade—208
3rd thru 5th Grade—208	All teens meet in—203
Middle School—213	
High School—203	

Sunday morning worship begins at 10:15 AM

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."
Romans 12:2