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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

"The eye is the lamp of the body." A strange phrase. Our eyes are vital organs. Sometimes our eyes are good. Sometimes they are bad. What does Jesus mean and how does that relate to our community faith? We will start our study together this morning in **Luke 11:33** and end up in **Luke 24**. We will make a few stops in between as we learn about "eyes". Hope you brought your Bible, an open mind, a willing heart and a hungry soul!

Welcome Guests!

Please join us for a lunch of soup, bread, salad and dessert immediately after our Gathering. 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.

New Wednesday night class start this week.

We will take a few months break from the wonderfully informative and challenging "That the World May Know" series by Ray Vanderlaan.

*This Wednesday at 7pm we will begin a video based series entitled "**Daring Faith**" (by Randy Harris). We will be looking at selected passages from the gospel of John that will challenge and bless our Faith. (The video segments are from 10-15 minutes long so we will have a little more time for discussion)*

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For January: 2nd Corinthians 5:17

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

Words We Use: Worship

Words have meanings. I knew a preacher once who said this at least once in every sermon he preached. His point was that all too often, we use certain words in certain ways without much thought as to their actual meaning. Often, our misuse or over use of certain words dilutes or even changes the intended meaning of those words. Like when we say "I love pizza" and "I love my wife". The over use of the word love in this instance is due to laziness. It takes work to grow our used vocabulary. Instead of saying "I enthusiastically and often excessively take great delight in the complexities of pizza", it is way easier to just say "I love pizza". Now, one can easily say that the intended meaning behind these phrases is generally clear, so making a fuss about them is silly. That may true, but in other instances, we see more damaging affects to our understanding and our communication. The word under examination this morning is "worship".

I distinctly remember a point in my life when it became clear that my use of the word "church" was not factually appropriate. We don't "go to church", we ARE the church. I began to use the phrase "going to worship" when talking about what I did on Sunday mornings. Instead of "church services" I said "worship services". A couple years ago, my understanding of the words I was using was once again deeply challenged. I began to search the word of God for an understanding of what "worship" really means. What I learned changed the way I use the word, as well as how I approach our gathering times. I would like to present some thoughts for your consideration. Some may seem shockingly different from "what we've always done", yet I pray that you not simply agree or disagree but instead do as I did and objectively search the scriptures for a deeper understanding of what it means to worship the almighty creator.

There are several different Greek words that are translated as worship in the New Testament. The two most common are proskuneō (pros-koo-neh'-o) and latreia (lat-ri'-ah). Romans 12:1 says to "*offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship (latreia).*" This Greek word refers to the ministry or **service** to the Lord. It implies work or effort, as in a priest making a sacrifice to God (see Heb. 8:3-5). Many bible versions translate it as service instead of worship. In John 4:23, Jesus uses the word proskuneō when he says "*the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks.*". This word conveys the imagery of a dog humbly kissing toward the hand of its master, or even literally bowing or laying before out of fear and reverence (think of John's reaction to seeing the Lord in Rev. 1:17).

What I didn't find in my search for what "worship" really means was anything about a certain time or place, or 5 specific actions on Sunday mornings. In my Bible, and probably yours, there is a heading above 1 Cor. 14:26-40 that says something like "Orderly Worship". Since the word worship was added before this passage, I always assumed that it was about worship. We have even developed deeply seeded traditions based on this understanding. But I am not so convinced that it speaks of **worship**. This passage is all about our gatherings. In this verse, we read that the things we do when we gather are to be done "for the strengthening of the church". Worship is done for and to God alone. Similarly, I have heard brethren refer to Eph. 5:15-21 and Col. 3:15-17 as sources for how and what we should do on Sunday mornings. The truth is, these verses are not speaking about our "Sunday morning assemblies". If force them into that context, we are left with the command to "not get drunk on wine" at our Sunday morning worship service (Eph. 5:18). The fact is, our assembly, Sunday morning included, is as much about "horizontal" relationships as it is a "vertical" one.

Words have meanings. There is a specific meaning to the word "worship". We should use caution when we use this word, that we do not misinform or mislead others. Worship is not a time or a place. It isn't a ceremony, service, or program. It isn't really even our actions. Sometimes, we can go through the motions and rituals of our service and not truly proskuneō. When we assemble, the stuff we do IS (or should be) worship. However, the things we do when we assemble are not what worship IS.

I pray that we all truly worship God every moment of every day he gives us. May we "*not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*"

Charlie DeLong

Upstairs Renovation

We are updating our youth group rooms and have a lot of furniture and supplies that will be donated. We would like to give anyone in our congregation an opportunity to claim any of these items before we donate them to a thrift store. Take a look in room 213 and if you see something that would bless you or someone you know, it's yours. If you need assistance moving something downstairs, see Charlie DeLong.

Malawi Project

We are accepting donations for vinyl disposable gloves to be sent to Malawi through January 31. Snub Liles is able to buy these gloves at a discount and Missions is accepting monetary donations also. Please give donation to Dean Blanck or Snub. Medical people in Malawi are treating many, many communicable diseases such as AIDS and the gloves are critical.

Thank You!

Wow!! We don't know where to start! We are so, so blessed to have a church family like all of you! Thank you so much for the check. It has helped us more than we can say. Thanks also for the many prayers. God bless you all. Love, *Craig & Elaine Roberts and family.*

Thank you!

Dear Brethren of Grand Junction,
We can't express how thankful we are for your continued support for the gospel work in Nepal and India, especially for Nepal. We pray for your ongoing interest for the kingdom of God there as we remain very involved with the churches there. *God Bless, Stan & Janis Hurd*

(Stan has sent us a copy of his mission work in Nepal for December. It is available in the office for anyone who would like to see it.)

Please keep the following requests in your daily prayers. Your prayers do make a difference and are so appreciated.

Pray for Stephen and Nikki Cooper and family in the loss of Nikki's dad this past week. Pray for comfort for them and for safety in travel of those going and coming for the services.

Prayers of thanksgiving to God for the improvement and recovery of Craig Roberts, Kathy Deister and Melody Haight. ..all of whom were seriously ill or had surgery recently and are recovering nicely. Continue praying for complete recoveries for them all.

Pray for Jan Nelson's sister Sally, who has a detached retina, pray for complete restoration of her vision.

Pray for the Chambers family in the loss of Velma last week. Pray for comfort for them and for safety in family traveling, some from long distances.

Please continue to pray for the following who are still in need of our prayers.

Kirby Franklin
Verne Twaitbroken hip and shoulder
Jim Fisher.....head injury
Shane Briggs.....acute leukemia
David.....leukemia
Betty Jo.....cancer
Debra Trahern.....cancer/blood clots
Maxine Baxter...diagnostic surgery

Pray for Stan Hurd, whose cancer has returned. Pray for those treating him to know the right treatment, and for healing for him. Pray for comfort and peace for him and for his family.

Pray for Richard Sisco who is suffering with cellulitis. Pray for his healing and comfort. and for Peg as she cares for him.

Pray for the English's daughter Lori Roper, who is having neurological incidents and undergoing tests to see what is causing them. Pray they will find what is triggering them and the cause can be eliminated so they will cease.

Pray for the new president and his administration, that the decisions they make and the things they speak and do will be in accordance with God's will....that we may live a quiet and peaceful life. Pray for God's guidance as they lead our nation.

Pray for our young people, that we can teach them by example in words and action to be strong in the faith and trust in our Lord for all areas of their lives. Pray for God to be a big part of their lives now and always, that they may stay in His will in this world where Satan's influence is so strong.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddle**

No huddle this evening

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. 22, 2017

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| Attendance | 234 |
| Weekly Contributions 1/15/17 | \$3,946.00 |
| Contribution 4 week average | \$6,790.00 |
| 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 1/29/17

Jeremy Antwine

Announcements—January

Mike Hurd

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

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| Ron Wilson | Auditorium |
| Wes Yeager | 202 |
| Vince Urbina | 103 |
| Young Adult (Under 30) | 207 |

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

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| Doug Clayton | Auditorium |
| Singing Class | 103 |

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

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| 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

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

Thursday Morning Bible Classes

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| 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