

# Real Life News & Notes

*church of Christ of Grand Junction*

## Guam Mission Goals

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By the time you read this, Lord willing, I should be on Guam. Please pray for me and for the work which **we** are trying to accomplish for Jesus. Usually when we have missions we have specific objectives we hope to accomplish. Below I am listing some of the things I hope to accomplish for the Lord. I know there will be other things besides these that God will place in front of me as well, but here are some of the goals as I see them now.

### Goals for the Guam Mission – February 2-24, 2012

1. Encourage the brothers and sisters in the Asan church of Christ through preaching and teaching at their regularly scheduled services and Bible classes.
2. Visit as many of the members of the church in their homes as possible.
3. Follow up on the contacts that their preacher Alex Coloma has sent me.
4. Help the youth group from Talafofo to mature and unify in their walk with Jesus.
5. Find out about the status of the proposed move of 5,000 Marines from Okinawa to Guam.
6. Help with the plans to reach these Marines for Jesus when/if they come to Guam.
7. See how we as a church in Grand Junction might be able to help the Asan church in the future (door knocking efforts, VBS efforts, etc.).
8. Check on the possibility of helping sister churches in Palau and Saipan.
9. Reach out to the University of Guam student body.
10. Explore the possibility of evening Bible Studies in the Mangilao area where I stay.

I desperately need your prayers as I attempt to fulfill as many of the objectives as I can. Please pray for my good health and strength, pray for opportunities for me to share, pray that the church and contacts will be open and responsive to His guidance.

In faith, hope and love, John Cooper

## YOUTH SECTION

### To Hide or to Have and to Hold?

Let's look at a parable fairly familiar to most readers of the Bible.

Matthew 25:14-30 (go read it right now!) presents what we call "the parable of the talents." We teach this to our children frequently, because it's a cut-and-dry story with easy math and a simple visual aid. Plus, it's about money, and we love to talk about that.

But try to look at this story with the fresh eyes of a student.

Consider the Lazy Servant. He had a certain amount of money, and he decided the safest way to use it was *not* to use it. It didn't matter to him if he had one dollar or one million dollars, he wanted it hidden and buried.

And consider *why* he buried it. The Lazy Servant explains he hid the money to protect the Master from the shame of loss. We, too, can claim that we hide things in order to protect the name of the God we represent.

It can be any number of things that we keep buried. We think, "What if my sin were known to all? I would be embarrassed and my God would be defamed." Or, "What if I confess my faith to my brothers or to non-Christians, and I say it all wrong? I would be embarrassed and my God would be defamed." Or, "What if my need/my destitution/my despair were known to all? I would be embarrassed and my God would be defamed."

In reading the parable and the Lazy Servant's desire not to embarrass his Master, we see that Master had rather a lot more money. He was more than able to absorb that loss, or that debt. His Master chastised the Lazy Servant, because there is no benefit from what is hidden and buried.

What are you hiding? What are you burying? What are you keeping secret? Is it your mistakes? Is it your faith? Is it your needs?

What do you need to confess?

-Lucas

There is no Huddle tonight. Next week we'll convene at the Brickers' house with the Youth Minister applicant!

Come to Outcasts on Tuesday! At 7 pm! All are welcome to a time of challenging and intentional Bible study.

**Hike on Saturday Afternoon, February 11:** Addison and Vicky Weaver will be here next weekend to interview for the Youth/Student minister position. We are planning to "hike" to Devil's Kitchen on Saturday with Addison, weather permitting. Make plans to come – more details to follow

**Memory Verse For February—1 John 3:1**  
*"We are called children of God."*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

#102 Great is the Lord Almighty  
Children's Verse – Lucas Mathews  
Announcements – Vince Urbina  
Song Leader – Nathan Walker

Meet and Greet

#102 Great is the Lord – reprise

**Call to Worship**

No One Higher/The Stand  
 Blessed Be Your Name

#602 Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus  
 #484 You Are My All In All  
 #490 It Is Well With My Soul

**Communion – Lucas Mathews**

#684 Nearer My God To Thee

**Offering – Jaydin Connell**

#309 In My Life Lord

**Children Dismissed**

Had It Not Been the Lord

**Lesson – “You’re Kidding, Right? Doug Clayton**

Surround Us O Lord

**Response Blessing – Rick Wilkins**

**Annual Corporate Meeting**

David Downey will conduct a short business meeting right after services this morning to present the 2012 budget and give a brief statement on 2011 financial activities. The Internal Revenue Code requires this corporate annual meeting as a 501 (c) (3) organization.

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

**Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in**

**February**

Ron Wilson  
 Jeff Yeager  
 Wes Yeager  
 Hunt Zumwalt  
 Robert Allen  
 Jeremy Antwine  
 Jerry Austin  
 Phillip Bagga

**Announcements**

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

**For the Record**

**Jan. 29, 2012**

Attendance	265
Average Attendance, 2011	258
Contributions	\$6,048.00
Budget	\$6,715.30

**Communion Preparation—February**

Shirley Bagga

**Nursery Attendants—February**

2/5—Anna Marie Fuoco  
 2/12—Gen Gallagher, Kelsay & Caitlyn  
 2/19 Leesha Kenney, Caitlyn  
 2/26—Amy Moore

## 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.

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.

EVERETT BOHRER—COC Preacher in Meeker. He is in hospital in Craig with possible stroke.

### Youth/Student Minister Candidates

Addison Weaver and his wife, Vicky, will be coming to interview for our Youth/Student minister position next weekend, February 10<sup>th</sup> – 12th. Addison is a graduate of Harding University, with a BA in Youth and Family ministry. He and Vicky are both originally from San Antonio, TX., and they currently live in Waco, TX. Addison is currently serving as minister at the Canyon Creek Church of Christ while Vicky is attending law school. We have planned a full weekend for them to allow us to get to know them. Please keep this process in your prayers.

### Open House to Meet the Candidate

There will be a come and go Open House at the home of Rick and Jill Wilkins, 3520 Ponderosa Way, on Saturday, February 11 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. All are invited to come and meet Addison and Vicky Weaver. Addison will be here interviewing for the Youth/Student minister position. If you have questions or are willing to provide cookies, please see Keri Fleming.

### 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 today for you to take home.

### Homeless Shelter Meal

Tomorrow (February 6) is the day we prepare and serve the homeless meal at the shelter on North Ave. The lasagna trays are in the foyer for those who prepare the meal and servers should be at the shelter by 5:30 PM tomorrow.

The North Ave. Shelter has outgrown the present building they are in and they are looking for another. Keep them in prayer that they may find an adequate building soon.

### Selma Allman

Selma Allman was hospitalized last week with an infection. She has since been transferred to Larchwood. Keep her in your prayers.

### Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

Wednesday evening, February 8, I will start a Bible study on II Timothy. I'm excited! This book will teach us to be unified, teach us to be encouragers and remind us "who we belong to." Please read the 4 chapters of II Timothy this week and bring your bibles Wednesday evening.

This will be a Bible Study you want to be a part of.

Love  
Bobby Heath

### Special Prayer Request

We recently received a visitor/prayer card from Robert Endsley who lives in Illinois. He requested prayer and contact with his brother (Gary Endsley) who lives here in GJ and is very ill with pancreatic cancer. Hunt Zumwalt did contact Gary's wife who states that he is in Hospice. At this time, they did not want visitors but please keep them in your prayers.

God bless Hunt & Myrna in their efforts to reach out and comfort sick & hurting people. They never hes

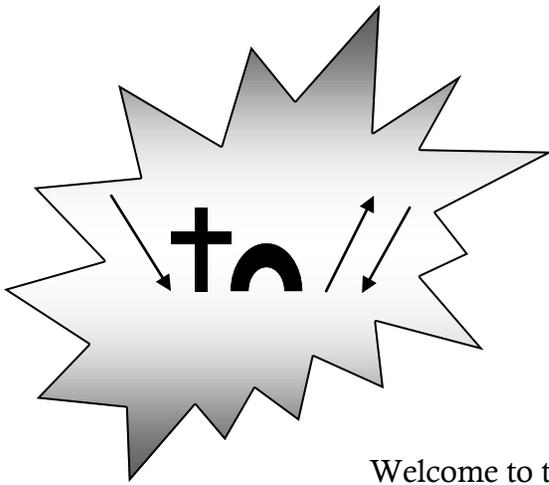
### Children's Valentine Party

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 Brasette, ASAP.

### Secret Sister Brunch

Been wondering who she is? Secret Sister revealing and brunch on Feb. 18 at 10:30 AM. Bring your favorite breakfast dish, fruit, vegetables, muffins, etc., and come join us for a fun morning and find out who's been serving you.



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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](http://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	Bobby Heath—II Timothy—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*