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## Real Life News & Notes

*A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers*



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### Elder of Month

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## Our Gathering Today



### Welcome Guests!

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](http://grandjunctionchurch.org) and Face Book page *Church of Christ of Grand Junction* to discover a little more about us.

### Feeding on the word

This morning we will consider several scriptures that give us the tools we need to productively and positively live the abundant life. One such passage is **Romans 12:12** - **"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer."** Sometimes it is easy to give in to the negative, the darkness around us. Sometimes a "paradigm" shift is needed in order to re-frame and re-focus our world view so we actually answer Jesus' prayer that we might live the abundant life.

### Sticky Tab Reminders

**"Daring Faith"** a walk through the Gospel of John. Join us this Wednesday at 7pm as we study Lesson 2 - "The Word became flesh" in our new video / discussion series by Randy Harris.

**Feeding the hungry:** Remember to grab a lasagna tray in the foyer after our gathering this morning to heat and bring to the homeless shelter tomorrow evening. **"Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me" - Jesus**

**Lights out:** Remember, if you are among the last to leave the building, please turn off lights (check upstairs and bathrooms too) and lock doors. Thank you!

Memory Verse For February: Romans 8:1

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

## Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

### Citizenship

I know many in our church family don't do social media (*That may be a good thing*). I sometimes post my **Sips** articles on **Face Book** and last week I posted a much shorter version of what you will read below. I hope it is a good reminder, a challenge, and a blessing!

***"My kingdom is not of this world. If it were my servants would fight..." - Jesus.***

The implications of Jesus' words are dense and demand our serious attention. Surfing around *Face Book* I see Christians not only fighting but fighting each other. The weapons are sarcasm, goading, gossip, slandering politicians (current and former), foul words, "gotchyas," and extremes. I wonder if the same passion were used in reflecting the love of Jesus how far it might go toward changing our little part of the world.

**Social media, like technology, can be a great servant but a terrible master.** My encouragement is to remember to whom we belong (King Jesus), who we are (aliens and pilgrims), to listen more, articulate words of love, hope, family, beauty, good humor and encouragement instead of those things that divide citizens, communities, countries, Christians, and are counter-productive to building up Jesus' kingdom. ***I am not referring to a courteous or respectful exchange of views or differences on any given topic.*** Yet, I am concerned that I see a different side of many Jesus' followers as if politics and Face Book are an ***"anything goes dark closet"*** where we surrender our inhibitions and excuse our self to behave and speak in a way that undermines our **higher calling in Christ Jesus.**

Every day Satan is fishing, offering up something new to entice us into a skirmish, a quarrel, taking an **extreme** position, or trying to win an argument instead of a friend. Truth is most often found between the **extremes**. To those whose citizenship is in Jesus' kingdom I encourage us by the mercies of God not to contribute to the **hysteria** at either **extreme**.

Consider these wise words from my very practical friend James (who was pretty tight with Jesus BTW): ***"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."*** (**James 3:17**). As we ***consider each other better than ourselves*** may we internalize and verbalize the prayer of that humble and wise man in Luke 18, ***"God have mercy on me a sinner."***

These times are a good test of who we really are. Let's do our part to change the tone on social media and in daily conversations to a dialogue that sounds more like Jesus the Lamb of God and reveals our true citizenship is ***"not of this world."*** Love and mercy to you all!

### 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.

**Teddie Goodner is Moving**

Teddie is moving to Florida to be near family. A going away party will be **Sunday, February 19 at 6 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a finger food or dessert. No gifts, just well wishes.

**Meal Calendar**

A meal calendar has been set up for Tom and Kathy Deister. Access numbers are ID-249637 and security code is 2147. There are still some vacancies if you would like to check it out.

**Homeless Meal**

We will be serving the evening meal at the homeless shelter on North Ave. Monday, February 6. Lasagna trays will be distributed in the foyer right after morning assembly and servers should be at the shelter by 4:30 pm—first shift and 5:30 pm—second shift tomorrow evening.

**Creative Christian Art Guild**

The Art Guild will meet today in the fellowship hall at 1 PM. Glenda Scheurman will be presenting a demonstration on "Tags" and Kathy Karo one on "Quilling". Everyone is invited.

**Thursday Ladies Class.**

Please join us in a study of Philippians starting Thursday, February 9. We meet at 9:30 in room 103. Small children are welcome or if you're dropping children off for Thursday school, please stay and join us. Sign up is on the S2S bulletin board. See Glenda Scheurman for a book.

**Empty Nesters**

Empty Nesters Ladies Luncheon 11:30 AM on Friday, February 17 at the Olive Garden. Please RSVP to Sherry Crowe #256-1127 so we can make reservations.

Empty Nest Game Night and Chili Cookoff March 4th, 6 PM at the building. Bring games. Please call Sherry Crowe for food that is needed.

for Vicky Biocic who is being treated for blood clots in her legs. Pray for healing and the treatment to work without the clots moving to other areas.... and pray for comfort and peace for her as well as her family.

Pray for a friend of the Mendenhalls, Jim Terry, who has had cancer before and now has a lump in his leg, and they are checking the lymph nodes also. Pray for a good report from the tests, that he will not have cancer in them. Pray for comfort and peace for him.

Pray for Rich and Mary Mendenhall who have been ill with respiratory problems and pneumonia and in and out of the hospital a couple times in Arizona. Pray for healing for them and comfort.

Pray for Lori Roper, the daughter of Tom and Robin English, who is in the hospital in Ok. City having tests to see if they can discover what is causing the neurological incidents she has been suffering from. Pray they will find the cause and can treat it. Pray for comfort for her and her family and healing from whatever the cause is. Pray for Tom and Robin that they will have peace while they await the test results. Pray also for Tom and Robin as they deal with health problems that Tom has.

Continue to pray for Bobby Tucker, as he has radiation for cancer. Pray for safety in travel to come to the hospital to have them. Pray they will work and the cancer will be cured. Pray for healing and for peace for him and his family.

Continue to pray for Melody Haight as she recovers from her pneumonia. And Kathy Deister as she recovers from surgery., as well as Craig Roberts to continue to recover from surgery. Praise to God for answering our prayers for these as they have been recovering well.

Continue to pray for Shane Briggs and give thanks that the results of the bone marrow tests look very good. Pray for continued healing and comfort for him and peace for him and his family, as his day to day battle continues.

Continue to pray for Vickie Downey's sister in law Debra Trahern, who is receiving treatment for the ovarian cancer which has returned. Pray for the treatment to work and for her comfort and healing.....and peace for her and her family!

Continued prayers for David, who has leukemia and Betty Jo who has cancer...friends of Della Fiske-Turner. Pray for healing and comfort and peace for both of them and God's peace for their families

Continue to pray for Richard Sisco who is recovering from cellulitis. Pray for complete recovery and comfort as he heals.

Continue to pray for Stan Hurd, as his cancer has returned. Pray for healing and comfort and peace for him and his family. And for Verne Twait for a complete recovery from broken hip and shoulder, also for comfort has he heals.

Pray for Maxine Baxter, Kay Wilson's mother who just underwent diagnostic surgery. Pray the diagnosis will be a good one, and that it is not cancer. She is home and recovering from the surgery well.

Pray for Kim Fortney's dad, Bob, who had hip replacement surgery this week.

Pray for Jan Nelson's sister, Sally she is dealing with a detached retina. Pray for healing and for her vision to return to normal.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**This week:** Super Bowl Huddle @ the DeLong's (712 1/2 Willow Creek Rd.). Please check the sign up sheet on the Youth Group bulletin board to see what you can bring. We'll start at 4 pm. Please park on G Road by Canyon View Park. We will have the Church van there to shuttle you!

Feb. 19th @ the Hoffman's

**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. 29, 2017

Attendance	279
Weekly Contributions 1/29/17	\$5,362.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$5,452.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

## Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in February

Mark Brassette  
Mike Bricker  
Lynn Briggs  
Dave Bussert  
Shawn Collazo  
Lonnie DeLancey  
Scott DeLancey  
Preston Dixon

## Communion Preparation—February

Shirley Bagga

## Communion Table 2/5/17

Ron Wilson

## Announcements—February

David Olree

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

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

## Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

Doug Clayton	Auditorium
Singing Class	103

## 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	213
High School	203

## 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 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**