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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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Elder of Month

Curtis Fleming

Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word

Some were having a difficult time seeing the "Word" (hint, hint) on the above picture last week. You get another opportunity to look at it through new eyes today as we finish our study of **A New Creature Paradigm**. Last week we discovered from God's word that **Practicing joy** and **Perceiving the good** are keys to living as new creations. We finish up today with **Pursuing Gratitude**. Join me in **Luke 17** in a little while!

From my Sticky Tabs

"Thank you!" Sue Boyle and Della Fiske-Turner for clearing out our Food Pantry of all expired items and helping **Melody Haight** with this ministry during her recovery. Expect a Food Pantry update and announcement soon.

"Thank you!" Lynn and Leonard Harvey for all their work in our church library relocation project. They spent the better part of the past week or so boxing up heavy books, thinning out old media formats and clearing out the library, which will be the new medical supply room.

Men's Retreat April 7-8. Friday night April 7 and Saturday morning April 8th. **Randy Harris from Abilene Christian University** will be our speaker. Please plan to come and bring a friend for this time of entering God's word, great fellowship and Eddie's cookin'. Randy will stay over and teach class and preach on Sunday April 9th. Please see **Bo Hill** for sign up info and more details as it gets closer. We want every man, young and old, to come! **(PS: Tuesday in Valentines Day :-)**

Right Now Media: Please log in and visit the site via your recent email invite. Once in, Search **"The Butterfly Effect"** and see a brief, thought provoking video on choices!

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 and **Face Book page **Church of Christ of Grand Junction** to discover a little more about us.

Memory Verse For February: Romans 8:1

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

Planting and Watering

Perhaps it is a little early to be thinking about starting your garden. However, maybe not with the great Spring like weather we are having. Paul alludes to gardening or at least growing things as he writes to the church at Corinth. He mentions this as he deals with rivalries and jealousy in the church there. He says, "You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly: Are you not acting like mere men? For when one says, 'I follow Paul,' and another says, 'I follow Apollos' are you not mere men?" (1 Cor. 3:3,4). Growing takes teamwork, humility and cooperation. Planting and watering.

Paul goes on to describe how real growth occurs, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow." (1 Cor. 3:6,7). Lord willing Holly and I will be leaving Wednesday, February 15 for Guam and Saipan. We hope to plant and water and let God give the increase. You are a part of this as you support our work with your prayers, support and funds. We are nothing, just instruments of God. Planting and watering.

I want to mention some of the people we hope to contact so that you can be praying for us and them. We will stay at a hotel where we've stayed in the past. We've become friends of the manager there, Matthew Martin. He has contacted me several times since our last trip in January of 2016. His mother died and he needed some consolation so he called me. Now he is struggling with acute liver disease from his battle with the bottle. He asked me to counsel with him while we are there. He has not had a drink for several weeks now. He has a precious son of 13 who is a genius and a believer. Planting and watering.

Lord willing I will eat lunch one day with a Lieutenant on the police force who has helped me greatly in the past with my outreach as a Police Chaplain to the Guam Police Department. I usually ride along with several officers on each of my mission trips there. This Lieutenant is now coping with having his son in court over some serious charges as we speak. I will also try and spend time with another officer who had a domestic violence arrestee of his commit suicide in the jail cell last time I was there. I have texted him several times this past year and he has been so grateful. Planting and watering.

I hope to have time to be with Dr. Curtis Rigsby, Philosophy Professor at the University of Guam. He got me an opportunity years ago to lecture on the existence of God to a student group on campus. I was working with him on the possibility of my doing a public debate with an atheist on the University of Guam campus. On my last trip I met with Dr. Robert Underwood, President of the University of Guam. I hope to meet with him again concerning the debate, which he told me he would like to see happen. Planting and watering.

In connection with the idea of a public debate at UOG I have scheduled an afternoon of fishing with Ray Tenorio, the Lieutenant Governor of Guam. Last January Holly and I ate lunch with him and he has been very appreciative and supportive of my outreach efforts at the University of Guam and with the Guam Police Department. The Lt. Gov. is a believer and interested in evidences for the existence of God. Planting and watering.

Lord willing I will be preaching at the Asan church of Christ on Guam on Sunday morning and then the Saipan church of Christ on Sunday night. I hope to encourage the members of both of these churches. We will also be spending time with various church members of each congregation and their ministers. Alex Coloma preaches for the church on Guam and Manuel Cabaluna is the preacher on Saipan. Saipan is 127 miles north of Guam. Both preachers have people they want me to visit. On Saipan I will try and meet with the Police Chief as I did last January. The force had 6 officer suicides in 2015. I offered to start a Police Chaplaincy Program then to be a resource to officers. I will check up on that. One of the previous contacts on Saipan is Loida Park. She knows many people on Saipan and we hope to encourage her and help her with contacts she knows. Planting and watering.

Well, these are a few of the things we hope to accomplish and a few of the people we hope to visit and encourage. Pray for us as we attempt to give faith, hope and love to all we meet.

Planting and watering, your outreach minister,
John Cooper

IMPORTANT PANTRY NEWS

Until Melody Haight is able to return to her duties in the pantry, Della Fiske/Turner and Sue Boyle will be helping to keep it going. There will be a few changes in the meantime.

1. **Each month**, you will be asked to bring one or two specific items. (This will eliminate getting 200 jars of peanut butter and/or green beans while other items are scarce.)
2. **Please, please** purchase only canned goods which have expiration dates on them! (We can then know the length of time that items have been on the shelves.)
3. Check the bulletin to learn what items are needed.

Thank you very much for your donations.

FEBRUARY PANTRY NEEDS: Pork & Beans and other beans (not green beans) and **fruit** (apricots, peaches, etc.).

Change in Phone Numbers

Jerry and Brenda Austin have discontinued their phone land line and will be using only cell numbers.

Jerry's cell number is 970-683-6628

Brenda's cell number is 970-462-6067

Please change your directories to reflect these numbers.

Teacher needed—Wednesday evenings

A teacher is needed to take over the 2—5 year old children on Wednesday evenings for the next quarter. See Sharon Riddle if you can help. Many many thanks to Tuttie DeLancey for teaching the last quarter.

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.

Scribes of Christ

Just a reminder that we have a card ministry that we'd love to have you be a part of. We have an email list that goes out once a week with card needs and ideas. If you'd like to be a part of this ministry, simply email Lesa Brassette at Lesa@Brassette.com (You may also email me with card needs you know of.)

Rachel Peacock and family—loss of grandfather and for safe travel.

Please keep the following requests in your prayers. We have seen the results in the answers from God. Your prayers are important and make a difference...thank you for praying!!

Pray for Ron Wilson as he has more tests, for his continuing health problem with Kidneys. Pray the results will be good. He also has to have more treatment for skin cancer, pray they will be successful in the treatment and can remove it all. Pray for comfort and peace for Ron, and pray for Kay also.

Please continue to pray for those who have on going health issues. We must not grow weary in praying for comfort and healing, patience, wisdom in decisions and God's blessings for them. Some are recovering slowly, others are doing much better....so continue to lift them and their families before our heavenly Father.

Jan Nelson's sister Sally....detached retina

Kim Fortney's dad, Bob....hip replacement

Stan Hurd...cancer

Verne Twait...broken hip and shoulder.

Della Fiske-Turners friends , Betty ...cancer and David...leukemia

Vickie Downey's sister in law Debra...ovarian cancer

Shane Briggs...leukemia

Vicky Biocic....blood clot in leg

Bobby Tucker...cancer

Tom and Robin English...Tom's various health issues

Prayers of thanksgiving for the improvement and healing that He has granted, Melody Haight, Kathy Deister, Craig Roberts and others that have recovered from various illness or surgery. God is good! Thank Him for answered prayers.

Continue also to pray for our nation and its leaders. "First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and a those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. this is good, and it pleases God our Savior. " 1 Timothy 2:1-3 HCSB

Continue prayers for our church family here that we will be the servants of the Lord God that He desires and that we will seek His guidance and wisdom in all we do and say. That our lives will truly bring honor to His name and others to His Kingdom.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

> No Huddle tonight!

February 19 - 6-8 p.m. at Alex & Zoe Hoffman's house (3159 White Cross Lane - GJ 81504) Invite a friend and come for dinner, fun and a devotional! Girls bring desserts, boys bring drinks!

March 5 - at the home of David and Sue Olree (Kayden & Chelsea's grandparents!)

TODAY**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!

Reminder

High School Students—sign up for Winter Peak



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For the Record

Feb. 5, 2017

Attendance	264
Weekly Contributions 2/5/17	\$10,058.67
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,264.50
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 2/12/17

Scott DeLancey

Announcements—February

David Ofree

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