



Real Life News & Notes

Patterson Road church of Christ

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Outreach Minister

John Cooper
Home: 241-4075
Cell: 216-5782
jscooper1952@bresnan.net

Worship Minister

Lane Coale
Home: 985-4818
Cell: 712-4921
abbeyroad68@yahoo.com

Youth Minister

Matt Lee
Cell: 214-554-1253
mattleez@yahoo.com

Preaching Minister

Doug Clayton
Home: 523-1654
Cell: 201-3470
dclayton12@aol.com

Visitation Minister

Hunt Zumwalt
Cell: 210-8960
hmzumwalt@bresnan.net

Church Office

Office: 970-245-4210
Fax: 970-245-4211
jtidwell@bresnan.net

Web: grandjunctionchurch.org

Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Default

The computer guru is in the church building this week upgrading, fixing and otherwise trying to dispel cyberspace gremlins, so please indulge my analogy as my mind is tuned to that world at the moment.

In financial terminology **defaulting** is not a good thing. It means you didn't pay what you owe. In the technology world a "**default**" is where a computer can revert to a safe, reliable setting in the event things get a bit weird in the gigabyte universe. Sound familiar? A program freezes up, you get an error message, and instead of giving you the option of throwing it across the room, the device asks you if you want to restore the **default settings** to correct the problem. While we are strongly tempted to slam the device to the floor or drop kick it into the street, all are better served if we choose the more civil and controlled approach first, the **default setting**.

How do we treat those with whom we interact in our community and in our family? Is our **default** to first assume the worst? Do we step away from the unclean, look up to heaven and thank God we are not like all those unworthy sinners around us (**Luke 18:9-14**)? Or, do we **default** to acknowledging we are sinners first and foremost, and in our neighbor assume a good heart, a well intended motive, a precious but wounded spirit, a cry for help?

As Jesus followers we have been commissioned, commanded and empowered to love one another. And yet when a **byte of Scripture** or a **doctrinal fragment** is out of sync between brethren what is our **default** response? What **attitude** do we revert to in our treatment of a brother or sister in Christ with whom we may disagree, including those Christians who assemble in different named church buildings? Do we opt to first throw them across the room (figuratively of course...I hope) by rushing to judgment or eyeing them with suspicion? Is our **default setting** to vilify them, avoid them, critique them, brand them, debate them, label them, or discount all they say and do in faith because we perceive a discrepancy and a different understanding of scripture than we might have?

If you are like me, it can be a little too easy and convenient (if not hypocritical) to **default** to judgment instead of mercy, criticism instead of encouragement, divisiveness instead of peace-making, anger instead of calm, debating instead of listening, pride instead of humility, hurting instead of healing, harshness instead of kindness, and finding fault instead of extending grace. How sadly ironic is it that these un-Christ like **default** reactions are often justified and defended in the name of "**faithfulness**" to the word of God, when in reality that very Word compels us to **do** and to **be** otherwise as we pursue love and unity with all believers?

Jesus never condoned sin and yet his default response in dealing with sinners was always set to grace, mercy, forgiveness, patience, compassion, and kindness. Our Lord "programmed" within his followers the default setting of **love**.

Memory Verse For February-Rev. 21:4

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes."

Our Gathering Today

Feeding on the Word

Our identity and security in Christ is described in various vivid and wonderful ways in the Bible. This morning we will unpack a few passages that talk about that precious identity with the term "seal" (not the special forces kind, or the cute, furry sea mammal variety). Hope you brought your Bibles and an open heart this morning.

Welcome Guests! Thank you for being with us! Please make yourself comfortable and don't feel like you have to act in a certain way, we are just people like you. We trust your time here this morning will be an encouragement and blessing and you might find this family of faith to be a place where you want to belong. Please let us know how we might serve you. We invite you to share Communion with us at the bread and wine (grape juice) are passed.

Acts of service...the face of Jesus

Appreciation to **Sheila Yeager** for sharing with us the **Bible time line**. She uses it in her class and it has been on display in the fellowship hall the past few weeks. Take an opportunity to look at it before it is taken down.

*****The Truth Project.*****

Join us **Wednesday night at 7pm** for **Tour 5 part 2**. Dr. Tackett continues his discussion of the undeniable evidence in creation of a **Designer**. Bring a friend, neighbor or Truth seeker!

"Love One Another!"

Pepperdine Lectureships

The Pepperdine Lectureships take place May 5—May 8. Bryan Crowe has registration forms and programs for this event if you would like to attend. See him for questions.

Men's Retreat

The Grand Junction Men's Retreat takes place February 27 & 28. here at the building. We are in need of people to sign up to house out-of-town guests. See John Coper if you have questions.

Business Meeting

There will be a business meeting right after morning assembly on February 22 in the auditorium. The entire congregation is encouraged to stay. David Downey will be coordinator.

Women's Ministry

Ladies, you have received a survey in the mail this past week. Please complete and return ASAP to the basket in the foyer. Also, mark your calendars for a Spring Tea on Saturday March 14 (Details to follow). If you would like to help contact either Glenda Scheuerman or Karen Wade.

Change Address & Phone Number:

Melody Haight's new address is
2739 Hwy 50 #50,
Grand Junction, CO 81503

Phone Number: 970-260-7315

August Canyonlands Tour

August 23—30 John Clayton will guide a tour of the Canyonlands area. If you would like to take the tour, see John Cooper. The tour fills up quickly.

Special Prayer Requests

Please keep the following prayer requests in your daily prayers. Thank You for your prayers, they are very important!! And are much appreciated!!

LUKE HIGGINS....infant son of the Patrick Higgins', he had more surgery this week. Pray for a complete recovery from it and that it was successful. Pray for his comfort and for peace and strength for his parents and family.

Jan Nelson has two requests from friends. Her friend Becky asks for prayers for her sister in lawn CLARA, who is very seriously ill with pneumonia. Pray for her healing if it is God's will and for comfort for her and peace and comfort for her family. Her friend JANICE needs prayers for neuropathy in her feet as a result of cancer treatment. Pray for the pain to cease. Also pray for God to guide her family in working out some issues they are facing right now.

Continue to pray for the following who have various health issues they are dealing with at present.

LOUSIE MARTINEZ....LOSS OF HUSBAND AND BREAST CANCER

TURPIN TWINS....new borns and under weight, pray for weight gain and health for them both

MIKE WILLIS.....advanced cancer, broken hip

JOSEPH GONAZLES.....several problems, having many tests, checking for cancer or cause of his symptoms.,, no diagnosis yet.

LYNN BRIGGS.....severe back pain, in the 5th week of not being able to sit or walk....having injections on Friday

SUE MARUTSKY..... dealing with some health issues , strength and comfort for her and peace.

ED RIDDLE....continued recovery from surgery

TOM ENGLISH.....continued recovery from heart surgery

Also we need to always pray for Christians and the church around the world , especially in places where it is being so severely persecuted. Pray for strength and safety for those victims of the radical Islam groups. and for the humanitarian groups that are over there to provide sustenance and shelter for the victims.

For our nation and the leaders, for the nation and leaders to repent and turn back to God.

For our missionaries, who are taking God's word to the nations, and often are in harms way. For guidance and protection and wisdom.

For our military and families, who are sacrificing to keep our nation free.....and are in harms way both physically and from our own nations leaders. Pray for protection and support for them and for God to bless them with His peace and comfort as they do what they do so well and willingly.

Prayers of thanksgiving always to our loving, merciful God, who sustains us and cares for us. For answered prayers and the assurance of His abiding presence.

Youth News

WINTER PEAK

Friday, February 20 – Sunday, February 22. The Grand Junction youth group will be attending a **high school** winter retreat near Estes Park, CO. The cost is \$110. Plan to attend this amazing, uplifting, encouraging and fun weekend. Matthew Lee and Sheri Heath will be attending along with the first 13 students to sign up.

Huddle

Next Sunday, February 15, we will have a Huddle at the Heath's House, 1976 K Rd. Fruita, CO 81521.

Wednesday Night

In this final lesson, we will examine the idea of "Multiple Me's" in our lives—in other words, the battle to live consistently.

We will build our conversation on 2 Timothy 4:5-8, words from the Apostle Paul to his protégé Timothy. These words—written while Paul sat in a Roman prison—remind of us his consistency, faithfulness, and commitment as a follower of Jesus, and the impact he had on so many people's lives. Paul wasn't a perfect guy, but he was committed to consistently honoring, obeying, and pointing people toward God.



Patterson Road church of Christ

2893 Patterson Road
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Phone: 970-245-4210
Web: grandjunctionchurch.org

For the Record

Feb. 8, 2015

Attendance	279
Average Attendance, 4th qtr.	282
Contributions	\$6,179.00
Budget	\$7,035.38

Communion Preparation—February

Shirley Bagga

Communion Table 2/15

David Downey

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in February

Randy Romkee
David Scheuerman
Ed Seela
Richard Sisco
Ryan Smith
Bill Tidwell
Eddie Tinkle
Herb Tinkle

Announcements

Scott Ferguson-February
Curtis Fleming—March
Ron Wilson—April

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Bill Wade—Making a Worthy Christian Walk—Auditorium
Vince Urbina, Book of Romans—103
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7- 8 PM

Doug Clayton—Auditorium

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

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

Sunday Morning Worship at Mesa View Retirement Center Starts At 10 A.M.

Feb 15	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Acts 4:32-36
Feb 22	Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey	Acts 5:1-11
Mar 1	Bill Tidwell, David Olree	Acts 5:17-32
Mar 8	Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence	Acts 6:1-7
Mar 15	Chuck Tournay, Hunt Zumwalt	Acts 7:51-8:3
Mar 22	Bob Howard, Dave Scheuerman	Acts 8:4-25
Mar 29	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Acts 8:26-40

Visitors welcome.