

Real Life News & Notes

church of Christ of Grand Junction

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Pray for Open Doors!

In Colossians 4:2-6 Paul gives some wonderful advice on how to share the faith. **First**, “devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful” (4:2). On the way from Honolulu to Guam I sat next to a Continental Airlines pilot. No, I wasn’t in the cockpit, he was being ferried back from a job in Hawaii to his new home base on Guam. We talked for hours (it is an eight hour flight) about his search for faith. God was with me, I used the i-pad someone had donated to my mission work and showed him evidence for faith which he greatly appreciated. He thanked me when we landed in Guam. By the way, Shane Hinnerman, Dave and Glenda’s son-in-law, had helped me load these presentations from my Microsoft powerpoint files to Apple’s “keynote” not to long before I left for Guam. Thank God I was ready!

Second, Paul then again says something else about prayer, “pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message,” (4:3). This past Sunday a man and his wife came to church services who had not been there for months. I spoke on regaining our “first love” from Revelation 2:1-7. I mentioned the five “love bust-ers” from Willard Harley’s book of the same title. These are things that destroy love in relationships. After services I met them and asked if I could come visit them. Yesterday, Wednesday, I did visit with them and they were so appreciative of my words on Sunday and my visiting them. They had been having some marital struggles and the man said, “It was like God was speaking to me. I have been guilty of all five of those things you mentioned.” Later he actually said, “you have opened a new door for me.” I had not even mentioned the above verse. Thank you for your support and prayers, God is opening doors here on Guam for His Word to work in the lives of people. I will share some more thoughts from this section of Scripture in this section of the bulletin next week, Lord willing.

In the name of the God who answers prayers and opens door, John Cooper

YOUTH SECTION

A Confession of Faith

Over the last couple thousand years, many believers have undertaken the task of framing and finalizing a formal confession of faith. Every few hundred years or so, believers decided that “what WE believe” isn’t clear enough, or it’s too hard to explain, or it gets too often confused with “what THEY believe” and we simply can’t have that.

And so believers drew new lines in the sand, suspiciously close to all the other lines in the sand. New statements are drawn up, voted on, prayed over, and ultimately carved in wood or glazed on a plate.

Some good is accomplished, of course! There is always benefit to our family talking about what it means to believe in Christ, passing it on to other peoples and generations. And how encouraging it is to be in a room with others who proclaim the same God, the same Grace, the same Saving Love.

But a danger, as already mentioned, is that these formal Confessions/Creeds/etc. can just take the effect of reinforcing the walls put up between “us” and “them.”

True confession will unify. Always. Whether it’s a confession of faith in Christ, a confession of need/poverty (financial, spiritual, etc), or a confession of sin, the end result will always be a family coming

together.

Paul confessed his faith constantly. He reminded the family of what we all share with each breath. Each word was an informal confession of faith in the God that unites all his children with the same Saving Love. Go read Colossians 1:15-23 for one of these confessions, and consider the effect it had on those in Colosse who first read it. And if you feel moved to confess your faith along with the church family today, consider the unifying effect it will have on us all.

-Lucas

Welcome to Brian and Rachel Peacock! You are family, and it is encouraging to have you here.

Tonight: Huddle at the Flemings’ house at **6!** Ask Zack what you should bring, because I’m sure he knows.

Tuesday: Outcasts at the church at **7!** We’re studying 1 Peter, and what it means to find one’s identity in Christ.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Have Come Into His House 296

Children's Verse – Lucas Matthews

Announcements - Vince Urbina

Song Leader— Lane Coale

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Greeting Time:

We Have Come Into His House Vs 1

Call to Worship: Lane Coale

Here I am To Worship

Listen To Our Hearts 810

There's a Stirring

Here In This Place

Come Share The Lord 364

Communion & Offering: Bill Barslund

Lord Listen to Your Children Praying 726 (Women First Time, Men
Second Time, All Third Time)

SERMON: A Church that Prays together—Doug Clayton

Faithful Love 18

Elder's Blessing:

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

Feb. 12, 2012

Attendance	275
Average Attendance, 2011	258

Contributions	\$7,231.10
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

EDITH WILSON—Has taken a turn for the worse and is being transferred to Aspen Ridge Alzheimer's Facility.
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—Improving!! Praise God!

ED RIDDLE—Also Improving.

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—Is improving. Pray for her continued recovery.

CHERYL WILKINSON—Will be undergoing surgery for breast cancer. Keep her in your prayers.

CHARLES FANT.....cancer

STAN HURD..... heart problems and lymphoma

CAROLYN DEBERRY—Improving and able to be with us on Sunday again. Welcome back!

WINNE AND MARIA LARCADA—Keep them in your prayers for Maria's continued healing.

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.

JOHN AKERS—Will be in Boulder next week undergoing tests for esophageal cancer.

Notes and Items of Interest

Mary Baker

We are saddened to report that Mary Baker, sister of Sue Boyle, passed away February 13 of kidney failure in LaJunta. Please keep her bereaved family in your prayers that they may be comforted. There will be no services at the request of the family.

Empty Nesters Breakfast & River Walk.

Empty Nesters will meet at Pufferbelly Restaurant for breakfast on February 25th at 9:00 AM . This will be a planning meeting so bring ideas. Walk along the river afterwards. RSVP to Sherry Crowe, #256-1127.

Youth/Student Minister Candidates

Brian Peacock and his wife, Rachel, will be here today. Brian is interviewing for the Youth/Student minister position. He is a graduate of Abilene Christian University and is finishing his Masters Degree in missions from there at this time. Brian's family moved around a bit when he was growing up, but considers Colorado his home as he lived here during middle and high school and graduated from Columbine High School in Littleton. His wife, Rachel, is an Abilene native, also an ACU graduate, and currently teaches high school math in Abilene. Please get to know them and keep this process in your prayers.

Pepperdine University 69th Bible Lectures May 1-4

"Lifted Up by Hope in Romans 5:8"

Church van leaves April 30 and returns May 5th

Brochures on back table

See Bryan Crowe for details: 970.778.7900

Vets Helping Vets

Vets Helping Vets is teaming with Texas Roadhouse for a fundraising luncheon of pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, salad and iced tea on Friday, February 24th from 11 AM—2 PM at the Texas Roadhouse, 2870 North Ave. Cost of lunch is \$10.00 per person.

Missions Meeting

We are going to have a missions meeting next Monday night February the 20th. at 7 p.m. at Sandy Gustafson's home

Men's Retreat

There have been 40 men sign up to attend the Men's Retreat. If you plan on attending and have not turned in a registration, please do so as the deadline has been extended another week. Also, out-of-towners who may want to stay overnight are responsible for making their own reservations.

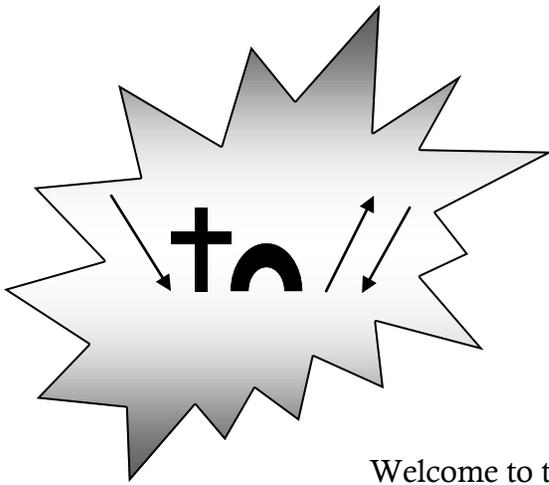
Thank You!

Thanks a bunch to the children and their parents who worked on the Valentine's Ministry. Thanks to Susan Towles, Kelsay Heath, Sarah and Beth Jennings, and Kloe Nelson for coming to help! And thank you to those who brought candy and other supplies to help make the bags. We were able to make 40 bags! Extra thanks to those who helped deliver all of the goodie bags!

Lots of love flowing in this congregation and I can just picture God smiling! Blessings Y'all! - Lesa

Summer Fun

VBS (Vacation Bible School) is set for July 23 - July 27 in the evenings. SonQuest: Rainforest is our Bible adventure for this summer. Begin now to pray for guidance of how you can get involved, whom you can invite, and for God's love to be shone brightly in our community. I will soon be asking for leaders in the following areas: Bible Lessons, Games, Singing, Crafts, Snacks, Decorating, Nursery and Advertising.—Lesa Brassette



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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

- 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

"I know whom I have believed,, and am convinced He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that day." II Timothy 1:12 NIV