

February 21, 2016



Real Life News & Notes Patterson Road church of Christ

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



Our Gathering Today!

Welcome Guests! (Guest WiFi is available)

Guests, thank you for gathering with us this morning! You will be asked to raise your hand to receive a small gift (yummy loaf of bread). Attached to the gift is a card for you to fill out and drop in the collection plate as it is passed around a little later. May you be blessed and encouraged by our simple Christ focused gathering as we sing, pray, commune and feast on the word of God together as a family of believers. (We usually dismiss by about 11:30.) **Please let us know how we might serve you.**

We have several venues for young children for your convenience: An adult staffed nursery, a mother's nursing/cry room, and an age appropriate class (we call it 'Children's church') for ages 3 through 3rd grade. We dismiss them right before the sermon.

If you would like to know more about us feel free to ask or go to grandjunction-church.org and click on the "About" tab and then "What we believe."

Thank you for being here this morning!

Feeding on the Word! (the sermon)
"Everything We Need, Part 2". Last Sunday we talked about God's timely provision of **Hope and Comfort** in difficult times. Today we will consider God's ever present blessings of **Strength** and the **Peace** that comes with God's presence. **Hope you brought a Bible and an open heart today!**

****This coming weekend is our men's retreat (Friday night and Saturday morning) and Don McLaughlin will stay and teach class and preach for us Sunday as well!****

Spiritual Growth Prompt #6 - Brotherly kindness!

Peter has mentioned "**goodness**," "**knowledge**," "**self-control**," "**perseverance**" and "**godliness**" as traits that should be added to our faith. He now adds "**brotherly kindness**." Once again it seems Peter is mentioning the obvious, confirming the advice our momma's told us when we were little: Be nice, treat others with the compassion and friendliness, in a "**brotherly**" way. We can distinguish ourselves from the world by being **kind**. Its far too easy to try to rationalize mistreatment of others, some even invoking religion to defend unkind behavior. "**Well, Jesus turned over the tables and ran out the money changers!**" Another dangerous foray into justified unkindness is: "**My Bible says is OK to be angry as long as we don't sin!**" as if the shouting person were able to consistently exercise godly restraint in taking anger to the very edge of sin's cliff. Suddenly those who want an excuse to be unkind are Bible quoting (misquoting) theologians. **Let's just admit that sometimes its very hard to be kind.** Yet, God desires for us to **do the hard thing**, to grow in **brotherly kindness** and confess our sin of hurting people and dishonoring our Lord's example when we say, do and think in unkind things.

We all know people whose faith shines because they are **kind** regardless the situation. Everybody loves a **kind** person. **Kind** people are strong witnesses for Jesus. I want to add to my faith more **kindness!** I will quote my wise, gentle father-in-law who is the **kindest** man I know: "**There is never any reason to be unkind to anyone.**"

"Love One Another!"

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Memory Verse For February: Isa. 40:26

"God knows every star by name"

In Sin

So God created human beings in his own image. Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.” God gave man a job to do great things for this world, but often we don’t do anything because sin keeps us from him. We are told in Philippians 4:13 that “For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.” And yet we don’t do the great things because we try to hide ourselves from Christ.

When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden it cause them to hide, “Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.” -Genesis 3:8. Adam and Eve were embarrassed to be seen in God’s presence because they sinned. They tried to hide from God which was impossible and laughable to us. We are no different though. Our sin keeps us from doing great things for God. Sometimes it keeps us out of church, other times it stops us from telling others the “good news” because we don’t want to look like hypocrites. When we live in sin we often only think about ourselves and we have not time to think about what we can do for others.

When we sin we separate ourselves from God. We believe Satan’s lie that we can sin and not die, which is partially true, but in reality we become dead inside. We are dead in our sins while we walk on this earth. Because we are dead we hide from God and the good things that he created us to do.

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God Bless,
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Elders request that you be considering names of men to recommend for Deacons.

Announcements

Special Prayer Requests

Greetings, everyone!

I have scheduled a meeting in Room 103 on Sunday, March 6, 2016 immediately after the Sunday morning bible classes for anyone and everyone who is interested in teaching, co-teaching, team teaching, or just learning to teach adult bible classes for our congregation. I would ask that you seriously consider helping out in this ministry. We need you!!

Please consider attending the March 6 meeting and then volunteering to help in our adult classes. I have a huge library of material that I am more than willing to share with you, and I am willing to help you in any way that I can. See you this Sunday and, hopefully, on March 6. **Your brother in Christ, Tom Deister**

Elders Invitation

The Elders are inviting all Deacons and Ministry Leaders to an Appreciation Breakfast and Planning Session Saturday, March 19th. Please mark your calendars.

Care Calendar Needs

There has been a meal calendar created for the Wilkins family and for Thelma Davis, as they are celebrating the arrival of baby Shepard. If you are willing to help provide a meal, here is the information to use on www.carecalendar.org Wilkins Calendar ID: 229774 Security Code: 4886 Davis Calendar: 229808 Security Code: 7254.

Ladies Bunco Night

Our next Bunco night is Monday, February 29, starting at 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Bring a snack to share if you can, a card table if you have one, a wrapped prize if the mood suits you, and invite a friend if you want!

Empty Nester Luncheon

There will be an Ladies Empty Nest Luncheon on February 25 at Olive Garden at 11:30. Please RSVP to Sherry Crowe at 256-1127 or Peg Sisco at 523-9854. Hope to see you there!

Please pray for the following requests that we have received this week. Prayer are so important, and they are much appreciated by all. May you be blessed for your prayers on behalf of others.

Continue to pray for the Hendricks family, in the loss of Scott's father and also his aunt last week, and for his uncle who was hospitalized with a stroke. Continue to pray for the Davis family in the death of Thelma's daughter Margie. As well as for Thelma's health issues. We are thankful she was able to join us last Sunday. Also for continued comfort for Ryan Smith and family in his mothers death. Pray for the family of Deputy Geer who was killed last week, pray for his community and for the community of law enforcement as they mourn his loss.

Betsy Brown still needs our prayers. She has some serious health issues. Pray for comfort and healing.

Pray for the elderly mother of Gail Urbina's friend Nancy K. She had surgery to fix a severely broken arm this past week. Pray for her healing and her comfort during the process.

Pray for Bill and Jimmye's son who had a stroke. Pray the he will recover completely and for comfort for him. Pray also for Bill as he travels to and from California to be with their son.

Continue to pray for Sherry Bradley's father, Jim Webb, as he recovers from a serious infection in his spine.

Pray for Tyler Johnson, the young man Doug is mentoring, as he is released from jail and for the good outcome in his upcoming court date.

Pray for the family of the young man who shot the deputy. We do not know the motive or anything about him/them, but I am sure they need prayers for comfort and peace, I certainly would if it were me.

For our military and law enforcement and first responders/firemen.

YOUTH NEWS

WINTER PEAK

February 26-28 Cost \$75

Join high school students from all over Colorado at a retreat designed to encourage and uplift our youth. This weekend is filled with activities, speakers, and worship! Please fill out and turn in your **registration form by February 21st**. Each year a new theme inspires and encourages students in their relationships with each other and God.

Huddle

March 6th

The Wrights will host a huddle at their home. If you would like to host a huddle please contact Keri Fleming.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

April 6th-8th Cost \$75

A special event just for middle school students in early spring. Join youth from around Colorado at a retreat designed for students in grades 6-8. The weekend is filled with activities, speakers, and worship! Please fill out and turn in your **registration form by March 3rd**. Each year a new theme inspires and encourages students in their relationships and faith.

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God Bless,

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For the Record

Feb 14, 2016

Attendance	
Weekly Contributions 2/14/16	\$5,072.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,433.50
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

Communion Preparation—February

Shirley Bagga

Communion Table 2/21/16

Bryan Crowe

Upcoming Children's Bible Verses

March—Isa. 40:22
April—Isa. 40:29
May—Col. 1:15

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in February

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

Announcements

February—Scott Delancey

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

Tom Deister—Auditorium
Vince Urbina—103
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 6—7 PM

David Scheuerman—Auditorium
Singing Class—103

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

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

Thursday Morning Bible Classes

Thursday Bible School for Pre-Schoolers—9:30 am—1 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
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 6 PM