

Real Life News & Notes

church of Christ of Grand Junction

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“Island Life”

As most of you are aware, Holly and I just returned from the Pacific island of Guam. If I were to add “tropical” to “Pacific island of Guam” our minds might be carried away to sandy beaches, coconut trees, beautiful blue water and gentle island sea breezes. They are all there. Paradise!? However, these images don’t give us a complete picture of how things really are. In my brief, and often not so brief, conversations with people, a different picture emerges.

The first Saturday on Guam I was singing at the funeral of a 24 year old young man who had died of leukemia. Later in my visit on Guam I counseled with a woman whose husband had recently left her for another woman. Apparently, one woman in the line of many he had been with. Her son just told her he didn’t believe in God any more. Another couple I had counseled with separately had a “misunderstanding” in downtown Agana and I was called to pick him up where he thought he had been left to walk home. On my way to church one night I stopped by the boat basin to fish and watch others catch fish. A young man named Juan just came up to me and started telling about how his marriage was on the rocks. Another man I met at church told me

Guam has a very high suicide rate. “Island life” may not be all it is cracked up to be. In fact life without Jesus is really not what the world would lead you to believe. When we live without Jesus we live without real hope, real forgiveness, and cannot know the ultimate in love. Several that I have talked with on the island of Guam couldn’t wait to leave “the rock” as they called it. This “island paradise” does not fill and fulfill for long. It is not so much where you live as who lives in you. Jesus can make things better wherever we are (John 10:10).

Paradise bound, John Cooper

YOUTH SECTION

Confession, in Conclusion

The Psalms are sometimes uncomfortable to read, due to the impassioned and naked emotion that is shared. The Psalms can also be the most comforting scripture to read, for the same reason.

Throughout these 2500-3000 (ish) year old poems and songs, we see a number of God's children baring their souls and holding nothing back. Some words are lovely and are put to tune for worship songs. Some words are less pleasant. Some words are so harsh that they are often excluded from readings in public worship services.

We can read deep hope in God in the midst of despair (Psalm 69) and joy in a victorious redeemer (Ps 48), or we can read anger towards God (Ps 39) and a deep longing for God when he seems to be absent (Ps 101). Or, we can find a bitter desire for retribution against enemies with a disquieting amount of detail (Ps 35, 83).

While we won't be singing Psalm 39 anytime soon (altogether now! “Remove your scourge from me; I am over

come by the blow of your hand” la la la), it is telling that God has seen fit to preserve these Psalms for us today. Even when his people are praying what we might call ugly or hateful things, God affirms these words and he accepts them as worship.

Confession yields the same mixture of comfort and discomfort, as we reveal the lovely and the less-pleasant that our hearts contain. You might think there are things that God does not want to hear, or that the church could never know, or that you just have to keep inside forever. But God asks you to confess them all, and he will accept it as worship.

-Lucas

Announcements: Tonight at 6 come to the **Heaths'** house for **Huddle!** Come and meet Rob and Abby Dennis! **Bring Root Beer** (for floats) and you can also ask Bobby or Bodie what else you should bring, or just bring pomegranate juice for Lucas.

Outcasts this Tuesday at 7 at the church!

Memory Verse For March: Phillipians 4:14 NIV

“Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Children's Verse – Lucas Matthews
Announcements - Vince Urbina
Song Leader– Bryan Crowe
Meet & Greet

#41—Mighty Is Our God
 Come Now Is The Time To Worship
 I Want To Know Christ
 #290—Shine Jesus, Shine
 Great Are You , Lord
 More Like You
 #287—There Is A Redeemer
 Worthy Is The Lamb

The Lord's Supper
The Bread
The Wine

#779—I Love You, Lord
Offering
 2nd & 3rd Verse—I Love You, Lord
Song Before Sermon

Sermon—Fan or Follower: Define the Relationship—Doug Clayton

Invitation
 #845—Gentle Shepherd

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in
March

Larry Ball
 Doug Barnett
 Bill Barslund
 Wes Beaver
 Dean Blanck
 Scott Bradley
 Mark Brassette
 Mike Bricker

Announcements

March-----Vince Urbina
April-----Ron Wilson
May-----Curtis Fleming
June-----Karl Antwine

For the Record
Feb. 26 2012

Attendance	251
Average Attendance, 2011	258
Contributions	\$6,140.00
Budget	\$6,715.30

Communion Preparation—March

James & Corren Lind
Special Prayer Requests

Outreach Minister—John Cooper	241-4075
Minister—Doug Clayton	523-1654
Visitation Minister—Hunt Zumwalt	210-8960

Prayer Requests

A.J. URBINA.. Hit in the eye with a tennis ball, seeing a specialist, pray that he will have no permanent injury or loss of vision.
 CHERYL WILKINSON...Pray for her recovery from breast cancer, for strength and comfort and for her family.
 STAN HURD....has heart problems and lymphoma, pray for comfort and strength for him, and for his family.
 WENE & MARIA LARCADA...continue to pray for Maria's continued healing.
 EMMA MOORE...pray for her as she undergoes a rare and delicate surgery in the near future.
 THURMAN CHILDERS....pray for his comfort and strength as he deals with lung cancer.
 JOHN AKERS...pray for him as he has several health issues right now and will have to have them treated before he can have tests for throat cancer....pray for strength, comfort and healing for and the tests to go well...also for the treatments to work.
 RON WILSON...Continue to pray for him , for his healing of the various things that he has been dealing with, for strength and comfort for he and Kay. Ron also has asked for prayers for a little 3 year old boy he know who has a heart condition which required a procedure to be done. Pray for healing and comfort for him and his family.
 BAILEE TUCKER...pray for healing from a knee injury.
 EDDIE GROSS...pray for him as he deals with a partial amputation...for healing and strength.
 BILL FARIELLO....pray for healing from open heart surgery...for a quick recovery, for strength as he heals.
 CAROL COALE....pray for her as she has constant pain in her shoulder, give her healing, strength and comfort..and that the pain will diminish.
 ARTHUR RITCHEY...pray for success in the treatments he is presently undergoing to heal tissue damage from radiation he got when he's being treated for cancer

RICH MENDENHALL... pray for successful surgery on March 27 for prostate cancer and for peace of mind as he prepares for it, and complete healing.
 KIM ORR... His back/neck surgery went fine , pray for his recovery and that the pain will be minimal
 JESSICA BOONE.....got infection in her liver, due to leakage into her system it became septic....she was in very serious condition in ICU, has received many different treatments for many different issues, as her system was shutting down....she is doing better, as her kidneys are functioning and other things seem to be responding to treatment...thought there are several complications... she is conscious now and very uncomfortable and confused. But is able to sit up and speak. Pray for her healing and for comfort, strength and for the treatments to work. Pray it all will not have any affect on her brain and the progress she has made. Pray also for her family...and the doctors
 ALYX BARTHEL ...she is having some difficult times right now. Pray for her to let God guide her through and give her peace and wisdom for her life.
 TUTTI DELANCEY....suffering with flu, pray for a quick recovery for her.
 TEDDIE GOODNER...will be traveling to Florida, pray for safety in travel there and back .
 AMY MOORE....has had some health problems, pray for the causes to be resolved and the problems to be gone.
 Pray for comfort for the FAMILIES who have lost loved ones recently. The family of Charles Fant, Sue Boyle in the loss of her sister, the family of Jeremy Johnston, and Jess and Jeremy, who lost their baby to SIDS.
 DAN SCOTT...Paralyzed with Guillian Barre syndrome. Dan is Latayne Scott's husband. Pray for healing for him. And strength and comfort for the family.
 VERLYN MATHEWS.....in VA Nursing Home, Room 109. He is improving, has had surgery and is expected to go home next week. Praise God.

Notes and Items of Interest

Change of Address

Steve and Joanie Barbee have moved from Palisade to Grand Junction.
Their new address is:

2738 Sierra Vista Road
Grand Junction, CO 81503
Phone: 640-1186

Thank You!

Edith Wilson has been transferred to:

Aspen Ridge Alzheimer's Care, Room #12
622 28 1/4 Rd
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Edith does not have a phone and she is begging for visitors. She may not know you but we know Edith and what the Wilson's presence has meant to this congregation in the cause of Christ over the years. We cherish the love, good works and memories. Kenny & Edith were famous for cheerfully bustling around here doing things that needed to be done. Joanie reports that Edith has settled down in her new place and that she is looking forward to being with Jesus, something that she has strived for all of her life. God bless this precious woman and our other shut-ins (Ann Willis is also at the Alzheimer's facility). They may not be able to be with us but they are here in spirit and sometimes just seeing your face can ease a lonely heart.

Dear Grand Junction Church,

Thank you so much for your hospitality this past weekend. We were blown away by the love we were shown by everyone we met. May the Lord continue to bless the work you do in Grand Junction.
Love, *Brian & Rachel Peacock*

Thank you!

A BIG Valentine thank you to Lesa, Mark, Trinity, Will, Hannah, Isaiah, Savannah, Cheyenna, Kirsten, Felicity, Telluride and Korbin.
Susan Towles

AIMS Student Stepping Down

Alyx Barthel has decided to step down from the AIM Program. Alyx wants to thank everyone for the spiritual and financial support that has been given to her. Alyx currently plans to stay in Lubbock and we do plan to continue her support for another two months. We already have the funds set aside to cover her continued support. If you have been supporting Alyx financially the Missions Ministry sincerely thanks you but would like to let you know that your financial support is no longer needed.

Young Marrieds Seminar

There will be a seminar here at the building on Saturday and Sunday April 28th & 29th. Bryanna Goodman will speak on "Marriage Not For Wimps". For more information see Corren Lind.

Thank You!

Checkout the new bulletin board in the hallway across from the nursery. Cindi King has given us a beautiful work of art to display our designated work areas and areas of responsibility. Not only is it beautiful but it is also user-friendly in directing members where to go for questions and to get answers. Thank you so much for using your talent in the name of Christ, Cindi.

Thank You!

Many thanks and much love to Roseanne Jennings, Bobby Heath, Scott Ferguson, and Mike Hughes for helping me Sunday morning and making sure I got home safely. Also to John & Doug for their concerned phone calls. God bless and keep you.—Mary Cathey

Thank You!

Oran Isbell from the Bastrop, TX COC called in his pleasant Texas drawl to let the quilting ladies know how appreciative they are over the 11 quilts that were recently sent to them. He said they were beautiful and have been put to good use. Oran is one of the members who lost his home in the devastating fires last summer. He stated the community is starting to re-build and that by the end of the year, they hope to fully recover. Thank God!

Empty Nesters Event

March 10th we will be going bowling and then having chili at Sandy Gustafson's home. Bowling will be at Freeway Bowl at 4:30 PM and dinner at Sandy's at 6 PM. Bowling will cost \$6.50 for one game or \$10 for two. Please RSVP to Sandy to find out what to bring for the dinner and give us an estimate on how many bowling lanes to reserve.

VBS Dates

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 shown 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. Blessings, Lesa Brassette

Special Prayer Request

Susan Nicklas, niece of Sarah Gabriel and cousin of Jimmie Tidwell has had surgery and has been diagnosed with colon cancer. The doctors are optimistic that all cancer has been removed. Please pray for Susan that God's Will will be for a complete cure. Susan lives in Graford, TX.

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

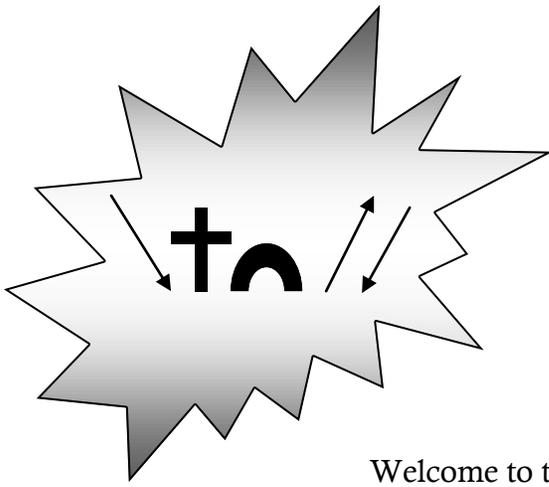
Lifeline Screening Program Coming

Where: church of Christ of Grand Junction

When: Friday, May 11, 2012

Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-690-6313

****Vascular packages range from \$129 - \$159****
(More information on bulletin board outside office.)



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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 & 4 yr. old	104
2 & 3 yr. old	104	Kindergarten 1st & 2nd	205
Pre KK, Kindergarten	205	3rd thru 5th Grade	208
1st & 2nd Grade	209	All teens meet in	203
3rd thru 5th Grade	208		
Middle School	213		
High School	203		

Sunday morning worship begins at 10:15 AM

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for." - Hebrews 11: 2, 2