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Real Life News & Notes

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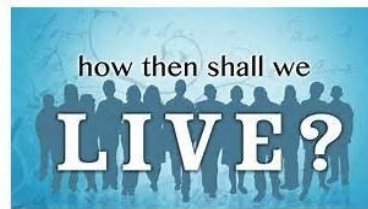
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Elder of Month

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Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word

Peter is probably best known for his quick tongue and being rough around the edges as we are introduced to him in the gospels. However, like all who are trying to follow Jesus he can't help but grow and change and figure a few things out along the way. This mature mind set is manifested in Peter's second letter to the churches as he asks in chapter 3 what is **one of the most relevant and challenging questions in all of Scripture** regarding life and faith. See you in **Second Peter** in a few minutes as we feed on the Bread of Life together.

From my Sticky Tabs . . .

Be food!

From our Wed. night class on John 6: Jesus calls us to not only believe he is the Bread of life but to act on that knowledge by becoming food, nourishment and life to those around us. Become food for others this week by giving yourself for them and to them!!

***** Community Garden!***

Gabriele and Christina (Lucero) Terraglia have plans to start up our church garden area this spring and involve our church family as well and those in need in the community. If you have questions or are interested please contact them.

***** Men's Retreat April 7-8. 5 weeks away! Sign Up*** in the foyer or kitchen! **Randy Harris** from Abilene Christian University will be our speaker. We will be done shortly after noon on Saturday. Please invite someone! Voluntary donation of \$25 is requested at the door to help cover expenses. See **Bo Hill** for more info!

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.**

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For March: Mark 12:30

"Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength"

Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Porn (Part 1)

Porn kills intimacy and murders marriages. Countless women have been wounded deeply and continue to live a nightmare because of the grip porn has on their husbands. Perhaps sharing this article will first and foremost give hope and help to women. Second, may it remind men how painful and destructive the plague of pornography is to our wives, daughters, sisters and to the very foundation of the home and family. Third, to plead with men, if you are playing with the fire of porn as an adult or a teen, single or married, stop! Now! If porn has already become an addiction **know there is hope and help, you are loved, you are not beyond healing and change, and you are not alone in this struggle.** More and more men are coming out of darkness and into the light where God can restore, rebuild and reclaim for good what Satan has attempted to pervert and destroy in you!

The following is a recent timely article from *CovenantEyes* by Jen Ferguson entitled “**6 myths wives of porn users often believe.**” I made a few editorial changes but the body of the article speaks for itself. Jen writes, “*Let’s get real about porn addiction and stop with the lies that keep us (wives) in bondage. Here are six myths that you can stop believing now about your husband’s porn addiction...*”

Myth #1: I should have offered sex more often. Your husband’s porn addiction is not your fault. Not your fault. Not your fault. **Your husband is responsible for his behavior, just as you are responsible for yours.** If your husband has a porn problem you did not create it and with explicit access only a click away chances are he was addicted to porn when he came into the marriage. You married an addict and didn’t even know it.

Tragically, most boys are exposed to porn by the age of ten and often younger and if not addressed early it quickly distorts their view of women, healthy sexuality and undermines potential intimacy and commitment later. Porn provides a very powerful drug-like fix that needs to be fed over and over. Porn is about escaping real life and entering into a fantasy world and often leads to “acting out” outside of marriage. Porn creates the exact opposite of what sex was designed to do, which is a way to engage uniquely and intimately with your spouse. A wife offering to engage sexually more often cannot satisfy his addiction or desire to live out a fantasy God never intended by sex.

Myth #2: I should have paid more attention to my physical appearance. The world has been looking for the Fountain of Youth, the lasting Makeover for a long time. But no matter how hard we search it can never be found. Our bodies continue to waste away no matter how hard we fight it.

Does God want us to take care of our bodies? **Yes.** Did God intend for our physical appearance to be the glue that holds our marriage together? **No.** “**Though our bodies are wasting away, our spirits are being renewed day by day.**” (2 Corinthians 4:16). It is the continual transformation of our hearts by Jesus that leads to the deep spiritual connection God wants us to have with our spouse. Satan uses culture to deceive us into **accepting and adopting a fashion image** that suggests that unless you look like “that” then you are sexually inadequate. True beauty and worth, real intimacy and sexual fulfillment, is not based on how you look but on your inherent value as one made in the image of God.

Myth #3: I should have been more adventurous in our sex life. To be continued next week . . .

IMPORTANT PANTRY NEWS

MARCH PANTRY NEEDS: Crackers & Dry Cereal.

Other: Homeless Shelter meal tomorrow. Pick up Lasagna trays in the foyer after assembly this morning.

Helping Hands Needed

There will be an organizational meeting for an outreach program to help those less fortunate in our community. For those who are interested in this program, we will meet on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Pam Hurd for any questions.

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will meet in the Fellowship Hall today at 1 pm. Cathy Karo will be doing a demo on wool butterflies (a sewing project) and Karen Wade will do a demo on dying fabric with all natural dyes. Everyone is invited.

Teacher Needed

We are in need of a Bible Teacher for the 2—5 year old children's group [on Wednesday evenings for the next quarter. See Sharon Riddle if you can help.

Baby Shower Table

There is a "baby shower table" set up in the fellowship hall for a young, single expecting mother. She's having a little boy. The table will be in place through March 8. If you can bless this young lady and her baby, please consider helping us shower her with love. Information about her is on the table including registry and gift ideas. See Lesa Brassette with questions.

Meal Calendar

Log on to carecalendar.org ID 251198, security 2582. These are the numbers for Tom and Tamara Crist if you would like to provide them a meal. Thank you!

Intro to Bible Art Journaling Workshop

Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, Lesa Brassette will present this workshop for those interested in this creative form of devotional time! There is no charge to come, but please RSVP if you can to Les@Brassette.com or 640-2243 so I know how many people to bring surprises for and so I can share a list of suggested things to bring! (Nothing required though!) Bring your littles if you need to!

To all Bible teachers

There are teaching supplies and other items in Room 210 that you might be able to use in your bible classes. Please check them out on the table in the resource room and indicate if you might need anything. They will be left there through tomorrow.

Please keep the following requests in your daily prayers. You do not realize how important your prayers are to all of these. Thank you and God bless.

Pray for Frank Lucero and family in the loss of his father this past week. Pray for the Lord's comfort and peace for them.

Continue to pray for the following that we have been praying for in the ongoing issues they are dealing with.

Dale Wright family and new addition to their family
 Teddie Goodner...as she settles in her new home.
 Tom Crist...recovery from heart surgery
 Ron Wilson.....skin cancer and kidney problem
 Debra Trahern....ovarian cancer
 Vera Specht....knee and hip replacements
 Tom English....health issues
 Bobby Tucker....cancer
 Shane Briggs acute leukemia
 David Leukemia
 Betty Jo....cancer
 Verne wait....broken hip and shoulder
 Stan Hurdcancer

Prayers of thanksgiving for the recovery progress made by several of our family.....Kathy Deister, Vickie Biocic, Melody Haight, Sandy Harris

Pray for the upcoming mens retreat, for it to go well and safety for those traveling. For those who are taking part in making it possible and for Randy Harris, the speaker. Pray it will be uplifting and valuable to all who attend.

Pray for VBS that will be here before we know it. Pray for those organizing and working in it. Pray for the hearts of those who will attend. May the children learn about the God who loves them and may it be a beginning of a lifetime of serving Him.

Pray for our nation and its leaders, for Pres Trump that He may lead in God's will. For His guidance in all things. Pray for those who are planning evil in any way, that violence and hatred will cease...and our nation can move forward. Pray also for the world's leaders to have their people's best interests at heart and not their own selfish agendas.

Pray for our church family to be the servants God wants and needs. Pray we love one another and put others before our own interests. Thank God we have such a loving and caring family! Pray we will be a light to the community we live in and all will see Jesus reflected in us...that others will know we are in the world but not of it by our words, actions, and responses to life's challenges.

Pray for Thursday Bible School that the children will learn of the God who loves them and will be forever influenced to love and serve Him as they grow up. Pray for the teachers to have wisdom and guidance and patience as they work with these little ones.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

Tonight: 6-8 pm at the home of David and Sue Olree, Kayden & Chelsea's grandparents). They live at (3601 N. 15th St. - GJ 81506). Guys bring desserts, girls bring drinks. Invite a friend and come for fun, food, and fellowship!

March 19 - At the Sorias' house

April 2 - At the Nortons' house

If you'd like to host a huddle or have questions, please contact Lesa Brassette (Les@Brassette.com)!

Upcoming Events

Titus 2 Event - March 10th

Spring Break Mission Trip - March 20th-24th



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For the Record

Feb. 26, 2017

Attendance	269
Weekly Contributions 2/26/17	\$4,679.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,627.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in March

David Downey
Scott Ferguson
Zack Fleming
Ryan Fleming
Ray Gehrett
Nolan Grigsby
Leonard Harvey
Bob Heath

Communion Preparation—March

Melva Willbanks

Communion Table 3/5/17

Chuck Tourney

Announcements—March

Scott DeLancey

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

John Cooper	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