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Real Life News & Notes *Patterson Road church of Christ*

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Our Gathering Today!



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Welcome Guests! (*Guest WiFi is available*)

Guests, thank you being 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.**

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*)

This morning we expand on Peter's theme of God's complete provision by moving forward in the text of 2 Peter 1. Peter reminds us how to add to our faith. As he does that he says something that is **key**: He connects our **knowledge** of Jesus Christ being effective and productive only to the extent we **"remember we have been forgiven"** and says this is fundamental for spiritual growth. See you in **Second Peter** in a few minutes!

"I will always remind you of these things..." (2 peter 1:12)

1. Men! "B2B" - Brother To Brother will have its first meeting this Tuesday night March 8th from 7-8PM in room 103. This will be a time of encouragement, growth and challenge. The direction of this group will evolve in purpose according to the needs of the men attending. See **John Cooper** if you have questions. (PS: Thanks to our Sisters group **"S2S"** for the great name idea:-)

2. Time matters:

- **Wednesday night change:** Effective the first Wednesday night in April (April 6) we will go back to our **7PM** start time on Wednesday. **The final bell will now ring at 7:45**, shortening the class period from 1 hour to **45 minutes**.

3. Perfect love drives our fear! (First John 4:18)

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For March: Isa. 40:22

"He stretches out the heavens like a canopy"

Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Fear[less]

*(I wrote an article on "Fear" two years ago and in light of **Don McLaughlin's** powerful encouragement during our men's retreat last weekend to **Fear[less]** I wanted to "re-post" it with a few minor edits as a reminder that God calls us to love more and **Fear less!**)*

"Perfect love drives out fear!" (1 John 4:18). What scares you? I am not talking about snakes, heights, bankruptcy, disease, the dark, or political views counter to yours.

Christians all too often suffer from spiritual anxiety attacks. Some are afraid of God, afraid their sins are too sinful to be forgiven. Some are fearful if too much grace or forgiveness is extended a sinner might slip into heaven by mistake. Some live in fear as they incompetently dance around "condemning the sin but not the sinner" inflicting more pain on the wounded. Some are terrified that those with different worship preferences or interpretations of the Bible might actually be embraced as brothers in Christ. Some fearfully resist encouragement to live freely in grace thinking "free in Christ and saved by grace" inhibit godly obedience and encourage us to sin more.

Here's a quick test to see if fear, instead of love, might be driving your faith: As you hear Jesus refusing to condemn the adulterous woman (John 8) how quickly do you add, **"Yeah, but he told her to stop sinning too!"** Fear wants to monitor and regulate grace and forgiveness lest it pour out of heaven's bucket a little too freely. Fear needs to rub the sinner's nose in it just a bit more to make sure they have learned their lesson. Fear is the gatekeeper of proper religious etiquette, the palace guard that insists on keeping the church safe, tidy, the drawbridge up and the sinners out.

Don't think grace and forgiveness keep Jesus from seriously addressing sin; after all he died because of sin! But, the sin that needs to be addressed first is **my** sin. Remember the *rock throwing* contest in John 8 and that *log in your eye* analogy in Matthew 7? BTW, did you notice that Jesus did not condemn the rock throwers either? Jesus loves them (us) too and challenged them (us) to honestly examine our lives and motives, and with a perfect question and a probing look, Jesus likewise told the religious gate keepers to **"go and sin no more, stop living in fear!"**

When Jesus deals with our sin we see perfect love that has no desire to draw any more attention to the mess. Jesus gave the adulterous woman immediate relief and renewal as he told her, **"I do not condemn you."** Jesus told her this **before** she had opportunity to change her sinful lifestyle, before she tried to "go and sin no more." As we move towards perfect love, **fear is driven out** and the rocks of judgment fall from our open hands as we embrace others as God embraces us. **Love is where fear goes to die!**

To quote Don McLaughlin: **"As we fear less we are able to love more, and be loved more. As we grow in love may we fear less and less and less and less!"** Amen J !

[Don's retreat talks are available on our web site. You will find his Sunday class and sermon at the top. Scroll down to "Special Events: Men's retreat 2016" to find the rest of them]

Sunday, March 13th—Daylight Savings Time begins. Don't forget to spring forward.

Care Calendar Needs

Calendar ID for Sjana & Natasha Lemons—231165, Security—5043

Calendar ID for Clarissa Tofel—230970, Security—2957

Homeless Shelter Meal

Tomorrow is our turn to prepare and serve the evening meal at the Homeless Shelter on North Ave. Lasagna trays will be distributed in the foyer right after morning assembly for those who prepare the meal and servers should be at the shelter by 4:30 pm tomorrow.

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild meets today at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cindy King will be doing a demo on Water Color. Everyone is invited.

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT

All families are encouraged to join us for the Grand Junction Church of Christ Easter Egg Hunt. Children and adults are encouraged to come for an evening of fellowship and fun. The event will be at the church building Sunday, **March 20th between 4:00 and 6:00 PM**. Please Bring Candy next Sunday so that we can fill Easter eggs.

Empty Nest Group

The Empty Nest Group will be attending the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus on Monday March 14th at 7:30 pm at Robinson Theatre at CMU. Although the concert is free you will still need tickets. Sherry has 20 tickets to give out today at church. Also, for those that want to eat before the concert, we will be meeting at the CMU cafeteria at 6 pm. Call Bryan or Sherry for questions #970-256-1127.

Ladies Ministry

The Ladies Ministry will be sponsoring "Egg Decorating" on Saturday, March 12 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Cindy King will be demonstrating. See Cindy for questions.

Delta Trip

John Cooper will be preaching in Delta next Sunday, March 13th. If anyone would like to go to Delta, the van will be leaving the building at 8:30 am. There will be a fellowship meal after morning assembly. See John for further details.

Please keep the following in your daily prayers. Those in need of prayer are very grateful to you all for lifting them up to God. Thank You and God bless!!

Pray for Clarissa Tofel's father, who had surgery this past week. Pray for his comfort and recovery and for his family as they go through the recovery process. They still need us to continue to lift them up to God for healing and comfort, and strength. Also for their families. (They are listed in previous bulletins.)

Also pray for the men's monthly fellowship that is beginning soon to be a success and a blessing to those who attend and helpful in enlarging the Lords Kingdom.

Pray for the Bob Davis family in the loss of a brother and also a nephew within a short time. Pray for comfort and peace from God for them.

Pray for men who are considering becoming Deacons or Elders and for anyone desiring to become a ministry leader. Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for them. Also for those who are considering teaching classes. Pray for encouragement to them to serve the Lord in these ways.

Pray for Jim Terry, a friend of the Mendenhalls, who some time ago lost part of his leg to cancer. It has returned and he will be having surgery to remove more of the leg. Surgery was postponed as he went into cardiac arrest and so is in a Salt Lake hospital having surgery to fix the heart problem and the cancer surgery will be done when he is recovered enough to withstand it. Pray for the success and recovery of the heart surgery and later for the success and recovery of the cancer surgery. Pray for comfort for him and peace for him and his family through all of this.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddle****March 6th**

Huddle this week will be at the Wright's home, 912 24 1/4 Road, Grand Junction 81505. Please join us from 6:00-8:00pm for food, fellowship and a devotional. Youth are asked to bring drinks or dessert.

Colorado Mystery Trip**March 19th-22nd**

There will be a special Mystery Trip this spring break. The whole youth group is invited. This trip is for 6th-12 grade. If you would like to sponsor this trip please talk with Ty Roberts.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS**April 8th-10th 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. **We would like one adult sponsor to go to this trip. Please talk with Matt Lee if you are interested.**

God Bless,
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For the Record

Feb 28, 2016

Attendance	299
Weekly Contributions 2/28/16	\$6,677.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,658.50
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

Communion Preparation—March

Melva Willbanks

Communion Table 3/6/16

Mike Hughes

Upcoming Children's Bible Verses

April—Isa. 40:29

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in March

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

Announcements

March—Bo Hill
April—

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 6—7 PM

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

Dane Jennings	Auditorium
Ron Wilson	103
Young Adult (Under 30)	Room 207

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