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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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Dave Scheuerman

Welcome Guests! (Guest WiFi available)

Guests, thank you for **Springing forward** to be with us this morning! You will be asked to raise your hand to receive a small loaf of gift bread. Attached to the gift is a card for you to fill out and drop in the collection plate as it is passed.

Faith is a journey. None of us is without sin and flaw, yet we are made perfect by the blood of Jesus. We encourage you to join us as we follow our Savior. May you be blessed and encouraged by our simple Christ centered 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."*

Feeding on the Word! (the sermon)

Are you the same person you were a year ago, 5 years ago, 15 years ago? In some ways that may be a very good thing, yet in other ways it may not be. To Peter's point: Are you in a spiritual rut, pretty much set in your ways, opinions and personality, excusing yourself with, "That's just how I am."? The Holy Spirit challenges us to grow, to change, to add to our Faith. Peter mentions seven character traits that are a manifestation of our growing spiritually. The lack of such would indicate we are not growing, and if we are not growing we are dying.

Let's open our hearts together this morning and engage the Inspired Word to see how we can be transformed to look more and more like Jesus. This morning we will consider the first two: **Goodness and knowledge. See you in Second Peter 1:5!**

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

****Sunday May 8th (Mother's Day) will be our annual Baby dedication** when we pray over and ask God to protect and guide our children as they grow in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." **Parents with new babies** in the last year or so please plan to participate. **Bree Yeager** is the point of contact for this event. Thanks Bree!

****Remember, as a baptized believer, never forget that "you have been cleansed from your past sins!" (2 Peter 1:9)**

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For March: Isa. 40:22

"He stretches out the heavens like a canopy"

Explore

Two weeks ago our high school students were worshipping God with other students in Estes Park. Every year we make the trek to spend a weekend refreshing our faith and learning more about what it means to be a disciple of Christ. For our student it is a great time for them to focus on God without distractions that so easily entangle us.

This year we focused on a passage from Luke chapter 10, "After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road." This passage was chosen along with our theme explore because God is calling us, even today into the Kingdom with a purpose. We are not called to just become a Christian but we are called out into a journey. Christianity is not supposed to be something that we watch on TV or observed from afar but we should all get our feet wet.

In 2 Corinthians Paul says, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." The Gospel is not protected in a large extravagant temple rather it has been entrusted to us. We are individually called to make disciples of all nations. Our students were asked to reflect on how God has called them out of their comfort zone and into the world. How can they use their talents and influence to affect the world.

Although it can be easy to ignore our personal calling, we must be ready for the journey marked out for each of us. Christianity will not look the same for everyone but we must look for opportunities to share our faith, comfort those who are going through hard time, encourage brothers and sisters in Christ or use our talents to participate in the movement of Jesus Christ.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." -1 Peter 2:9-10

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God Bless,

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Heidi Heath China Mission

The trip will last from May 10th to June 6th, 2016. My total cost is \$3,000, with a goal of being completely funded by April 23rd. *I am writing to request your spiritual and financial support for this mission trip. I would greatly appreciate your consideration of donating towards my cause.* Each dollar given towards the trip will be used to purchase my tickets, housing, food, and work on the field.

I pray that God will be glorified through this effort, and ask that you join me in prayer for my training and work as well as that of my partners. If I can supply you with any other information or answer any questions, please feel free to contact me at (970)406-1470 or hah12b@acu.edu.
Peace and Blessings,

Heidi Heath

A Mission account has been set up for Heidi to take this trip. If you would like to contribute, make your check out to the church and mark it for "China Mission" or stop by the office for more information. Your contribution is tax deductible.

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.

Scribes of Christ

We have a group that sends cards each week. We send out a weekly email with card needs. Would you like to be informed of card needs and join this ministry of love and encouragement? Or do you know of someone who would benefit from a note? Email Lesa@Brassette.com to join us or let us know of needs!

VBS - Save the Date

VBS dates are set. July 11-15, from 6 to 8 p.m. each night. Save it, pray over it, and plan to get involved in this important ministry! See Lesa Brassette with questions.

Elders Breakfast

In our gratefulness for you we would like to invite you to an Appreciation Breakfast we will prepare and serve in your honor Saturday, March 19th at 8 AM.

During our time of fellowship, we will introduce a new **Ministry Organization Chart Work Sheet**, where you will find your niche (place). We will discuss our expectations and confirm our commitment we made to you in our (congregation meeting) by meeting/supporting/and prayerfully encouraging each ministry team in refining its ***purpose, reviewing its goals and applying*** those principles to your ministries.

Please plan to be part of this Motivational Planning session. Child care will be provided from New Born Thru Primary.

Please pray for the following requests we have received. Thank you for praying and the impact your prayers have on those in need of prayer.

Please pray for 4 year old Alyssa Lucero, daughter of Larry and Kirah Lucero of Montrose. She may have NCL. Pray for Alyssa to have the diagnosis tests be negative for NCL. Pray for this family as they wait for results and care for Alyssa.

Pray for Lisa Harris. She has been in the hospital in South Africa and her tests revealed that she does not have Lupus. Scott is on his way to get her. Thank God for the good news and pray that they have a safe trip home.

Pray for the four men who have agreed to become Deacons to serve our family here. Pray for God's guidance for them in all things and His blessings on them and their families as they serve Him in this special way.

Continue to pray for Clarrisa Tofel's father for recovery from his recent surgery.

Pray for Greg Tidwell as he under goes therapy here, after suffering a stroke.

Pray for Chuck Tourney....he is still having health problems and has a different doctor who is trying to diagnose what the problem is. Pray that he will find the source of the health issues and be able to treat them.

Pray that Tom and Kathy Deister have a safe trip home. They have been in Houston to be with Genie who has had some health issues.

Pray for those suffering any type of mental illnesses also, that they may find the right treatments that will help them. Pray for those suffering addictions of any kind, pray for strength and treatments that will help them overcome.

Pray for these and their families; the military, law enforcement, firemen and first responders, our government leaders both national and state and local, those involved in the presidential race, pray for the church around the world, especially in those areas where severe persecution is happening, for our church family here to be the type of servants that the Lord can use and are pleasing to Him.

YOUTH NEWS

Colorado Mystery Trip

March 19th-22nd

There will be a special Mystery this spring break. The whole youth group is invited. This trip is for 6th-12th grade. Our upperclassmen have been planning this trip and pray that we can be a blessing to the world.

HUDDLE

APRIL HUDDLES WILL BE APRIL 3RD AND 17TH PLEASE EMAIL KERI FLEMING IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A HUDDLE.

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.**

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For the Record

March 6, 2016

Weekly Contributions 3/6/16	\$9,231.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,348.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

Communion Preparation—March

Melva Willbanks

Communion Table 3/13/16

Richard Jones

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