

March , 20, 2016



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

*A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers*



### **Our Gathering Today**

#### **Welcome Guests!**

Whatever brought you our way we thank you for being 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.

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 [grandjunctionchurch.org](http://grandjunctionchurch.org) and click on the "About" tab and then "What we believe."*

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#### **Elder of Month**

**Dave Scheuerman**

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

**Next Sunday is Easter**, as you know we usually have numerous guests. Please remember to **sit closer to the front and towards the middle** to make it easier for our guests to find a seat.

**\*\*Thanks to our Shepherds!** They prepared and served a great breakfast for our deacons and ministry leaders yesterday!!

#### ***Feeding on the Word!***

This morning we continue feasting in 2 Peter 1 as we progress in our **"Add to your Faith"** study. Change is not easy, even for Jesus' followers. Peter nudges us forward, out of our comfort zones, challenging us to reflect God's character in His **goodness** as we move to a more intimate and "participatory" **knowledge** of God, motivating us towards **self-control**.

Let's have our hearts open as we consider God's living word: Open to change, open to growth, open to refining and tweaking our faith to greater maturity. **See you in Second Peter 1 in a few minutes!**

***"Love One Another!"***

Memory Verse For March: Isa. 40:22

**"He stretches out the heavens like a canopy"**

## What Difference Does “Faith” Make?

What difference does “faith” make? Does it matter if you have “faith”? How does having “faith” affect our daily lives? These are really important questions and they really do have a bearing on how we live. Let’s consider a few of the ramifications of having faith.

One of the first considerations is what or who do we have faith in. All people have faith in some thing or some one. Some have faith in money, others have faith in armaments, some have faith in our political system and politicians, some have faith in science and education, etc. It is important to place our faith in something that is real, reliable, helpful and lasting.

**Faith in God is real.** There is no other explanation for the origin and order of our universe. Paul declares in Romans 1:20- “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.” Denying the existence of God causes one to live under delusion that somehow everything we see has no explanation, no purpose, no meaning. How can anyone make good choices when they are living with inaccurate, false information? Atheism leads to bad choices because it is built on a denial of observable proof of supernatural origin for the universe.

**Faith in God is helpful-** God gives us hope for the future, guidance in the present and forgiveness for our past. Suicide is a major problem throughout the United States. Several recent articles in the paper indicate no one really knows why people take their own lives. Certainly every case is different but some overarching reasons should be considered - People take their own lives when they have no hope, when they are overcome with guilt, when they feel abandoned, overwhelmed and alone, when they see no positive future or when their possessions or relationships disappoint them (Namely, they give up faith). Faith in the Real God of Creation will help everyone deal with these deadly perils. Christians do have hope, help, forgiveness, and loving caring relationships. Even death cannot conquer us since Jesus conquered it. Through “faith” we are victorious people. It does make a difference to have faith!!!

Keep the faith-enjoy life! John Cooper

### Missions

*A Mission account has been set up for Heidi Heath to go on a mission trip to China in May. She is seeking spiritual and financial support and is in need of \$3000.00 to be raised by April 23rd. 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.*

*We are blessed with members willing to take risks and give their time and energy to the work of the Lord in far off places. Other mission fields supported by this church family presently through the budget and individual donations are:*

*Honduras, Mountain States Children’ Home, Guam, Nepal, Mozambique, WBS (Ron Pottberg), Rwanda, Eastern European Missions, Saipan, plus many domestic mission works. This says a lot about you and your willingness to serve the Lord wherever He leads us. **Thank you for your generous acts of service.** Each dollar is used wisely and greatly appreciated. The missions are set up to accept ongoing contributions which are tax deductible. JDT*

**Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 20th**

Tonight from 4:00 to 5:00 PM we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for our children in the Pit. If the weather is bad we will hunt for eggs in the building. Please bring an Easter basket and an excited child to hunt for Easter eggs. Our youth group has already filled over 600 eggs but you are more than welcome to bring more if you would like.

**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.

**Creative Christian Art Guild**

The Art Guild will meet today at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. They will be working on the Galatians. Everyone is invited.

**Thank You!**

A great big hug and an even bigger "thank you" to Scott Bradley for fixing the outside light fixture. That thing was way up high and it required bringing in a lift to repair. We really appreciate you, Scott.

**Baby Dedication**

**\*\*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!

Please keep the following requests for prayer in your daily prayers. It is important and makes a big difference. Thank you on behalf of all those you pray for!!

Pray for BETSEY BROWN she is home but is still having some health issues/ Pray especially that she will regain her sight. She somehow received a bruise on her skull that has affected her optic nerve. Dr said it may heal and her sight return to normal, or it could stabilize at the point it is now. Pray for it to completely heal and her sight return to normal! Pray for those caring for her to know and do the things that are necessary to help her situation.

Continue to pray for:

Alyssa Lucero and her family for a good outcome of test results  
Lisa Harris and her family for complete healing of the health issues she has

Greg Tidwell for recovery from stroke

The Tofel family and Clarissa's father for healing and encouragement

Pray for Genie Deister, Tom's mother, who is having some health problems, pray for comfort, healing and encouragement and peace for her and wisdom for her family.

Prayers of thanksgiving for all of the answered prayers to our loving and caring Heavenly Father. Give Him praise and honor on a daily basis. and thank Him for always being there for us even when we aren't always aware of His presence or how He is working in our lives.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Mystery Trip**

Please pray for our students we will be traveling and serving the next 2 days

**Huddles**

April Huddles will be April 3rd at the Nortons and April 17th at the Tinkles.

**Senior Sunday**  
**May 1st**

A special evening to honor our graduating Seniors. This year we will be honoring, Matt Bruens, Chrystina DeLancey, Kelsay Heath, Colton Mahoney and Liberty Wetherington.

**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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God Bless,  
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## For the Record

March 13, 2016

Attendance	245
Weekly Contributions 3/13/16	\$5,146.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,366.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

## Communion Preparation—March

**Melva Willbanks**

## Communion Table 3/20/16

Phillip Bagga

## 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—

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

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

## 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 Bible Classes 6—7 PM

David Scheuerman	Auditorium
Singing Class	103

## 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**