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Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Confess

"Confess your sins to one another and pray for each other, so that you may be healed..." (James 5:16).

Has the healing act of **confession** been undermined by the flowing fountain of forgiveness? Are we doing ourselves a spiritual disservice by reminding each other we are forgiven while failing to challenge each other to confess? We rightfully embrace what Jesus has done on the cross for us and yet I wonder how many have been forgiven but not "healed" due to the lack of open, specific confession of sin.

James' emphasis in this verse may not be as much about physical cures as it is about spiritual healing. In my experience when righteous people fervently pray for "healing," although I would certainly and joyfully welcome it, there is an obvious absence of physical healing even when accompanied by confession and prayer. The truth is most people I pray for who have terminal illness or devastating injuries usually languish or soon die (I don't tell them that before praying for them ;-)). On the other hand, I see a perceptible pattern and frequency of liberation, restoration and spiritual "**healing**" as people not only embrace forgiveness but practice full confession within the framework of prayer. We witness this "healing" not so much when the paralyzed get up and walk (*in my experience they don't*), but when a broken and honest soul confesses and is immersed in prayer and they go their way singing and dancing and praising God as they are **healed** internally. It is in the midst of contrite confession, verbally coming clean, that "**healing**" occurs.

Is it possible to be completely forgiven without being completely healed? I believe so. Although there is unimaginable consolation in our sins being pardoned God desires much more for his children. He wants us not "*merely*" forgiven but healthy and whole, healed in mind and spirit as well (the new body comes later with the new heavens and earth). Perhaps the lost art of daily, verbally admitting our sins could explain the plague of spiritual dysfunction and turmoil even in forgiven people, in Christians, who consistently declare, "**Yes, I believe I am forgiven, but I don't feel forgiven.**" **Confession** might very well be the key that unlocks God's fullness in us.

Without the persistent discipline of **confession** (whether to a spouse, a friend, an accountability partner, a life group, a church, to God) we will never be whole enough to live the full and abundant life Jesus desires for us (John 10:10). **Confession** frees us to grow, to live in joy and move forward with an untainted conscience. **Confession** empowers us to more gently glide through the troubled waters of life instead of slowly drowning in a pool of stagnated faith barely treading water, always searching but never finding that elusive place of peace and inner calm that prevails when the soul is **healed**.

Make it a renewed spiritual discipline, a regular daily, hourly practice, to confess your sins. Be specific, be transparent, be honest, be contrite, unload, come clean, leave the remnant of sin's dysfunction completely behind and...**BE HEALED!** Confession IS good for the soul!

Memory Verse For March: Col. 4:2

"Devote yourselves to Prayer"

Our Gathering Today

Feeding on the Word

As Easter approaches we look to the night of Jesus betrayal and arrest. The events of this night hold many hard truths and lessons regarding the less glamorous and more challenging side of discipleship. The focus this morning will be on that stinging rebuke when Jesus scolds Peter: "Put away your sword. For all who live by the sword will die by the sword." **I will meet you in Matthew 26!**

Guest Speaker :-) **Matt Lee, our Youth Minister, will preach next Sunday.** I know we all look forward to hearing him!! Plan to stay afterward for our 5th Sunday Agape potluck. Spaghetti theme! *Bring some!*

Welcome Guests!

Thank you for being here. Please fill out the visitor card attached to the gift bread. We invite you to share Communion with us as the bread and wine (grape juice) are passed. We don't have a lot of horns and whistles and like any family we have our quirks and flaws, but we love God, respect his Word, love each other, and do our best to be salt and light in our community as we reach out in the name of Jesus and share Good News about the kingdom of heaven!

Acts of service...the face of Jesus

*Thanks to Matt Lee who organized the work group and those who made cookies and to all the those who served breakfast and lunch (and cleaned up) to the 40 young adults from **University of Minnesota/Duluth** this past Tuesday. This group painted the upstairs hallway, spread mulch, re-stacked the wood pile in the PIT and did a few other outside chores for us on their way through town. Great bunch of hard working, respectful students!*

****The Truth Project.****

Please join us **Wednesday night at 7pm for Tour 10.** Dr. Tackett will discuss, **"Stepping Stones, removing the lamp stand?"** Bring a friend, neighbor or Truth seeker! Many have asked about purchasing this DVD series. I found it on Amazon for around \$100. This would make a wonderful family gift for you to purchase and pass around to your children and friends.

"Love One Another!"

Care Calendar Information

Due to some setbacks that Clarissa Tofel is experiencing since the birth of her baby, Jasper, her care calendar has been extended to provide additional meals for her family. There are still empty dates that need to be filled, so your help would be greatly appreciated. To sign up, visit carecalendar.org. Her ID is 205976 and the code is 4582. Thank you.

VBS - SAVE THE DATE!

This year VBS will be June 22-26 in the evenings. Please be praying for this ministry and consider what role you can play in it! We will soon need leaders for crafts, snacks, music, Bible lessons, games, and service project stations. See Lesa Brassette for details. Watch for volunteer forms and an organizational meeting very soon.

Care Calendar Addition

A care calendar has been set up for Bryce and Jeannette Sanburg. Jeannette is in need of some help and rest.

You can go to:
carecalendar.org
ID: 206670
Code: 6301

If you have any question call Jan Nelson at 216-3264

Singing Classes

Lane Coale is in need of a larger group of men and women to sing all parts. His goal is to have at least 4 people for each part. They meet at 9 AM on Sunday morning in Room 201 and Lane encourages you to choose to serve for just one quarter at a time. See Lane, last weeks bulletin or web site for further information.

Important Announcement!

After prayerful consideration it has been decided that if we do not have a Wednesday night teacher for the 2-5 year olds by Sunday, March 22, the class will be discontinued until the June quarter. We have an excellent new curriculum and the children are precious and deserve to have a class for their age group. Please see Sharon Riddle if you can help. You will learn a lot! A co-teacher would be a great blessing, too. Thank you.

Colorado Christian Youth Camp

CCYC (Colorado Christian Youth Camp) is a camp directed by the Grand Junction Church of Christ in Grand Junction, CO. It is a fun filled week with a Christ centered spiritual foundation of daily; Bible classes, relationship building, mentoring, and the best food you can imagine. If you would like to donate a scholarship please give church secretary, Jimmye, a check or go to our website Grandjunctionchurch.org/CCYC and click on the donate button. Please click on the yellow donate button.

Special Request

Rags Ragsdale would appreciate some brief visits and especially prayers for comfort during this time of his ongoing illness. He is at home, 2936 Crocus phone 243-1390.

Thank You!

We wish to express our heartfelt thank you to our church family for all the support and encouragement during the past two months while Lynn was having back problems, and debilitating pain. All of the calls, cards visits and especially the prayers were and are really appreciated!! Everything you have done means a great deal to us and your prayers have brought God's healing. He is able to be up and about now and the pain is basically gone. Thank You so much and may God bless you as you have blessed us. Lynn and Lila

Special Prayer Requests

Please keep the following request we received for prayer in your daily prayers. Your prayers are important and very much appreciated.

Pray for GARY SANDERS, the patrolman that was in a roadside accident. Pray for his recovery and comfort and for his family.

Continue to pray for Ken Garrison as he continues chemo treatments. Pray for comfort and healing.

KATHY DEISTER has been fighting a virus, pray for her comfort and strength and for the virus to leave her body.

DELLA BINGHAM....pray for a quick and complete recovery from foot surgery.

Continue to pray for TYLER KELLER, as he has rehab in Craig Rehab Hospital in Englewood. Pray for him to be encouraged and for strength to do the therapy. Pray it will be of great benefit for him.

PRESTON DIXON.... pray for a quick recovery from a broken collar bone. Pray for comfort and strength during the healing process.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the safety of Isaac Briggs and his friend were when the vehicle they were in was hit and basically totaled by a driver who was texting. Isaac was not injured and his friend had whiplash and concussion. Thank You Lord they were not more seriously injured. God is good and we thank Him for His watch over them.

DAN GADBERRY...Jerimy's dad is having some health problems and some complications after some surgery. Pray for a quick recovery and for his comfort during the healing process.

Please continue prayers for those we have on our on going list, the Military people and families, the Missionaries and families, the persecuted Christians wherever it happens, the ISIS victims and families, our nation and the leaders, and our church family here, for the upcoming VBS and the Youth Camp. Pray for God's will to be done in all of these areas and His protection and guidance for all those serving in these various groups.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and praise to God for the many blessings we receive on a daily basis from His hand.

YOUTH NEWS

Spring Break

Monday March, 23rd there hike planned. Please check the youth board for the time and details of the hike.

Middle School Madness

Friday, April 10th – Sunday, April 12th. The Grand Junction youth group will be attending a **Middle School** retreat near Estes Park, CO. The cost is \$110, there are scholarships available so please feel free to ask for one if you cannot pay the full amount. If you are in Middle school plan to attend this amazing, uplifting, encouraging and fun weekend. **Please grab a Registration form by my office and turn it in by March 29th.**

CCYC

June 7th-13th

Theme: Surrender

James 4:7-8 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Please go to GrandJunctionChurch.org/CCYC to register.

Huddle

Sunday, March 29th

Get Air 6:00 PM-8:00 PM



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For the Record

Mar. 15, 2015

Attendance	274
Average Attendance, 4th qtr.	282
Contributions	\$6,408.00
Budget	\$7,035.38

Communion Preparation—March

Ed & Wilma Seela

Communion Table 3/22 Ron Wilson

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in March

Chuck Tourney
Edgar Treu
Dick Truitt
Marvin Trumbo
Vince Urbina
Dan Vorse
Bill Wade
Gabe Wilkins

Announcements

Curtis Fleming—March
Ron Wilson—April
Scott Ferguson—May

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Dane Jennings—Go Fish—Auditorium
Bobby Heath—23rd Psalm—103
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Doug Clayton—Auditorium

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2—Nursery
2 & 3 yr. 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

Sunday Morning Worship at Mesa View Retirement Center Starts At 10 A.M.

Mar 22	Bob Howard, Dave Scheuerman	Acts 8:4-25
Mar 29	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Acts 8:26-40
Apr 5	Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey	Acts 9:1-19
Apr 12	Bill Tidwell, David Olree	Acts 9:20-31
Apr 19	Vince Urbina, Leonard Silence	Acts 9:32-43
Apr 26	Bob Howard, Dave Scheuerman	Acts 10:1-43
May 3	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Acts 11:1-18
May 10	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Acts 11:19-30
May 17	Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey	Acts 12:1-19
May 24	Bill Tidwell, David Olree	Acts 12:20-25
May 31	Vince Urbina, Leonard Silence	Acts 13:1-12
June 7	Bob Howard, Dave Scheuerman	Acts 13:13-52
June 14	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Acts 14:1-7
June 21	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Acts 14:8-28
June 28	Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey	Acts 15:1-35

Service begins at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings at the Mesa View Retirement Center. Visitors welcome.