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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Patterson Road church of Christ

Our Gathering Today



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Elder Of Month

Tom Deister

Guests!

Thank you for being with us! May you be spiritually fed and encouraged this morning by our simple gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share communion, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. Please enjoy the coffee, juice and donuts you will find in the fellowship hall.

View our web site at grandjunctionchurch.org and Face Book page **Church of Christ of Grand Junction to discover a little more about us.

Feeding on the Word!

Crucified! Except for the local hard core Jewish leaders and a small but loyal band of followers and family, the death of Jesus of Nazareth was off civilization's radar in the first century. It was a "non-event" as far as the world knew. Even for most in Jerusalem it was just another day with the added commotion of another execution up there at Golgotha; just more common criminals getting what they deserved. Yet, in reality this was literally THE most earth shattering and universe altering event in history! The debt of all creation's sin was paid in full. Past, present and future touched in the "fullness of time" and the restoration of the universe had begun by one easily overlooked death, one isolated but perfect sacrifice. Dr. Luke introduces us to many **faces in the crowd** surrounding Jesus' death. Let's take a look in the mirror of God's word and see if we see ourselves there?

"It cost God nothing so far as we know to create nice things. But to convert rebellious wills cost him crucifixion." - C.S. Lewis

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For March: Numbers 6:25

"the Lord make his face to shine upon you; "

From The Shepherd's Pen



I have always loved to read. So has my wife Kathy. When you visit our house, you will see shelves of books in the living room the office, the hallway, Kathy's sewing room, and our bedroom. When I retired, I brought 27 crates and boxes of books from my office that are now stored in our garage, awaiting either our purchase of even more bookshelves or their replacement. We have a lot of books!

The books you will find at our place are of all types, including classic literature, mysteries, thrillers, biographies, histories, travel guides, cookbooks, and, importantly for this article, a wide variety of religious and spiritual texts. Before he passed away, my dad would often stand in front of our bookshelves looking at the book titles that I then had and would invariably say, "You know that the only necessary book is the Bible." He was right.

But still I read beyond the Old and New Testaments. I do so in order to see what others have said about biblical texts, to better understand the passages' meanings and their applications to this life of ours. Over time I have found a number of books which have proven to be very insightful and helpful to me. If you are a reader of Christian materials, you might find one or more of the following books to be not only interesting to you, but also helpful in your understanding of scripture and of how we should live.

F. F. Bruce's Paul: Apostle of the Heart Set Free draws from all of Paul's letters to discuss the key components of the apostle's beliefs. Other excellent books by this writer are The Hard Sayings of Jesus and Peter, Stephen, James, and John.

Philip Yancey's What's So Amazing About Grace is the best book I have ever read on the topic of grace. If you like devotionals that offer a reading for each day of the year, Simon Gillebaud's Choose Life: 365 Readings for Radical Disciples is really the best daily devotional I have ever used. Two others which are excellent are Timothy Keller's God's Wisdom for Navigating Life and The Songs of Jesus.

David P. Gushee's The Sacredness of Human Life: Why an Ancient Biblical Vision Is Key to the World's Future discusses the history and real-life implications of believing that life is sacred.

James Emery White's The Church in an Age of Crisis: 25 New Realities Facing Christianity analyzes a wide variety of present-day circumstances and beliefs that challenge the Christian life and the church.

Larry Osborne's 10 Dumb Things Smart Christians Believe discusses and debunks "urban myths" which have crept into modern Christian thought.

Erwin Raphael McManus' The Last Arrow: Save Nothing for the Next Life inspired me to re-think how I was really living.

These are a few of my favorites. I hope you might find one or more of them interesting and challenging. However, whatever you read, please read discerningly. Always recall Paul's praise of the Bereans who examined the scriptures daily to see if what he told them was true. (Acts 17: 11)

Tom Deister

Youth Upcoming Events and Activities:

THIS SUNDAY – Huddle @ the Sorias'. Girls bring desserts and boys bring drinks. Invite a friend and come be fed!

April – During the month of April, our Youth Group will be hosting a singing workshop. It is designed for anyone and everyone, regardless of singing ability or knowledge of music theory (it's ok if you don't read music!). We'll learn 4 new songs, as well as practice singing harmony. WE NEED PARENTS and other church family to participate. The more voices we have, the more successful this program will be. We will still have dinner at 6, followed by some normal Youth Group activities, with the singing class starting at 7pm so that others can easily participate.

April 12th-15th – Spiritual Explosion @ Riverside Church of Christ in Albuquerque, NM. We will leave right after school on Thursday, April 12th and drive to Farmington, NM where we'll stay at the Northside Church of Christ. The Youth Rally begins Friday Night at 6pm and ends Sunday morning. We'll return to Grand Junction around 8pm on Sunday, April 15th. The cost for this trip will be \$55, which includes all meals and registration for the Youth Rally. We need kids to sign up this week!

April 22nd *Date Change* – Senior Sunday. Please plan on joining us as we celebrate with our Seniors their success and achievement!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TBS Widows/Widower's Luncheon

On Thursday, April 5th, Thursday Bible School will be hosting a luncheon for the widows and widowers of the congregation. Students will sing and then lunch will be served. Please sign up in the foyer by Sunday, April 1st, if you are planning on attending. See Jenna Hill for more information. Thank you!

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Thank you!

The Soria Family would like to announce that Sandra passed her cosmetology test. They would like to thank everyone for the support, prayers & gifts. As a gift to the congregation, they open their services for a month to the members at no cost. These services will include haircuts, manicures and nail coloring in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, please contact them at (970) 623-0786—**PLEASE TEXT.** (Schedules will be based around no other church activities taking place in the Fellowship Hall). See Sandra for questions.

Mowing and Yardwork Needed

Jordan Lemons, one of our teens, is trying to work and raise funds for Honduras and other needs. He is willing to mow your yard and do other small jobs to help raise funds. Please call him (he prefers a text) at 970-462-7331. If you cannot get in touch with him see Doug.

VBS 2018

Please mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School! It will be a **1-Day VBS!**

When: Saturday, June 2nd, 2018 from 9:30 am -4:30 pm (Lunch provided)

Where: GJ Church of Christ

Theme: "God's Happy Campers- Getting S'More of Jesus." Also, to any & all who are interested in helping, there will be a VBS informational meeting, Monday evening, April 2, at 6:30 pm in in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend and help out! See Charlie DeLong or Jenna Hill for more info."

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Darlene Rettig, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Pray for a complete and rapid recover for her and for comfort during her healing.

Continue to pray for Sharon Copley as she recovers from having surgery to place pins in her legs. Pray for her recovery and comfort during the healing process.

Eddie Tinkle—Suffering from a second round of the Flu. Keep him in your prayers

Larry & Bobbie June Ball—Pray that the transition for Bobbie June into Assisted Living is smooth and comfortable

Beth Scheer—Pray for her comfort over the passing of her father

Continued prayers for those with ongoing health issues.

Ron Wilson, Randy Brabec, and Melody Haight Tom and Robin English
Those with various cancers....Bob Tucker, Howard Camp, Shane Briggs
Tom Crist as they treat his heart condition...
Bob Howard and Sue Boyle...cataract surgery

Pray for our country and the leaders that the decisions they make, that they will turn to God for their guidance in it all and may God will be done in everything!

Prayers of thanksgiving always to God for His mercy and grace. for the answered prayers, for His watchful care over us, for His abiding love and presence.

Huddles:

Tonight - at the Sorias' House (2892 Hermosa Ct. - GJ 81506) 6-8 pm. Girls bring desserts and boys bring drinks. Invite a friend and come be fed!

April 8 - 6:30 - Let's roll ... Freeway Bowl Huddle. More details coming soon. Hosted by the Brassettes.

May 6 - 6-8 pm - Our first ever pUddle. (mash-up of Huddle in the pit!) Hosted by the Wilkins.

To host a huddle, holler at Lesa Brassette (Les@Brassette.com or 640-2243)



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For the Record

March 18, 2018

Attendance	265
Weekly Contributions 3/18/18	\$6,296.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,951.75
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Communion Preparation—March

Melva Willbanks

Communion Table 3/25/18

Dave Downey

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in March

Lou Mbala
John Matthews
Dan Ocheltree
Mark O'Rear
Ted Reaves
Ed Riddle
Craig Roberts
Randy Romkee

Announcements—March

Mark O'Rear

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

Tom Deister	Auditorium
Rick Wilkins	103
Sara Tourney, Facilitator, Young Professionals	213
Sandra Soria, Sign Language Class	207

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	203
High School	203

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

Roy Karo	Auditorium
Singing Class	Library

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 9:30 AM—1 PM Thursdays

Ladies Bible Class, - 9:30 AM Rm. 103

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 Small Group meets at 5 PM In Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM