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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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Elder of Month

David Scheuerman

Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word

This morning we move from John 8 to John 10 and talk about 'Lambing season,' as we consider the notion of Jesus as our Good Shepherd. We will walk through the text and highlight a few phrases to feed our souls, strengthen our faith, and re-focus our attention on the voices that compete with the Shepherds's voice. **See you in the sheep pen in a few minutes!**

From my Sticky Tabs . . .

Men's retreat: April 7-8. Less than two weeks away! Sign up in foyer or kitchen, bring a friend and enjoy some powerful challenges from Randy Harris.

Retreat titles: Philipians: "**Citizenship of that Other Country.**"

Ephesians: "**And you thought this was about you?**"

1 Corinthians: "**The Im(Perfect) Church.**"

2 Corinthians: "**Jesus: God's Yes!**"

Philemon: "**This changes everything...**"

Sunday Bible class:Romans: "Hope in the midst of Groaning."

Worship:Colossians: "The Fiddle Player and the Powers of darkness"

From our Wed. night class on John 13: "Jesus washed the disciples feet not *despite* who he was (as the Son of God) but as a natural extension of his identity." May we go and serve likewise.

This Wednesday we go to John 12 and discover the **Holy Spirit!** See you at 7pm!

Welcome Guests!

Help yourself to coffee, juice, and donuts in the kitchen area. Feel free to bring them in to the assembly.

May you be spiritually fed and encouraged by our gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share the Lord's supper, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. We dismiss by about 11:30. Please stay around and let us get to know you a little better.

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

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For March: Mark 12:30

"Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength"

Break Our Hearts

What makes you go bonkers? Does it get your blood boiling when someone is driving too closely behind you? Does it drive you nuts so badly when you see a crooked painting on a wall that you just cannot NOT go over and straighten it? I had a roommate once that would put ketchup on everything he ate. Mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, fried chicken, a porterhouse steak, was all drowned in tomato gravy, and I would cringe every time. I've been thinking lately about what things really bother us that maybe shouldn't, as well as things that should break our heart but instead often go unnoticed. I wonder if we were able to ask God what really drives him nuts, if he would talk about crooked paintings?

We actually have a pretty clear picture of the kinds of things that causes our Lord anguish. In Jeremiah 8 and 9 we read words like *"Since my people are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people?"* and *"Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears I would weep day and night for the slain of my people."* God's heart aches over the sin and brokenness in the world. His heart breaks at the sight of injustice, oppression, hungry orphans, and lonely widows. We see this same grief stricken vision in the life and teaching of Jesus. He noticed and took compassion on the widow at Nain. He offered a compassionate touch to the leper that he healed after the sermon on the mount. He wept over Jerusalem after his famed triumphal entry, because of their lack of understanding and blindness and the suffering that it was going to bring upon them.

Jesus had a heart that beat the same as the father, and as disciples, we are supposed to have a heart that beats the same as our master. Ezekiel 36:26 says *"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."* Does your heart beat in tune with God's? Does it break and hurt for the same reasons the Father's does? If I am honest, I would have to admit that my heart often seems far from concerned about seeking justice, defending the oppressed, or caring for orphans and widows. It's not that I am against these things when they are presented to me, but that is not what my heart is about. Too often, my heart is beating for me, for my wants, for my fears, and for my own hurts.

Jesus tells us in the sermon on the mount that *"where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* I find it interesting that he didn't say *"where your heart is, there your treasure will be also"*, but the other way around. In other words, we control the things that our heart beats and breaks for by what we're investing in. If you find that maybe your heart does not seem to be in tune with God's, maybe it's because you're spending your time, energy, and money building your own kingdom and there your heart is. A few short verses after Jesus' caution on storing up treasure, he says to *"seek first his kingdom and his righteousness"*. I am confident that if we live this verse, we will receive the heart of flesh that breaks for what breaks our Lord's. Then we will see others as he sees them, through eyes of love and mercy. May you seek first his kingdom and store up treasure there, so that your heart may be there also. - *Charlie*

MARCH PANTRY NEEDS: Crackers & Dry Cereal.

Senior Celebration

Please join us as we honor our high school graduates on Sunday, May 7 at 6:00 pm. Listed below are the five seniors we will honor and their favorite color. (If we have accidentally overlooked a graduating senior, please let Keri Fleming know ASAP.)

**Emily Bricker (white)
Kloe Nelson (red)
Christy Riddle (yellow)
Ty Roberts (red)
Jamin Wright (blue)**

Let's Celebrate!

Dale and Laurie Wrights new baby girl, Nila. Please bring a brunch item and join us on Saturday April 1st at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship room. This is a Family event. Nila just turned 2, her clothes size is 18 month and up. For more info, contact Jill Wilkins and Nancy Clayton.

New Bible Class Start-Up

Starting 4/2/17, I will be facilitating a Sunday morning Bible class in #207 for anyone interested - not just teens. The class will be 13 weeks long and is called **Answers Academy from Answers in Genesis.** Thank you, Michael Applebee

Attention church family!

"Attention church family! If you are interested in having your child attend Thursday Bible School (ages 2-PreK) in the fall, there will be a brief informational meeting after services **today** in room 103. If you are unable to attend, please see Jenna Hill for more info."

New Address for Jerimy Gadberry:

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#107697
BVMC C-203
Box 2005
Buena Vista, Colorado 81211

Ann Clayton injured her back and is going to a Chiropractor for a pulled muscle. Pray for her quick recovery.

Please keep the following requests in your prayers. We have many that are on going and are still in need of prayers. Those appreciate you continuing to keep them in your prayers. And they thank you, God is listening and answering. God bless you!

Prayers of thanksgiving for the improvement in many who have been ill or had various health problems, that God has provided. Continued prayers are needed, however....so continue to pray for the following;

Betsy Brown
Cecelia and EY Massey
Ron Wilson
Debra Trahern
Tom and Robin English
Bobby Tucker
Shane Briggs
Verne Twait
Stan Hurd
David (Della F-T" friend)
Upcoming VBS
Upcoming Men's Retreat

Continue to pray for nation, for this president and his cabinet, pray for those who are making the decisions that will effect all of us, and pray that they may turn for their wisdom to God, and not the world. Pray for those who would encourage violence and disruption, that they would also cease and do the right thing.

Pray for our church family here, may we be the kind of servants of God that allow the light and love of Jesus be reflected from our lives. May they know we are His by our love...and may we bring glory to God with our lives.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the blessed assurance that we are His children, He loves us, His presence is always with us and He is only a prayer away at any time.

Lucas Matthews mother has passed away in Louisville, KY. from a long battle with cancer. Please keep Lucas and his family in your prayers for comfort and peace.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

> No Huddle Tonight!

> **April 2** - 6-8 pm - at the Nortons' House (2930 Highway 50 - GJ 81503). Girls bring FRUIT and boys bring TORTILLA chips please. Invite a friend and come for food, fun, and a devotional.

> **April 16** - No Huddle - Easter Sunday

> **April 30** - At the Roberts' House

Middle School Madness

6th, 7th, 8th Graders—Sign up for Middle School Madness 2017.

April 7th—9th

(Sign up sheet on Youth Bulletin Board)



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For the Record

Mar. 19, 2017

Attendance	269
Weekly Contributions 3/19/17	\$5,200.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,066.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in March

David Downey
 Scott Ferguson
 Zack Fleming
 Ryan Fleming
 Ray Gehrett
 Nolan Grigsby
 Leonard Harvey
 Bob Heath

Communion Preparation—March

Melva Willbanks

Communion Table 3/26/17

Bo Hill

Announcements—March

Scott DeLancey

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

John Cooper	Auditorium
Wes Yeager	202
Vince Urbina	103
Young Adult (Under 30)(Temporarily not Meeting)	207

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

Doug Clayton	Auditorium
Singing Class	103

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	213
High School	203

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 for Pre-Schoolers	9:30 am—12:30 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
Sunday Evening Class begins at 6 PM In Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM