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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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Welcome Guests!

He is Risen!! Thank you for being with us this morning! 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. We hope you will choose to come back next Sunday and allow us to get to know you better.**

If you would like to know more about us feel free to ask or go to grandjunctionchurch.org and click on the "About" tab and then "What we believe."

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

Crunch time!! This morning, please move towards the center of the row and if you are really brave move **closer to the front!** Let's make it easier for our guests and late comers to find a seat this morning.

7PM: Starting Wednesday night April 6 we will move from back to a 7PM start for the warmer, brighter months ahead. Thanks for being flexible! The earlier start through the winter was well received getting us home earlier on those cold dark nights. See you Wednesday April 6 and 7PM. Ending class bell will ring at **7:45**. If you are teaching class and you are not done by 7:45 feel free to continue until 8PM while others visit.

Feeding on the Word!

The events surrounding the resurrection leave many images for us to consider. As Jesus endured the cross and rose from the grave we are reminded of his **obedience and humility**, his being **forsaken** and his **joy**. We also hear a peculiar question asked by the women who walked to the tomb early that Sunday to anoint Jesus' body. Let's open our hearts to see and be changed by the images of the empty tomb!

"Love One Another!"

Memory Verse For March: Isa. 40:22

"He stretches out the heavens like a canopy"

Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Hunting

“The eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth looking for people whose hearts are committed to him, so that He can show his great power in helping them.” (2 Chron. 16:9).

It's **Easter Sunday!** Despite the trappings of the secular holiday with its colored eggs, sugary peeps, and chocolate rabbits, I trust we are prompted to truly ponder the Resurrection of Jesus and the unimaginable life changing **hope** it brings.

I can't help but wonder at the limits of God's patience as He peers through eternity into time to see how many actually are committed to living out the reality that His Son died and was raised...flashbacks of Abram bargaining God down from 50 to 10 good souls in order to spare the cities of the plain (Genesis 18)... Is God asking himself: *“Is it really all about jelly beans and bunnies for most? Why are so many pretty much just blowing me off (at least until Christmas) like a kid ignoring his parents until he wants something?”*

But alas, the Resurrection is **hope!** I **hope** God is still searching, **hunting** to find a faithful heart. I **hope**, though at times it seems so many have given up on God and traded him for a basket full of candy and fake grass, God has not given up on us. I **hope** God isn't just giving us the same lip service we so often give him. I **hope** the application of the above verse goes beyond its historical context and is more than mere poetry from a prophet's pen. I **hope** God is still **hunting, wanting to find me, to help me!**

Understanding the Bible speaks figuratively at times we assume God is not literally “searching” as if He has misplaced humanity and is now frantically tearing the earth apart looking for us like lost keys. Yet, what a touching image of our heavenly Father straining, seeking intently, desiring to find committed hearts that he might bless and help. I am **hope-filled** and encouraged by a vision of God's strong but soft hands cupped above his loving eyes as he leans forward squinting across oceans and continents, into cities and tiny villages and all the way into hearts to find someone, anyone, and everyone who lives committed to the resurrection, who desires...Him.

On this Resurrection day I **hope** God finds *me*. I **hope** I am worthy of His hunt. I pray *my* heart is **“committed to Him so He can show his great power in helping me!”** God knows I need help...I'm guessing you do too!

While Easter egg hunts are fine and fun, let's remember God is constantly **hunting** for the obedient soul that honors Him with both heart and lips and trusts fully in the empty tomb!

Important Notices

Starting the first Wednesday in April (April 6), the evening classes will go back to meeting at 7:00 PM. Classes have been shortened to 45 minutes. Roy Karo will be conducting the class and he will continue the Vanderlaan video material.

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.

Life Group Cancellation

Hunt Zumwalt's life group that meets on Sunday evenings in the fellowship hall will not meet this evening. Regular schedule resumes April 3.

Franklin Baby Shower

Ladies, mark your calendar and plan to join us here at the building on April 16th at 2 PM for a baby shower for Maria Franklin, Audric's wife. She is registered at Target. If you would like to help, see Ann Clayton. Bring finger foods to share.

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!

TBS Luncheon for Widows & Widowers

Widows and Widowers are invited to the annual luncheon on April 14 in the fellowship hall (W Day). Sign-up sheets will be available in foyer and Ed Seela will provide rides if you need transportation. Program begins at 11:30 AM with lunch following.

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!!

GORDON FRANKLIN—Cancer has been found in his lungs. He is waiting to hear what the treatment will be.

VERLYN MATHEWS—He is at home suffering from a broken hip. He would welcome prayers, calls, cards & visits.

GENIE DEISTER—Her health is failing rapidly. Pray the Lord's will be done and that Tom And Kathy have safe trips traveling back and forth to Houston to be with her.

Please continue to pray for Scott, Lisa and Mariah Harris for physical and emotional healing from the traumatic effects of the home invasion that they endured recently. Pray for their family also for peace and reassurance. Pray for God to comfort, guide and heal them as they continue to deal with the trauma of what happened.

Pray for Scott, a friend and ex coworker of Shiloh Briggs, whose fiance' was killed in a car accident this week. also pray for her family. The wedding was to be in the next few weeks.

Continue to pray for Betsey Brown, for her sight to return and for healing of her health issues. Continue to pray for Alyssa Lucero and family. Pray for a good outcome for the tests she is having. Continue to pray for Greg Tidwell to recovery completely. Continue to pray for James Webb, the Tofel family and others who have ongoing health issues.

Prayers of thanksgiving and praise to our God for all His watch care over us and the blessings we receive daily.

YOUTH NEWS

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 Wethington.

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 20, 2016

Attendance	250
Weekly Contributions 3/20/16	\$6,600.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,366.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

Communion Preparation—March

Melva Willbanks

Communion Table 3/27/16

Bobby Heath

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—Joel Trumbo

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