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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Patterson Road church of Christ



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Our Gathering Today

LORD,
INCREASE
MY FAITH

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!

Your chapter heading for Luke 17 may say "Sin-Faith-Duty." If I were writing those uninspired captions mine would read: [Influence-Forgiveness-Contrite](#). After looking at the resurrection last Sunday, as we wind down our **Dr. Luke series**, we now go back and pick up a few final texts that deal directly with living as Jesus would have us to. May we be instructed, encouraged and challenged this morning by what Jesus is saying to us. **See you in Luke 17!** (*There is an obvious connection between the sermon today and the "Sips from the well" article on the next page*)

Thank You!

- ***The Singing Workshop*** this past Wednesday night was ***really awesome!*** Thanks **Charlie!!** It continues each Wednesday night at 7pm in April up in the High School room. all are welcome!
- **Ladies** - For preparing and serving the warm and delicious meal last week for the Bo Camp family in the passing of Bo's dad. This meal always blesses a family in their time of sorrow!
- **"Ya'll"** - For being a prayerful church!

"Not everything that counts can be counted and not everything that's counted truly counts." - Albert Einstein

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For March: Numbers 6:26

"The Lord watch over you and give you peace."

Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Undress

Immediately after Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead he tells his friends and family to **“take off his grave clothes and let him go”** (John 11:44). Lazarus’ body had been rotting in the grave four days and yet he was now alive, whole, shall we say “born again” and no longer to be defined or restricted by those old smelly garments. Jesus’ power had liberated Lazarus from death and its accompanying wardrobe.

When by the power of Jesus’ blood we are raised from the watery grave of baptism we undergo an even more significant transformation. We leave our old life, our grave clothes, and our past restrictive enslavement to sin behind. As spiritually resurrected beings we are **undressed** from our old rags with their stench of death and re-clothed with the sweet aroma of life, freedom and hope. We are given the gift of the apparel of Christ himself, **“For all of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”** (Galatians 3:27)

Please don’t miss this: Jesus’ mighty hand raised Lazarus yet He then enlisted the former cadaver’s friends and family to become invested participants in his release from death. They were told by Jesus, **“Take his grave clothes off and let him go!”** They were reminded that in removing these foul smelling garments **for** him that not only had God freed Lazarus from his past but it fell to those around him who loved him to release him as well!

Jesus masterfully prompts us to consider that the process of our own spiritual transformation involves **unbinding others** and **“letting them go.”** Forgiving others, releasing them from their grave clothes is a deeply personal, often difficult, and yet integral part of our spiritual recovery. We are challenged to have the increased faith (Luke 17:5) that allows us to do what is seldom easy, to liberate those who have wronged us, releasing them to grace. As we move this mountain of difficult forgiveness with a tiny mustard seed of faith we more fully embrace the call to resurrected lives as we **undress** from the restricting robes of **resentment and retaliation**. Like Lazarus’ community, at the command of Jesus, **we untie and unbind others**, forgiving each other as re-clothed believers **“raised to walk in newness of life!”** (Romans 6:4).

Have you been raised from spiritual death, from the Lazarus-like grave of your past by the power and blood of Jesus? If so, Praise God! Yet, know that you are now tasked with helping release others from their grave clothes, forgiving them of wrongs done (against you), “letting them go,” undressing them from those same dirty death rags you once wore.

Live not only on this side of Jesus’ resurrection but on this side of your own re-birth! **Take off someone’s grave clothes and let them go, freeing them and yourself by the power of forgiveness in God’s love!**



Youth Upcoming Events

THIS SUNDAY – HS Hangout after church till 4pm and then **Freeway Bowl Huddle**. 6:30 (different time than usual) - Let's roll! Bowling Huddle at Freeway Bowl. Eat dinner before you come. Bowling and shoe rental will be paid for! (Boom!) You only need to bring money for snacks / concessions if you want. Hosted by the Brasettes.

TOMORROW! – On Wednesday nights 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 per person. You can pay Jimmie in the church office or Charlie anytime before the trip.

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

May 24th – Summer Kickoff Lock-In. This is a great way to welcome our new 6th graders into our youth group. We'll be going to Get Air for part of the evening, so be sure to fill out a liability waiver on their website. Bring \$10, a friend, and your favorite snacks or games and let's start the summer right!

June 17th-23rd – CCYC. Save the dates and don't miss out! Our theme this year is Royals. More info to come!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

See Charlie DeLong or Jenna Hill with questions.

Senior Sunday:

April 22 (new date) at 6 pm, we will celebrate and honor our three 2018 graduating seniors. Their names and favorite colors are:

- Mr. Ryan Fleming (black & purple)
- Mr. Alex Hoffman (orange)
- Miss Reese Norton (teal)

The planning committee could use some help with this event. If you could lend a hand, (or if we've overlooked a senior) please contact Lesa Brassette (Lesa@Brassette.com or 640-2243).

Barbecue April 29, 2018

We will have a barbecue here on April 29. The church will furnish the meat and everyone else bring side dishes and desserts. See Eddie or Vickie Tinkle with questions.

Thank You!

Church Family, Thank you so much for your prayers after my injury in December. I am back to work selling real estate full time. My sweet husband has supported me for over 30 years and it is my goal to work more so he can work less. I am happy to be alive and love you all. *Gena Willits*

Teacher's Workshop Planned

There will be a Teacher's Workshop in York, Nebraska starting May 19. Theme is "Doors of Opportunity" for Bible teachers. Attendees would leave here May 18 and return on May 20. If you are interested, Sharon Riddle will present more information Sunday April 8 right after assembly in Room 103.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following requests we have for this week, in your daily prayers. The prayers of a righteous man avails much...and are so very much appreciated. God Bless.

Please pray for Becca, daughter of Tom & Kathy Deister. She is in hospital in Denver suffering from an intestinal infection caused by a recent surgery.

Please pray for Dan Fortney who was hospitalized with pneumonia. Pray for his healing and quick recovery and for comfort.

Pray for the Curtis Fleming family, for Curtis as he has to come back here for the infusions he needs for his health, at the same time he is beginning a new job and they are getting ready to move to Texas. Pray for strength, and wisdom, and healing and peace for them all...as they try to juggle all of this at the same time. Pray God will give them everything they need to get through these chaotic times for them and especially for His grace and peace.

Pray for Verlyn and Theresa Mathews, both of whom are suffering from cancer. Pray for healing, for comfort and strength and for peace for them.

Pray for John and Holly Cooper as they travel to Italy for 2 weeks to work with the church there. Pray for safety in travel to and from and during their stay there. Pray for God's blessing on their work there and that it will accomplish what God has in mind. Pray for the people they will be working with and among.

Continue to pray for Bobbie June Fisher as she adjusts to her new home at Comfort Care. Pray for her comfort and peace. Also pray for Larry Ball as he also adjusts to having Bobbie gone from home.

Continued prayers for those with ongoing issues:

Ron Wilson, (skin cancer/dialysis) Randy Brebec, (dialysis) Bob Tucker, (cancer) Tom and Robin English, Darlene Rettig, (rehab) Shane Briggs (continuing recovery, leukemia), Sharon Copley, (broken legs), Natasha Lemons (broken ankle) Nancy Clayton's brother, Tim McClathery, (in rehab, learning to walk again) Melody Haight (dialysis), and also those who have illnesses such as MS and other continuing issues.

Pray for all of our shut-ins. Pray for their peace and comfort, and God to bless them each day. (I will post a list on the bulletin board by the kitchen of their names.)

Pray for the husband of Matt King's niece, Jason Mattox, who has suffered a heart attack at 39 yr of age, pray for healing and recovery and comfort, pray for his family and for the medical staff that is caring for him to be able to do what is necessary for his recovery.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the improvement and recovery of a number of our family who have been ill or had surgery recently. Such as Tom Crist who is doing well after a scary diagnosis earlier, and others. God is good.

Continued prayers for our nation and leaders. Pray for God's will to be done in all the decisions and things that they do. Pray also for the world leaders also to work for peace and what is best for the people they are responsible for. Pray for persecuted Christians where ever they may be. Pray for strength and steadfastness in the face of the terrible challenges they face, often life or death or torture.

Give thanks to God for our blessings and pray for our church family here that we are so blessed to be a part of. Pray we will be the people God wants and intends for us to be.

Huddles:

April 8 - 6:30 (different time than usual) - Let's roll! Bowling Huddle at Freeway Bowl. Eat dinner before you come. Bowling and shoe rental will be paid for! (Boom!) You only need to bring money for snacks / concessions if you want. Hosted by the Brassettes.

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

May 20 - 6-8 pm - Hosted by the Hills

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



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For the Record

April 1, 2018

Attendance	362
Weekly Contributions 4/1/18	\$9,300.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$7,264.50
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Communion Preparation—April

Pete & Rebecca Franklin

Communion Table 4/8/18

Scott Hendricks

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in April

Ed Seela
Neal Schultz
Leonard Silence
Ben Skogen
James Soria
Ryan Smith
Gabriele Terraglia
Eddie Tinkle

Announcements—April

April 8—Mike Hurd
April 15, 22, 29—Vince Urbina

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