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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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Elder of Month

Rick Wilkins

Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word

This morning **Randy Harris** from Abilene Christian Univ. will speak to us concluding a weekend series on **Paul and the Powers of Darkness**. Randy spoke Friday night and yesterday to our men on this topic as he led us through Paul's letters reminding us of the spiritual battles that rage around us and God's part to make us Victorious! I know you will be blessed and challenged by Randy's words from the Bread of Life! **Thanks Randy for being with us this weekend!!**

Thank you!

- **Bo Hill**, **Leonard Silence** and **Eddie Tinkle** for putting together our Men's retreat this past weekend! It was a great time of Biblical challenge, food and fellowship! (Thanks for the yummy pies **Vickie Tinkle!**)

- **Dean Blanck**, **Mike Hurd**, **Ed Seela**, **Faith Urbin**, **Ty Roberts**, **Rick Wilkins** and **Zack and Ryan Fleming** for recently trenching and re-piping some sprinkler and electrical lines in the PIT. Great work!

Easter Sunday! We are expecting a larger than average crowd next Sunday. Please sit closer to the front and squeeze into the middle to make it easier for our guests to find a seat. **Invite a friend!**

**** Prayers** for safe travel for **Charlie** and several of our Middle Schoolers as they return from Middle School Madness this afternoon!

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 April: Mark 12:31

“Love your neighbor as yourself”

Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Sword

The Allies landed on beaches in western France with the code names *Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword*. "**D-Day through German eyes**" is a firsthand account from surviving German soldiers who were manning their posts on the "Atlantic Wall" on June 6, 1944. These interviews hit me in a personal way (as they would many of you). My mother was ten years old in 1944 when she was called out of school to be told the heart breaking news that her adored uncle, **Pvt. Joseph Landi** (from Syracuse, NY) had been killed in action and was to be buried far from home at a place she had never heard of, Normandy. I could not help but wonder if one of the German soldiers about whom I was reading could have been the one who violently engaged my great uncle and how things might have been different had they crossed paths somewhere else. One of the peculiar ironies of war is most combatants later admit if they had met their "enemy" on the street, in peace time, instead of on the battlefield they might have been friends, buddies, instead of foes trying desperately to kill each other. That gives me pause...

In Matthew 10 the **Prince of Peace** utters these disturbing and counter intuitive words: "**Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth, but a sword. I have come to turn a son against his father, a daughter against her mother...**" Great, just when I thought I had Jesus figured out!

Jesus is not calling us to hate family and certainly not to kill each other in the name of Faith. Christ is reminding us there is a war of a different kind being fought where our mind and heart is the battlefield. The enemy is Satan and his ghastly weapons of warfare rage against us. As *Randy Harris* has reminded us this weekend the Apostle Paul is keenly aware of this epic struggle as he encourages us in his letters to the early church to wield the **Sword** of the Spirit against the Dark Powers of this world.

As the brutal conflict for our heart escalates we can lose our way and become unwitting allies of darkness. As we resist Jesus we find ourselves entrenched in our concrete bunkers of pride and self, defending to the death our hardened positions. To look at the battlefield from the enemy's gun emplacement gives us a sobering and honest perspective. To see ourselves as the enemy gives us spiritual clarity as to how we rationalize our rebellion and refuse to surrender to the **Prince of Peace** who defies the withering fire of our sin to storm the beachhead and set us free.

Yes, Jesus came with a **sword**. The Son of God came to thrust a **Sword** through every relationship, every thought, and every self-centered stronghold that comes between us and God. The Prince of Peace will stop at nothing to pierce our heart and decimate our defenses in order to liberate us from the enemy's grip of sin and death. Can you hear the *challenge of the Sword* in that old hymn, "**Whose side are you fightin' on...?**"

"I came to bring a Sword!" - Jesus

APRIL PANTRY NEEDS: Canned Meat: Spam, Tuna, Chicken

ALL ADULT CLASSES MEET IN AUDITORIUM TODAY. Randy Harris, Guest Speaker—9 am.

April 30—Agape Sunday.

The elders invite everyone to come join us on **April 30th** right after morning assembly in honoring **John & Holly Cooper** for their lifetime of ministry, and specifically 25 years of service to this congregation

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.

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

Meal Calendar

There has been a meal calendar created for the Yeager family on the birth of Harrison. Go to www.carecalendar.org and use the following codes:

Calendar ID: 252901 Security Code: 4758

See Jenna Hill for more info. Thank you!

Western Slope Worship and Fellowship

The Montrose Church of Christ will host a worship and fellowship at 2:30 pm Sunday May 7,

Guest speaker will be Karl Jones from Burleson, Texas (See Bulletin flyer insert in today's Bulletin for more information)

Education Ministry Update

Check out flyer insert in today's Bulletin for an update on the Children's Education Ministry. This is something new we are adding to keep you informed on children's activities and studies. Together with Scott Ferguson, Sharon Riddle and numerous teachers we will periodically have articles of news and items of interest for you and your children.

Sunday Evening Schedule—6 PM

April 9—Roy Karo, Ecclesiastes — "Under The Sun"

April 16—Potluck—Bring a dish

April 23—Monthly Singing

April 30—Agape Sunday—No Meeting

Mediterranean Style Barbecue

Christina and Gabriele Terraglia would like to invite the church family to a "Mediterranean Style Barbecue" to celebrate their marriage April 29th at 6 p.m. in the pit at the church. They will furnish the meat. Everyone else bring a side dish and /or dessert. Christina and Gabriele are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond. See them for questions

Please keep the following request in your daily prayers. They are very important and very appreciated. Thank You!

(Request from Jan Nelson)
Matthew's mother Cecilia. She has cancer, lives in Santa Fe, and her family is trying to decide the place where she will get the best of care. Michelle was our waitress at the Lode at Santa Fe, and she requested us to pray for Cecilia

Pray for Evelyn Barslund who suffered bleeding in her brain and had surgery this week. She is in intensive care at St Marys. Pray for her recovery and comfort. Pray for Bill and the family.

A friend of Lila's has asked for prayers for his cousins 9 yr old girl Brielle, who is seriously ill. They believe she has autoimmune encephalitis. She convulse sometimes for hours at a time and is seriously ill. Please pray for her to recover completely and for her family as they wait for her to improve. Pray the treatment she is receiving will work and she will recover.

Richard Sisco – He is underwent surgery last week for Sepsis. Richard and Peg are in Texas at this time.

Continued prayers for the following are needed.

Betsey Brown..recovery from surgery
Allen Craig..various health issues
Sandi, Wes Beaver's mom...cancer
Tyler Johnson...work and be able to attend church
VBS
Shane...leukemia
David...leukemia

Pray for our church family here to be the ambassadors for Christ He has told us we are, and that our church family as well as our individual lives will bring glory and honor to His name.

Prayers of thanksgiving to our loving and awesome God for answered prayers and His abiding presence and watch care.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

- > **April 16** - No Huddle on Easter
(No Middle school lunch hangout either)
- > **April 30** - At the Roberts' house

Senior Celebration - **May 7 at 6 p.m.** in the fellowship hall

VBS Volunteer Sign Up

Forms for volunteers to sign up to help are in the foyer now. You can also access the form on the church website and complete it electronically. VBS is **June 19-23, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.** There are many ways to be involved! Sign up today! Contact Lesa Brassette if you need more information. (Les@Brassette.com or 640-2243)



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For the Record

April 2, 2017

Attendance	289
Weekly Contributions 4/2/17	\$12,143.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,562.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in April

Bobby Heath
Mike Hurd
Matt King
Sandy Kiser
Isaac Lavadie
Tyron Lofton
Steve Neff
David Olree

Communion Preparation—April

Richard & Peg Sisco

Communion Table 4/9/17

Eddie Tinkle

Announcements—April

Scott Ferguson

May—Bo Hill

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

John Cooper	Auditorium
Wes Yeager	202
Tom Deister	103
Michael Applebee	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