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Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Godly Advice

Before I left for Guam and Saipan this past February I asked Matt King to help me with one of the things I hoped to accomplish while on Guam. My aim was to address the guards in the prison on Guam with some words of gratitude and encouragement. Matt gave me the letter you see below. With his permission I share this Godly advice with you. I was able to use it at Deddo Police Precinct during a shift briefing. It got a great response from the officers. Thanks Matt!

To the men and women Correctional Officers in Guam,

I was asked by John Cooper to put a few words together about my experiences as a Correctional Officer and how I dealt with the stresses associated with the profession. First let me say the job you do is one to be admired and is essential to the preservation of peace and orderly society. I understand the work you do can be draining on you and your families. I have listed a few thoughts which I hope you find helpful to you in your profession and personal life.

Peace: I had a Sergeant tell me when I first starting working at a Maximum Security Prison it was essential to have peace each day before coming to work, peace with God and peace with those you love. He advised me and several others due to the dangers and pressures placed on Officers it was essential to be able to make critical decisions without worrying about what we had said to someone we love at home. It was also important to know if something traumatic happened at work, even the possibility of our death that our loved ones were taken care of. I always tried to leave my family with positive and happy thoughts before going to work.

Integrity: What I do matters even when nobody is watching. Honesty is a way of life; prisoners will attempt to get you to do things you would not normally do and compromise your values by threat, intimidation, or manipulation. Hold fast to what you believe, once you lose your Integrity you have lost.

Fairness: Be fair; leave judgment to the courts and our maker. Do your very best to treat all whom you are responsible to watch over with fairness. Prisoners will respect you if you conduct yourself with fairness and do not show favoritism. I understand this is difficult at times based upon behaviors and also knowing what a person has done to become incarcerated, remember we are tasked with carrying out the punishment directed by the courts.

Courage: Have courage to stand for the important things in your life. Think tactically and be in good physical condition. Understand what the mission is and do all you can to fulfill the mission professionally.

I'm sure the ideas are not new to you, on a more personal note I would like you to know the single most important thing which has helped me is my relationship with God and the example of Jesus Christ. I gain strength knowing I am safe in his care and he is the ultimate Judge of man. I have included several scriptures I enjoy which I hope may encourage you as well. Psalm 11:7 Psalm 23: 1-6, and Matthew 5:9.

The job you do is taxing. Remember to put God and your family first. Remember there are victims and other good people in society. Have involvement with them but leave the job at the job and maintain a personal life outside of work.

Matthew King

Memory Verse For April — Philipians 2:14

“Do everything without complaining or arguing.”

Our Gathering Today

Feeding on the Word

"Why are you standing here staring up in the sky?!" - Angels.

We will be in **Acts chapter 1** (and a few other passages) this morning as we explore an often overlooked event, the **Ascension of Jesus** which occurred **40 days after his resurrection**. We will focus on Jesus' "Victory tour" between those two events and the benefits and blessings of the Ascension to all believers. Hope you're hungry :-)

Welcome Guests!

Thank you so much for being with us today. If you are here for the first time or were here last week as a guest and did not get a loaf of gift bread and a guest card please raise your hand this morning as the **Welcome announcement** is made. Please feel free to share Communion with us as the bread and wine are passed and let us know how we might serve you.

Acts of service...the face of Jesus

Matt King, one of our many members who "protect and serve" our community, has written the front page article this week. He originally wrote this at John Cooper's request to encourage the police officers in Guam. We appreciate Matt (who also assigns our Communion speakers each week) and all of our law enforcement members who are a vital part of our church family and community! Thank you all!! **Be careful out there!**

"Love One Another!"

VBS Volunteers Sign Up Online

Go to the church website (www.grandjunctionchurch.org) to sign up to be a VBS volunteer. Also, paper forms are inserted in the bulletin today for your convenience.

VBS Organizational Meeting

If you are interested in helping with VBS in any way, please come to an organizational meeting on Thursday, April 16, at 7 pm in the fellowship hall.

Baby Dedication

We will have the annual baby dedication on Mother's Day, May 10 right before morning assembly. If your baby has not participated in this event, See Sharon Riddle to sign up.

Colorado Christian Youth Camp

CCYC (Colorado Christian Youth Camp) is a camp directed by the Grand Junction Church of Christ in Grand Junction, CO. It is a fun filled week with a Christ centered spiritual foundation of daily; Bible classes, relationship building, mentoring, and the best food you can imagine. If you would like to donate a scholarship please give church secretary, Jim-mye, a check or go to our website Grandjunctionchurch.org/CCYC and click on the donate button. Please click on the yellow donate button.

All Soul Care Providers

There will be a Soul Care Meeting in Room 103 directly after services today. Please make every effort to attend. Contact Peg Sisco if you have any questions

Ben Mereness Visit

Ben Mereness of Eastern European Missions will be here May 20 at 7 PM to give us an update on his work getting bibles into the schools in war-torn Ukraine.

Empty Nesters

The empty nester ladies will meet for lunch at Chili's at 11:30 AM on April 23 (Thursday). RSVP to Sherry Crowe at 256-1127

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Amey Collazo at 10 AM April 25 here at the building. If you want to help, see Alicia Tinkle or Laci Wilkins.

Sanburg Care Calendar

A care calendar has been set up for Bryce and Jeannette San-burg. Jeannette is in need of some help and rest. She is requesting the need for light evening meals.

You can go to:
carecalendar.org
ID: 206670
Code: 6301

Thursday Bible School Program & Luncheon

TBS will be presenting a program and serving a luncheon for the widows and widowers here at the building on Thursday April 16 at 11:30 AM. Please sign up or call/text Sharon Riddle at 250- 715 if you would like to attend.

Genesis Timeline

The emphasis of the Genesis timeline displayed in the fellowship hall has been adapted to emphasize the least known historical event—The Tower of Babel. Revisit the bulletin board for encouragement or read Gen. 11:1-9 and contemplate the effects of the rebellion against God led by Nimrod. Pick up copies of the Sept. and Oct. 2004 bulletin articles by Thomas E. Broadbent.

HS Graduation Event

We will honor our HS graduates on May 10. HS seniors include Sarah Jennings, Alex Gomez, Lacey Mahoney and Destine McFarland. See Matt Lee, Sheri Heath or Keri Fleming for further information.

Special Prayer Requests

Join us as we pray for Rwanda

In an effort to launch and sustain a prayer movement for Rwanda we are creating a new email newsletter called Pray4Rwanda. If you'd like to join us on this prayer journey we invite you to subscribe to Pray4Rwanda on the Rwanda Harvest website <http://rwandaharvest.com/subscribe-to-pray4rwanda/>

Please keep the following requests in your prayers this week. They are very important and make a difference. And are much appreciated.

Continue to pray for Ken Garrison ,Kathy Deister and Bryce Sandburg who have ongoing health issues. Continued prayers for Irene Deister and her family as she recovers from surgery.

Continued prayers for Amanda Gadberry, who is still having tests to diagnose her health issues.

Pray for Chuck and Jo Massey. He is in Hope West Hospice. Pray for comfort and peace for them.

Pray for Jim Ottoe, a friend of Lila's that is going through a divorce and is having several other problems in his life. He is a new Christian and has asked for prayers for God's help and guidance to get through it all in a Christian manner and keep his faith strong.

Pray for one of our sisters in Russia, Elena, who has had some family issues and needs encouragement and strength. Pray for strength for her and her faith to remain strong.

Pray for those in our nation who are in positions of authority, who make decisions that will affect everyone, that they will consider the Lord's will in all they do and say. Pray for God's guidance in the choosing of the candidates for the election in 2016, again that His will be done in who becomes our next President.

Pray for the victims of the terrorists wherever they are, who are suffering all sorts of horrible persecutions.

Pray for our military people, for safety and wisdom as they are placed in harms way....and for their families.

ARTHUR RITCHEY....Lila's brother.....had emergency major abdominal surgery this week. in Omaha, NE. Please pray for his comfort and complete recovery. Pray the biopsies will not show cancer has returned. Pray for comfort and peace for his family. JEANNETTE SANBURG—suffering from a viral infection. Keep her and Bryce in your prayers.

YOUTH NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

Please pray for our students that attended MSM this weekend. Please pray for our travel home we will be returning to the building at 3:00 PM this afternoon.

HUDDLES

Next Sunday, April 19th we will Huddle at Bobby and Sheri Heath's home 1976 K Rd. Fruita, CO 81521

April 26th we will Huddle at Santiago and Debbie Carol's home

Huddles will start at 6:00 PM and usually end around 8:00 PM

If you would like to host a huddle please contact Keri Fleming.

HARLEM AMBASSADORS GAME

Friday April 17th

Meet at 6:15 PM at the Church building.

The game will be at Colorado Mesa University. Matt has 20 free tickets left. Please RSVP if you would like to go.

CCYC

June 7th-13th

Please register online at GrandJunctionChurch.org/CCYC



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For the Record

April 5, 2015

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| Attendance | 394 |
| Average Attendance, 1st qtr. | 277 |
| Contributions | \$9,486.00 |
| Budget | \$7,035.38 |

Communion Preparation—April

Richard & Peg Sisco

Communion Table 4/12

Jeremy Antwine

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in April

Rick Wilkins
Lloyd Willits
Ron Wilson
Jeff Yeager
Wes Yeager
Hunt Zumwalt
Robert Allen
Karl Antwine

Announcements

Ron Wilson—April
Scott Ferguson—May
June-Dean Blanck

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Chuck Tourney, 1st Thess. ————— Auditorium
Bobby Heath—23rd Psalm ————— 103
Young Adult (Under 30) ————— Room 207

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7- 8 PM

John Cooper, Philippians ————— Auditorium

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2 ————— Nursery
2 & 3 yr. 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 & 4 yr. old ————— 104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd ————— 205
3rd thru 5th Grade ————— 208
All teens meet in ————— 203

Sunday Morning Worship at Mesa View Retirement Center Starts At 10 A.M.

Apr 12 Bill Tidwell, David Olree
Apr 19 Vince Urbina, Leonard Silence
Apr 26 Bob Howard, Dave Scheurerman
May 3 Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt
May 10 Bud Treu, Mike Hurd
May 17 Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey
May 24 Bill Tidwell, David Olree
May 31 Vince Urbina, Leonard Silence
June 7 Bob Howard, Dave Scheurerman
June 14 Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt
June 21 Bud Treu, Mike Hurd
June 28 Bill Barslund, Scott Delancey

Acts 9:20-31
Acts 9:32-43
Acts 10:1-43
Acts 11:1-18
Acts 11:19-30
Acts 12:1-19
Acts 12:20-25
Acts 13:1-12
Acts 13:13-52
Acts 14:1-7
Acts 14:8-28
Acts 15:1-35

Service begins at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings at the Mesa View Retirement Center. Visitors welcome.