



Real Life News & Notes

church of Christ of Grand Junction

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Fear

"Perfect love drives out fear!" (I John 4:18). What scares you? I am not talking about snakes, heights, bankruptcy, disease, breaking your leg on a ski slope (Heal fast bro!), or political views counter to yours.

Most of us know Christians who suffer from spiritual anxiety attacks. We might be one of them. Some are fearful if too much grace or forgiveness is extended a sinner might slip into heaven by mistake. Some live in fear as they dance around "condemning the sin but not the sinner." But that theological mine field is seldom safely navigated and usually leaves severely wounded human casualties behind. Some are terrified that those with different worship preferences or non-traditional interpretations of Scripture might actually be embraced as faithful brothers in Christ. Some fearfully resist encouragement to live freely in grace thinking the mere phrase "free in Christ" inhibits godly obedience, so a disclaimer is added: "We are saved by grace, not by works. **But...**"

Here's a quick test to see if fear might be driving our faith: As you hear Jesus refusing to condemn the adulterous woman in John 8, how quickly do you add, **"Yeah, but he told her to stop sinning too."**

Fear wants to monitor forgiveness lest it pour out of heaven's bucket a little too fast. Fear needs to rub the sinner's nose in it just a bit more to make sure they have learned their lesson. Fear is the gatekeeper of proper religious etiquette and the palace guard that insists on keeping the church safe and tidy. Fear often asks, "What about sin?!" Jesus reminds us that sin must be addressed. But, the sin that needs to be addressed first is **my** sin. (Remember that rock throwing challenge and the *log in your eye* analogy Jesus used?) BTW, did you notice that Jesus did not condemn the rock throwers either? Jesus loved them (us) too and challenged them to honestly examine their own lives and hearts. With different words, Jesus told the Rock Throwers, "Go and sin no more."

When Jesus deals with our sin we see perfect love that has no desire to draw any more attention to the mess. Jesus gave the adulterous woman immediate renewal as he told her, **"I do not condemn you."** And, Jesus told her this **before** she had opportunity to change her sinful lifestyle. All people with sins like and unlike ours, who don't believe or worship just like us or don't believe at all, or who are caught up in addiction and sinful life-styles are not to be feared and condemned, but loved. When we live in mature love, fear is **driven out** and rocks of condemnation fall as our open hands extend to embrace those who need it most. When we live free from the fear of having to protect Jesus from sinners we are free to love as Jesus loved. **Love is where fear goes to die!**

By our love, not by our fears, will the world know we are children of Light.

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Memory Verse For April : I Cor. 15:20

"Christ has been raised from the dead".

Our Gathering This Morning

Sermon: As we approach the week of Easter, we want to look into the last hours of Jesus life. As we walk in the early Friday morning of Jerusalem we might see ourselves in the crowd, standing nearby, listening, wondering what to do with Jesus. We will be in Luke 22 and 23. May we be challenged and blessed as we see **Love on Trial** this morning.

Guests: Thank you for being with us today. We hope you feel welcome and comfortable. As you will see, our worship assembly is fairly simple, yet Christ centered. We will sing, pray, take of the bread and wine (communion), feed on God's word, give back to God from our finances, and share family matters (announcements) and meet any spiritual needs through praying together. Occasionally we are blessed to witness a baptism as someone decides to obey Christ's command to be baptized and share in the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord as they mark a new beginning moving forward with a changed heart, having past sins forgiven by Jesus sacrifice and the gift of God's Spirit dwelling in us. Please let us know how we might serve you.

Thank you! Thanks to Curtis and Keri Fleming who have jumped in even more to help with our Youth group as Brian begins to heal up and get back on his feet. Curtis (along with two of our middle schoolers) is returning from Estes Park this afternoon as he helped chaperone Middle School Madness this weekend. Pray for their safe and uneventful travel.

Love One Another!

Honduras Mission

The Honduran mission effort is coming up in July. On Sunday, May 4, there will be a special contribution collection to help fund the mission.

Food Drive Planned

We will have a food drive on Sunday, April 13. The pantry is very low. Some have already brought in food and we thank you.—*Melody*

VBS - Save the Date!

VBS Will be **June 2 - 6**, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Please pray for God to guide His purpose for you in this ministry. Arts? Teaching? Music? Games? Snacks? Publicity? Prayer partners? Watch for more information soon. See Lesa Brassette with questions or to volunteer!

VBS Bibles

This year we are adding a Bible give away to our VBS! Children who do not have a Bible will be able to leave our VBS with one of their own. The selected version is the NIV Discoverer's Bible for Early Readers. It's a version that is easy for them to read. A donation of \$18 secures one for a child who will be educated for years on God's love and promises. Please give donations to Lesa Brassette no later than April 6 and make checks payable to the Church of Christ. Before VBS, donors will be given a chance to inscribe their donated Bible!

Open House

Chris Tubbs is hosting an Open House on Sunday April 13 in honor of Teddie Goodner's birthday. The event is at the Tubbs home, 586 Grand Valley Drive from 4—6 PM.

Senior Grad Night

The celebration honoring our high school graduates is planned for Sunday May 4th at 5:30 PM. Parents of graduating seniors are reminded to provide a few photos and a bio write-up to Kristi Gomez or Brian Peacock by April 13th. This year's graduates are: Megan Bricker, Rayleigh Norton, Cierra Pennal, Caitlyn Vanderberg, Tucker Niemi, and Morgan Rayside. Thank you

Attention Widows & Widowers

Thursday Bible School would like to invite all widows and widowers to our annual "W" Day Program and Luncheon. Program is at 11:30 AM April 17th. Luncheon follows immediately after. Please sign up in foyer and/or fellowship hall if you would like to attend by Wednesday April 16th or call Sharon Riddle at 243-2712 or 250-0715.

Mother's Day Sunday

On Sunday May 11, we will be having our baby dedication. If you have a child 2 years and under and have not previously participated, please sign up in foyer or fellowship hall. This is a short ceremony and prayer at the beginning of the worship service. Feel free to take pictures if you like. We would like to have both parents come to front with child, if possible.

Church Picnic

Our annual church picnic will be on May 18 at the Lion's Club shelter in Riverbend Park, Palisade. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Police Marriage Seminar

If anyone would like to provide desserts for the Police Marriage Seminar to be held on Sunday and Monday April 13 & 14 and would also be interested in set up and serving, see John Cooper.

PAUL & DONNA DELANCEY AND CHILDREN-They are having struggles with their life and faith. Pray that they may return to God's loving grace and arms. Please let them know how much they are loved and missed.

KELLY ROPER..son in law of Tom and Robin English (Lori's husband) He fell two stories while working, landing on cement. He has rib separation, two fractures in a knee cap,& tendon damage in his hand along with bruising. Pray for healing and that there will not be other injuries that surface later.. and for comfort for him and the family.

BRIAN PEACOCK...has a broken leg from a skiing accident. Pray he will heal quickly and for his comfort...and for his family.

Continue to pray for the Roberts family, for peace and healing and especially for Travis, for him to seek God as his guide in his life and in his decision making. they are going through a difficult time right now.

Continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones, the most recent being the family of Ruby Morrill.

LAURA, BARB ROTH, SHARLENE FRANCISCO, JOHN REED,...All of these are fighting cancer. **TRACY** is home now, pray for the treatments she had to work. **JANICE FERRIS**, has a rare form of cancer, pray for her to make the right decisions as to her treatment.

DOYLE OLREE—He had eye surgery in Denver last week in an attempt to save his sight in that eye. He will have further surgery in about 6 weeks. Pray that the surgery is a success and he has a full and quick recovery

Also continued prayers for **VERLYN MATHEWS**, pain relief, **LINDA CARLY**, relief from Parkinson's, **JAMES OS-MONDSON**, recovery from burns, **JOHN AKERS**, various health and spiritual issues.

Continue to pray for those fighting addictions of any kind. Pray for God to help them get the help they need and for them to seek His help.

Pray for our missionaries and for the persecuted church around the world. Pray for wisdom, guidance and protection for them.

Continue to pray for our nation. Pray for repentance and God's forgiveness... that He may bless and save us. And for the leaders.

Pray continually for God to bless our **MILITARY** people and families, for protection, guidance and wisdom for them and all involved in their lives.

Pray for our church family...may we bring glory and honor to God in our words and actions.

Thank you for your prayers, and know that you too, are in someone's prayers daily!! (you may not even know they are praying for you.) Perhaps the good things that happen in your life are an answer to others prayers for you!!

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, WITH THANKSGIVING, let your requests be know to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6,7



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For the Record

April 6, 2014

Attendance	251
Average Attendance, 4th qtr.	238
Contributions	\$9,067.21
Budget	\$6,726.00

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in April

Bryce Sanburg
David Scheuerman
Ed Seela
Richard Sisco
Herb Tinkle
Chuck Tourney
Edgar Treu
Dick Truitt

Communion Preparation—April Richard & Peg Sisco

Communion Table 4/13/14

Bill Tidwell

Announcements: Vince Urbina

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

Tom Deister—Auditorium
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207
Jenna Hill, Ladies Class—103
Bob & Bobby Heath, O.T. Survey—202

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

John Cooper—Life's Lessons—Auditorium
Shirlene Caraway—103

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 begins at 10:15 AM

Mesa View Retirement Service Schedule
Meets Sundays at 10 AM

Apr 13	Chuck Tourney, Hunt	Mark 15
Apr 20	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Mark 16
Apr 27	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Col. 1: 1-14
May 4	Wes Yeager, Scott Delancy	Col. 1:15-2:5
May 11	Bill Tidwell Dave Scheurman	Col. 2:6-23
May 18	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Col. 3:1-17
May 25	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Col. 3:18-4:1
June 1	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Col. 4:2-6

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.