



Real Life News & Notes

church of Christ of Grand Junction

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The Joy of Sharing Jesus

Last week in this space I shared an article with the same title as this week's- "The Joy of Sharing Jesus." Last week I shared some thoughts on the previous four weeks of my mission trip to **Guam**. The mother who was baptized there literally wept for joy after her baptism, and then the baptism of three of her four daughters. Her husband had left them all about nine months earlier. She works two jobs to support her family. In the midst of her difficult life she found hope and joy in Jesus. This week I would like us to consider "The Joy of Sharing Jesus" **locally**. People around here need Jesus too.

First, let me ask, how is the "joy level" in your life? All of us want some joy and we try hard to get it. However, sometimes "joy" is somewhat elusive. Some people find joy in playing video games on the X-box or on their "smart" phones. I have just spent a great deal of time today trying to get my "smart" phone working again after a wonderful update yesterday set it back a few semesters. Bottom line, even electronics can disappoint and frustrate. It is true that people can also disappoint and frustrate. However, people can also bring great joy and happiness. And bringing people to Jesus is one of the most exciting and joyful processes we can experience in life.

Several things can help us in bringing people to Jesus and in experiencing the joy of sharing in the salvation process of others. Love for the lost, patience, compassion, using your time and talents for a purpose greater than self, and teamwork are a few essential elements of evangelism. In two weeks after the morning worship time there is planned a "ministry fair." This is an effort to enlist all of us in some aspect of reaching out to people who need Jesus. Every one of us has talents and abilities and are important to the proper and successful functioning of the body of Christ. By working together for a purpose of bringing people to Jesus or building them up in the body of Christ we share in much joy.

Luke 15 is kind of a "joy chapter". You can read it all but let me just quote a few verses that might peak your interest. "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over..." "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." "Let's have a feast and celebrate." (vss. 7,10,23).

Try for some real "joy", try serving and sharing Jesus,
John Cooper

YOUTH NEWS

Brian is out of town with some of the junior high kiddos, so please keep them in your prayers as they travel back from Estes Park today.

No huddle tonight: We will be meeting next week, so get excited!

Wednesday night devo: Join us as usual at 7pm upstairs in the high school room for a great time of worship and fellowship together. And for those of you who are getting impatient... we'll be meeting in the pit before you know it!

Camp forms are available! There should still be some out in the foyer. If not, visit the youth blog at gjyouth.wordpress.com or check the church facebook page.

Calendar info: The calendar is online! Right now it can be accessed on the blog by clicking the "calendar" tab in the upper right hand corner.

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Memory Verse For April—II Cor. 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Assembly
Children's Verse – John Cooper
Announcements—Vince Urbina
Song Leader: Kit Hatfield
Meet and Greet

Communion—Nolan Grigsby

Offering—Nolan Grigsby

Sermon : “Anatomy Of A Healthy Church”
Doug Clayton & Curtis Fleming

Shepherds Blessing—Jerry Austin

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in April

Curtis Fleming
 Dan Fortney
 Pete Franklin
 Jerimy Gadberry
 Ken Garrison
 Ray Gehrett
 John Genevay
 Mark Gomez

Announcements

April—Vince Urbina
 May—Curtis Fleming

For the Record

April 7, 2013	268
Attendance	265
Average Attendance, 1st qtr.	\$11,400.69
Contributions	\$6,208.96
Budget	

Communion Preparation—April
 Richard & Peg Sisco

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maxine Yeager—Memorial Service for Maxine Yeager takes place at 3:30 PM today in the auditorium. Burial has taken place at the Fruita Cemetery. In lieu of flowers consider donating to Mountain States Children's Home (PO Box 1097, Longmont, CO 80502-9912) or Eastern European Missions (PO Box 670928, Dallas, TX 75367-0928).

Empty Nest Activity—The women will be having their monthly lunch out on Friday, April 19th at Red Lobster, 11:30 AM. RSVP to Sherry Crowe-256-1127.

VBS Is Coming—June 3—7! - Make plans now to attend or minister at our VBS! June 3 - 7, from 5:45 to 8 p.m., we'll take a thrill ride through God's Creation (including His creation of dinosaurs) at Incrediworld Amazement Park VBS! *Blessings, Lesa Brassette*

Dinners For Eight Potluck Dinner—There will be a Dinners For Eight Potluck in the fellowship hall on May 11 at 5:30 PM. Anyone involved in Dinners For Eight or would like to get involved are welcome. See Kathy Deister if you have questions.

Tending To The Garden—If you are interested in gardening this year, Ed Riddle is having a meeting in 103 right after assembly for those who want to participate. The garden spot has been weeded and tilled and is waiting for the farmers in our midst. Please attend the meeting if you think you want to exercise your green thumb.

April 28-OCU Singers Here.—Sign up sheets are in the foyer if you will be able to host an OCU Singer overnight and provide breakfast for them. See Brian Peacock if you have any questions.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser For Drama Production—May 4 ,4 PM—8 PM in the fellowship hall. Adults \$7.00/Children under 12 \$5.00. All proceeds benefit the production of “The Day America Dialed 9-1-1. See John Akers or Rebecca Parks if you have questions

Huddle Signup: - Are you interested in hosting a Sunday evening huddle for the youth group? **Sign up on the sheet on Brian's office door or email him.** Typically a host family will provide dinner for the teens and a brief lesson. If you aren't able to do a lesson, that's okay! We'd still love to enjoy your hospitality and include you in our time of fellowship and worship.

Ministry Fair April 21

All Ministry Leaders/Deacons need to contact Bryan Crowe if you plan on having a presence at the Ministry Fair on April 21.. We will be setting up tables on Saturday April 20.
Thank you, Bryan Crowe

Camp Staff Meeting:

Sunday April 21, 4:45pm at the Tinkle's house. We will be meeting before the youth group Huddle. If you are camp staff or considering being camp staff, come to the meeting!

Help needed!!!!

During the budget process in the year 2012 the Elders decided to base the 2013 budget on the pledge cards that were filled out by the congregation during the fall of 2012. Unfortunately to maintain the budget within the parameters that were established the doughnuts that many members of the congregation enjoy during the fellowship time between class and the worship service on Sunday morning became an unfunded expense.

The fellowship ministry would like to continue providing doughnuts and drinks during the time between class and worship service and they are looking for individuals who can help by either donating \$10.00 per month for the remainder of the year or with a onetime check of \$80.00 to help cover the cost of the doughnuts and the drinks. If you can help the fellowship ministry is requesting that you please place a check designated for fellowship/doughnuts in the collection plate on Sunday morning.

Senior Grad Night Reminder

*Parents of graduating high school seniors who have not provided a few photos and a bio write-up to Chris Pennal by now **must contact her today.** We are running out of time to meet printer's schedule. Also, remember to provide Brian Peacock 10-15 additional photos for the slide show **this week.** Please see Chris, Brian, or Ann Clayton if you have any questions.*
(More Announcements on Back Page)

Special Prayer Requests

Items of Interest

PHILLIP MARUTZKY...pray for comfort, strength and peace for him and his family. He is on hospice care now

VICKIE LASLEY.... Cancer is spreading...please pray for her comfort and peace, and for strength and peace for her family. She is at home.

Please continue to pray for the following and their families.

YEAGER FAMILY....in the loss of Maxine.

MARY CATHEY...health issues and decisions to be made.

PAUL CATHEY....upcoming surgery

DEBBIE...Teddies sister in law...several serious health issues

GEORGIA...Darlene’s friend.....polymyalgia

ALICE JACKSON...healing of broken ribs

KALEA VEJRASKA.. 7 yr old with brain tumor

AMBER...Vickie’s niece...breast cancer

RAGS RAGSDALE...recovery from heart surgery

DOROTHY BALL....health issues/comfort

Please remember to pray daily for these things also.

For our church family and our leadership
 For the Lord’s church all around the world
 Those in the military and their families.
 Our government leaders and the leaders around the world to govern in the will of God.
 For the lost that they may come to God before it’s too late.
 And for us to remember our command to tell them of Him.
 Especially remember to give God the glory and honor and to be grateful to Him for who He is and for His loving care. May our lives bring Him glory and honor.

****MISSION WORK WE SUPPORT****

Nepal Mission Summary (Stan and Janis Hurd)

Greetings to the brothers and sisters at Grand Junction. My wife Janis and I traveled to Nepal from October 15 through November 21, 2012 as an evangelistic effort we have been involved with since 2001. We have been blessed with several close connections with churches and brethren in that nation over the years. As a predominantly Hindu nation, Nepal is a rich field for the gospel of Christ and we find the people quite receptive and welcoming.

This past trip we traveled to about 17 villages, towns and congregations for sharing the Good News of Jesus. Some of the places are remote and very undeveloped by any standards we commonly think of. Others are more modern but still far less so than we are used to in the US. We were blessed to witness and be part of the baptisms of 9 precious souls who responded to the gospel call. The baptisms took place at the outskirts of one city in a local river and in a river below one of the very remote villages we stayed in for 3 days. All of the brethren in Nepal always send their greetings and appreciation to the churches in the US. The churches in Nepal have their struggles much as in other parts of the world but are growing by a few dozen converts each year. We are very thankful for your loving participation in the efforts to reach the lost in Nepal and look forward to the further joining of hands and hearts as we continue to spread God's Word in this kingdom with God's kingdom. God bless you and thank you.

In service to Jesus,
 Stan and Janis Hurd

ALSO Eastern European Missions

Since 1961, EEM has been providing Bibles and Biblical literature in the languages of the nations of Eastern Europe. For many years, until God brought communism down, EEM had to find ways to smuggle Bibles through the Iron Curtain. Today, EEM supplies Bibles and Biblical literature in 20 languages, free of charge, to the people in the nations of the former communist bloc.



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YOUTH CAMP NOTICE

Want to be a camp counselor? We're taking applications for counselors for summer camp, which runs from June 16-22. We need more volunteers, both men and women. Please pick up applications on the back table and turn in to **Bobby Heath**.

Camp scholarships: Want to help send a student to camp this summer? We need donors willing to provide scholarship money. We never want to turn a child away due to lack of funds. Contact Bobby Heath or Brian Peacock if you can help.

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

Tom Deister—"Christian Disciplines"-----Auditorium
Young Adult (Under 30)-----Room 207
Vince Urbina—"Matthew 5"-----Room 103

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7- 8 PM

Dane Jennings & Guest Teachers—(*Preparing God's people for works of service*) - Ephesians 4:11-16-----Auditorium
Women's Bible Class-----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

Date	Servant Team	Study Text
Apr 14	Mike Hurd, Bud Treu	Gal. 3:1-14
Apr 21	Bill Tidwell, Wes Yeager	Gal. 3:15-25
Apr 28	Bob Heath, John Akers	Gal. 3:26- 4:7
May 5	Hunt Zumwalt, Steve Bagga	Gal. 4:8-20
May 12	Scott Ferguson, Dave Scheurman	Gal. 4:21-31
May 19	Bobby Heath, Brian Peacock	Gal. 5:1-12
May 26	Dean Blanck, Chuck Tourney	Gal. 5:13-18
Jun 2	Mike Hurd, Bud Treu	Gal. 5:19-26
Jun 9	Bill Tidwell, Wes Yeager	Gal. 6:1-10
Jun 16	Bob Heath, John Akers	Gal. 6: 11-18

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him who have been called according to His purpose.