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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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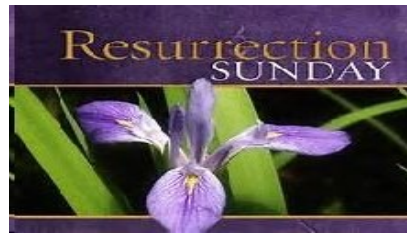
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Elder of Month

Rick Wilkins

Our Gathering Today



Welcome Guests!

We celebrate **Resurrection day** with you and are thrilled that you have decided to join us this morning!

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 simple gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share communion, 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.

Feeding on the Word

When the Apostle Paul talks about the **resurrection** he speaks from a different perspective than the eye witness narratives of the Gospels. Paul was highly educated in the legal aspects of God's word and this *by the book* approach actually kept him from recognizing Jesus as Lord, the anointed of God. Then, one day Saul had his own **resurrection** experience. His eyes were opened, his heart was changed and his life would never be the same. Out of that personal conversion experience, Paul later writes a letter to the Christians at Corinth reaffirming **love** as the basis for problem solving and firmly establishing the **Resurrection of Jesus** as the very center and core of our faith. Without it, he says, "**Our faith is meaningless.**" See you in **I Corinthians 15** in a few minutes!



"The resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth reminds us: You can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there. You can nail it to a cross, wrap it in winding sheets and shut it up in a tomb, but it will rise!" - Clarence Hall

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For April: Mark 12:31

"Love your neighbor as yourself"

All In

Someone once asked me an odd question: "If you knew that there was no life after death, no heaven or hell, would you still be a Christian?" Obviously, I found this question to be very strange, especially coming from another Jesus follower. I mean, why would I even want to imagine no Heaven? All that I could think of was how I didn't want to seem like I was a Christian just for my own reward, so I suggested that I would in fact still try to live out the example that Jesus left us to follow. Yet, the question lingered with me for some time, years in fact. Truthfully, it has turned out to be a deeply motivating question in my walk of faith.

In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul is writing in defense and confirmation of the resurrection, both ours and Jesus'. In verse 19 he says, *"If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied."* There is some deep theology behind Paul's statement here. He's specifically addressing a false teaching that was prevalent in that particular time and setting, that there was in fact no physical resurrection. Yet, his words should cut deeply for us even today if we consider their implication. Why would we be pitied if there was no life after death, no resurrection? Think about what Paul's life looked like. He gave up quite a life to serve and advance the gospel of Jesus. After living a life completely dedicated to the Lord, if it turned out that he was wrong, he certainly would have looked foolish. Can the same thing be said about your life? Typically, we tend to hedge our bets a little. In the pie chart of our lives, we have a slice for church, and there's still room for a lot of other things that are important to us as well. When it comes down to it, if we were wrong about the whole eternal life bit, most of us would have still lived comfortable and rewarding lives. Jesus did not ask to have a slice of the pie chart of your life. He said in Luke 9:23 *"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."* As Christians, we are supposed to have gone all in for Jesus. Our faith in Christ, our confession of Him as Lord and savior, and our baptism into his death are all founded upon the fact that there is a resurrection and life after death. If we are wrong about that, we will have lost everything. Yet when our Lord returns and our faith is made sight, we will indeed gain abundantly more than we could ask or imagine.

Reading again that verse in 1 Corinthians 15, there's the word "only". Our hope in Christ is for life after death and praise God for that! As if that wasn't enough though, that's not all of the story. We do also have hope in Christ for this life! Romans 6:3-4 says *"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."* When we emerge from the symbolic, watery grave of baptism, we have undergone a powerful resurrection. We are set free from the death that sin brings. We needn't live with sorrow and anxiety about it any longer. We have been blessed with a new life in the same way that Christ was, and that new life is far more hope filled than a life outside of Christ.

Because the tomb is empty, our citizenship is in heaven, and we should be watchfully and eagerly awaiting our savior from there. However, that doesn't mean that we don't have a purpose till then. In the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6, Jesus prayed for God's kingdom to come and his will to be done on earth, just as it is in heaven. Have you ever considered the fact that God answered that prayer? By His spirit, He raised Jesus from the dead here on this earth, and he has placed the same spirit in each one of us who have been raised with Him. Have you gone "all in" in your faith because of his resurrection, seeking first His kingdom here on earth, or are you still hedging that bet by building your own kingdom just in case? - *Charlie DeLong*

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

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)

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)

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

Sunday Evening Schedule—6 PM

April 16—Potluck—Bring a dish

April 23—Monthly Singing

April 30—Agape Sunday—No Meeting

Please keep the following request in your prayers this week, thank you for interceding on behalf of them....they and their families really appreciate it.

Continue to pray for Evelyn Barslund as she recovers from her surgery. Pray for a complete recovery. She will be in Fruita for a few days...and then home. Thanksgiving prayers for the healing she is experiencing.

Continue to pray for Richard Sisco. He is at his daughters home in Texas and is recovering well, asks for prayers for continued healing, for reestablishing good blood thinning levels and ability to travel.

Continued prayers for Sandi, Wes Beaver's mom in her battle with cancer. and for her family.

Continued prayers for Shane Briggs and Della's friend David, both fighting leukemia. Still a long ways to go. (Drs still pleased with Shane's response to treatments.) Pray for their families also.

Pray for Kristen DeLong's cousin, Emily. who lost her husband suddenly. He became ill and went to hospital and died the next morning. They have a 3 yr old child. Pray for that family in their loss.

Continue to pray for those who are working on VBS. Pray it will be successful in bringing many children (and parents) closer to God. Pray for the workers in all aspects of it to be guided in their planning and interaction with the children.

Thanksgiving to God for answered prayers and there are many. Praise and honor to our God for His abiding love and watchfulness over His children....and His guidance and protection each day.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

> **No Huddle Today!**

> **Next Huddle: April 30** at the Roberts' House

>To host a huddle, please contact Lesa Brassette, 640-2243 or Les@Brassette.com

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 9, 2017

Attendance	209
Weekly Contributions 4/9/17	\$6,192.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$7,264.00
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 4/16/17

Charlie DeLong

Announcements—April

Scott Ferguson

May—Bo Hill

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

Bo Hill	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