



Real Life News & Notes

church of Christ of Grand Junction

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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The Doors

"The Doors" were a popular rock group back during my younger years. They had a lot of hits but for some reason the only one I can think of at the moment is "People Are Strange". That's kind of strange isn't it? Not sure why or how they came up with the name "The Doors". I have often wondered about the strange names of other rock groups, but that's a subject for another article. Perhaps Doug or Brian will follow up with this important topic.

However, if you are here ("in church") today you may have noticed the door on the stage. It will play a part in my communion talk for this morning. Most of us will recall that Jesus instituted "the Lord's Supper" during the Passover meal with His disciples. The Passover was a time of remembrance of God's deliverance of the people of Israel from Egyptian bondage. As a part of this time of gratitude and celebration the people of Israel were instructed to put the blood of a lamb on their doorframes and lintel. This act of obedience and faith would cause God to "pass over" their homes when the final of the ten plagues, the death of the firstborn, took place.

Just as God protected his people then and delivered them from captivity and gave them the hope of the promised land, he now gives us protection, deliverance and hope through the blood of Jesus Christ. "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, so your faith and hope are in God." (1 Peter 1:18-21).

Because of what Jesus did for us he allows us to enter through him (the door) into the true promised land, our home in heaven. He delivers us from our sins and enslavement, from hopelessness and despair into a place of wonder and bliss. He protects and provides for us. In the King James Version Jesus says, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." (John 10:9). He delivers us from our enemies. To the church at Philadelphia, which was facing opposition and liars Jesus says, "These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut..." (Revelation 3:7,8).

"And after this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven (Revelation 4:1)." God opens doors for His people. Will you go in? "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and, and he with me." (Revelation 3:30).

Thank God for opening doors, John Cooper

Memory Verse For April : 1 Cor. 15:20

"Christ has been raised from the dead".

OUR GATHERING TODAY

Guests: Thank you for being with us this Easter Sunday! We hope you feel welcome and comfortable and choose to come back and get to know us better! As you will see from week to week we are normal, loving folks and 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. Please let us know how we might serve you.

Sermon: This morning we will share together one of the greatest benefits and blessing of the resurrection of Jesus. It comes from something Jesus said three times shortly after he appeared to his disciples on Resurrection Sunday. **Peace be with you!**

Thank you! To **Melody Haight** for continuing to do a wonderful job as our Pantry Ministry Coordinator and putting away all the food you all brought last Sunday to re-stock the pantry. Please know that this pantry is regularly used to bless people in need. Thank you for helping and serving in Jesus' name!

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.

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!

Senior Grad Night

Senior Grad Night-May 4, 5:30 PM honoring Cierra Pennal, Megan Bricker, Rayleigh Norton, Tucker Niemi.

Please bring finger food to share. Cake will be provided.

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.

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 13, 2014

Attendance	256
Average Attendance, 4th qtr.	238
Contributions	\$7,401.66
Budget	\$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—April Richard & Peg Sisco

Communion Table 4/20/14

John Cooper

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in April

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

Announcements: Vince Urbina

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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 at Mesa View Retirement Center Starts At 10 A.M.

Apr 20
Apr 27
May 4
May 11
May 18
May 25
June 1

Bud Treu, Mike Hurd
Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris
Wes Yeager, Scott Delancy
Bill Tidwell Dave Scheurman
Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt
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Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris

Mark 16
Col. 1: 1-14
Col. 1:15-2:5
Col. 2:6-23
Col. 3:1-17
Col. 3:18-4:1
Col. 4:2-6

1 Corinthians 16:13

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.