



Real Life News & Notes

church of Christ of Grand Junction

Conflict and Communication

Let me be real bold, or perhaps foolish, and make an overly universal, exaggerated assertion—"almost all relationships at some time will experience some degree of conflict." We all see it and all have experienced it. It could be conflict with a spouse, conflict between parents and children, conflict between students at school, conflict between students and teachers, conflict between employees, conflict between employers and employees, conflict on the sports fields or courts between players, conflict between players and referees, conflict between candidates and yes sometimes even conflict in our churches.

Learning how to handle conflict in a Godly way is an extremely valuable skill to acquire. It is not easy because most of us want our own ways or ideas to prevail. Also, many of us have never had a course in "conflict resolution" and most of us have witnessed or habitually practiced wrong ways of conflict resolution. Over the next few weeks I would like to share some ideas on how we can all do better at handling conflict in a Godly manner. Doing so will improve all of our relationships. Doesn't that sound good?!

One of the things at the heart of conflict is communication. If we do not communicate, or if we do not communicate well, conflict is much more likely to happen and resolution is much more difficult, if not impossible, to achieve.

Today I want to mention only one aspect of communication and use one verse reference to give us some Godly direction in how to communicate and minimize conflict. By the way, conflict itself is not bad. Conflict is basically sharing different viewpoints. Much good can come from calmly sharing differences so that we can grow together in peace and love. James 1:19,20 is this week's scripture reference on improving our conflict skills. "My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires." Great directions on handling conflict from the Word of God. More on this next week, Lord willing.

Let's be peacemakers! John Cooper

Youth Section

Sabbath

Recently the youth group and I discussed participating in Sabbath as a spiritual discipline, and it makes sense to include some of that here.

Sabbath is vastly misunderstood, and as a result most Christians think that it has nothing to do with us. Or worse, many Christians just don't think of it at all. While the truth is that Sabbath is just as relevant as the day the Israelites heard the Law from Sinai.

"Sabbath" can mean "rest" or "cease," but that doesn't quite give the whole picture. It's not a negative. It's not simply *not* doing things. Rather it is very much what we *do*.

When we think on the context of Israel when they received the Law and the commandment to remember the Sabbath, the meaning becomes clear. "Sabbath" also means "to desist from exertion," or perhaps to cease from striving, and this instruction was given to God's people immediately after they

had been released from slavery. Right after their entire life was exertion and striving.

Sabbath is a reminder: you are not slaves to a cruel master any longer. And your new master does not require your constant, unceasing work to earn his favor or his love. Rather, you can simply *rest* in the knowledge of his love.

Sabbath can be a day, or an hour, or a lifestyle. But take some time this week to rest, to remember that you are not a slave to a cruel master, and to remember the Sabbath.

-Lucas

Huddle: Tonight 6pm at Leesha Kenny's house. 3131 Applewood (in Spring Valley Subdivision)
Middle school bring drinks,. High school bring desserts.

Memory Verse For April.:

"Let your conversation be full of grace" - *Colossians 4:6*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

#63 I Will Call Upon the Lord

Children's Verse: Lucas?
Announcements: Vince
Song Leader—Bryan Crowe

Greeting
 Call back from Greeting #63 I Will Call Upon the Lord

We praise Him
 #41 Mighty is Our God
 #96 I stand in Awe
 Had it not been the Lord

Scripture Reading Titus3:4-6 Vs. on Screen Reading from Seat

We Remember Him
 #421 Sweet, Sweet Spirit
 #422 Spirit of the Living God
 #364 Come Share the Lord

We Share in the Lords Supper
 . The Bread
 . The Wine

We Share in the Offering
 #513 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Offering

#591 Who Can Satisfy My Soul Like You

Fan or Follower: The Spirit Led Life—Doug Clayton

Response
 #803 Turn My Heart

Elders Blessing

Outreach Minister—John Cooper	241-4075
Minister—Doug Clayton	523-1654
Visitation Minister—Hunt Zumwalt	210-8960

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in

April

Lynn Briggs
 Doug Bussert
 Santiago Carol
 Lee Chance
 Tony Clayton
 Lane Coale
 David Cooper
 Tom Crist

Announcements

April—Vince Urbina
May—Curtis Fleming
June—Ron Wilson

For the Record

April 15, 2012

Attendance	291
Average Attendance, 1st qtr.	263
Contributions	\$6,574.36
Budget	\$6,715.30

Communion Preparation—April

Richard & Peg Sisco

Prayer Requests

STAN HURD....heart problems and lymphoma
 DAN SCOTT....Guillian Barre syndrome
 SUSAN NICKLAS....Thank God for answered prayers. After surgery, she does not have to have any further treatment.
 JESSICA BOONE..... for continued healing
 CHERYL WILKINSON....healing from cancer
 VIRGINIA DESMON.... Congestive heart failure
 TERRY JACKSON, DOUG BEACH AND JERIMY GADBERRY ... to find work.
 JOHN AKERS... continue to pray for John's recovery and complete healing.
 ALMA COOPER...pray for her comfort and healing.
 KATHY DEISTER...continue to pray for Kathy as she prepares to have a procedure done to take care of the aneurisms . Pray for comfort and strength and for her doctors to do their job well....for the procedure to go well and for her healing....also for Tom.
 LUCILE ROBINSON....She is home now ...pray for her complete recovery from her fall.

Thanksgiving for safety for Sheila and Robin as they traveled and that they weren't in any of the storms.
 The WATSON AND BRASSETTE FAMILIES....in the loss of Keith's mom, Thelma and Lesa's grandfather, Ben.
 RON AND KAY WILSON....for healing in their family.
 VICKIE HAYDEN..Darlene Rettig's neice has a broken ankle...also her husband lost his job.. Pray for healing and for him to find work.
 AMANDA GADBERRY (Briggs)....She is having tests this week, pray they will find the problem and be able to treat it. Also for healing and comfort.
 KAREN BRIGGShaving tests this week, pray for the results to help them determine the problem and the best treatment. Also for comfort and healing

Thanksgiving to our great God for hearing and answering our prayers!!! God is good!!

Notes and Items of Interest

Senior Grad Night is fast approaching!



We have eight seniors we will be honoring this year: Madison Allen, Quinton Barnett, Zach Fleming, Ben Franklin, Holly Heath, Amanda Schuller, AJ Urbina and Josh Vorse. Please mark your calendars for May 6th at 6:00 pm and bring finger foods to share.

Shirley Bagga Moving

Shirley Bagga is moving to a new home and would appreciate help on moving day. Anyone who would like to help her move on Saturday morning, April 28, at about 9:00, please contact her (985-2514), or Eddie Tinkle (216-2608), or go to 2659 Crestridge Ct. on that day. Three or four pickups would help make things go much faster. Hopefully it can be accomplished in a couple of hours.



Open House

Everyone is invited to an Open House for Jeremiah & Katie Watson this evening from 2-4 pm. Their address is 151 Wimberly Drive in Fruita. Come tour their new home!

No gifts please. See Jenna Hill or Nancy Clayton for more details.

Directions: Take Hwy 6 & 50 towards Fruita to 19 Rd. Turn Right on 19 Rd to J 6/10 Rd. Turn Left on J 6/10 road to Wimberly Drive. Turn Right on Wimberly to address 151 on left. Hope to see you there!

Girl Scouts

Trinity Brassette and Caitlyn Taylor are working on their Junior Girl Scout Bronze Award by doing a service project of creating TLC (Tender Loving Care) bags for Doug Clayton to use in his homeless ministry. Donations of the following items are needed for the project, and can be placed in the bin on the table in the fellowship hall on April 15, 22, and 29: Granola bars, small beef jerky (individually packaged), candles (6" pillar), small match boxes, socks, toothbrushes, small bottled water, and notes of encouragement for the people. See Caitlyn or Trinity for more details. Thank you!

Come & Go Reception



Tom and Tamara Crist invite you to a "Come and Go" reception celebrating the marriage of our son Kiel to Erin Everette Crist. It will be at our home on Saturday, April 28, from 4pm to 8 pm. They have

asked that no gifts be given. Please RSVP

Crist Residence:
516 S. Mesa
Fruita, Co 81521

ShareFest is Satrday April 28

The Empty Nesters invite the congregation to join us in a day of serving. Anona Lofton has been chosen by Habitat for Humanity to receive a NEW HOME!! It is a bank repo that will need some major work. This Saturday We will be meeting at her at the property at 9:00 AM, 815 Harrison Ave. in Fruita (Early Risers meet at Starvin Avins in Fruita at 8:00). RSVP to Ron Wilson 639-2375. We will be meeting at the front of the auditorium after services. Ck www.gisharefest.com for other opportunities to serve.

For more information call the Crowe's (256-1127) or the Wilson's(639-2875)

Potluck Dinner



We will be having a Potluck Dinner on April 29 (Agape) right after morning services. Bring your favorite dish, a cherry pie from someone would be nice! Visitors, we always have an abundance of delicious dishes and we would like to

have you join us.

Eastern European Mission

The Missions Ministry is currently in the process of raising funds to send to Eastern European Missions to buy bibles. The bibles are for public schools in the Ukraine. If you would like help please place a check written to the church in the collection plate and designate it for EEM. The final day for you to participate in this project is April 29th.

Baby Shower



There will be a baby shower brunch for Jenna Hill on Saturday, May 5 at 10 AM. See Sheri Heath for details.

Thank You!

I would like to thank the sweet person who gave me the card with a cute kitten in a tree on the front and a gift inside. It always brings a smile to my face. Thanx so much!
Elaine Roberts

Wedding Shower



There will be a wedding shower for Natalie Bamford, bride of Luke Clayton, on Saturday, May 12 at 10:00 AM. See Sheri Heath for Details.

VBS Volunteers

Avoid the draft! Enlist now to help with VBS this summer. (July 23-27; 5:45 to 8:30 p.m.) Simply fill out the form enclosed in this week's bulletin and place it in the box on the table in the fellowship hall as soon as you can! (Extra forms can be found there too.) Let's make this a time of love and learning that the children will carry with them for years. There is a job for everyone, every age, every ability. Jump in with both feet and be a part of the important event! Contact Lesa Brassette.



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Welcome to the church of Christ of Grand Junction! If you are visiting with us we want you to know how honored we are to have you. It is our desire to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 22:30,31). We are attempting to share His love with others through following Jesus' words, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). If you have any questions about anything that you hear taught or see practiced we would be glad to share with you the reasons for the faith we have. Just speak with one of our shepherds or ministers or call 970-245-4210 and we will gladly assist you!

COME WORSHIP WITH US

We're On the Web
grandjunctionchurch.org

- Newsletter
- Announcements
- Women's Ministry
- Audio Sermons

Soul Care Ministry

We need each other. Many of us fight our greatest battles all alone, but we don't have to. Trained peer counselors are available to truly listen. Free and confidential.

Call 260-7309

BIBLE CLASS AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Tom Deister	—"Jesus Is Lord"	Auditorium
Dave Scheuerman	One Year Bible Study	103
Scott Ferguson,	Young Marrieds	202
College/Young Adult		Traders Coffee

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7- 8 PM

Bob Heath	Book of Acts	Auditorium
Hymn 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

*Jesus answered, "My teaching is not my own. It comes from Him who sent me. If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own."
He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself." John 7: 16—18*