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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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Our Gathering Today



Welcome Guests!

Thank you for being with 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

This morning after our Easter interlude in First Corinthians 15 we return to the gospel of John where we find Jesus giving pre-mission reminders and instructions in the midst of a long goodbye. The reminder comes in the form of a visual aid. Jesus has them imagine a vine as he says: "**That's me! I am the vine and you are the branches. You know what happens if a branch is cut off from its vine, its source, it bears no fruit, it withers and it dies.**" Jesus leaves them with this: "**OH BTW, everyone in the whole world is going to turn against you and hate you just like they hate me. But, I am sending Help and Comfort! You can do this. You must do this. Stay close to me and to each other!**" See you in John 15 in a little while!

Next Sunday we will have a "sermonette" followed by honoring **John and Holly Cooper for their years of service with our church. Please join us and bring an **Italian dish** for the **Agape meal** following!

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For April: Mark 12:31

"Love your neighbor as yourself"

Four Keys to Successful Evangelism

Several keys to successful evangelism are found in ***Colossians 4:2-6***. **First** Paul says, “Devote yourselves to pray, being watchful and thankful” (2). Pray for people you know who don’t know Jesus. Watch for opportunities to share your faith. Be thankful for all God has done for you, it will show in your attitude, speech and actions. Others will notice your grateful and happy disposition and ask you why you are the way you are.

Second, pray for others, “that God may open a door” for the message of Jesus (3). Pray that we all will be able, as Paul asked, to proclaim the saving message clearly (4).

Third, Paul writes, “Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity” (5). How we behave and how we treat others has an impact on our ability to genuinely share the Gospel with them. Let’s treat people right; with love, patience, compassion and respect.

Fourth, “Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone” (6). How we speak to others affects how they hear us. May we be understanding, forgiving and calm in our speech. At the same time may we share a message that is distinctive, tasteful and have a redeeming quality. We should know what we believe, and why we believe it, so that we can answer people who wonder.

Let’s share Jesus! John Cooper

Ladies Bible Class

The ladies bible class that meets on Thursday mornings will be discontinued on Thursday April 27 for the summer.

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

Coffee Can Ministry Needs

Travel Size Toothpaste
Travel Size Deodorant
Toothbrushes

Contact Karen Wade, Glenda Scheuerman, Pam Hurd.

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. The food theme for dinner is "Italian". John is very fond of Italian meatballs or Lasagna.

VBS Help Needed

Please volunteer to help with VBS. Sign up forms are slow coming in and Lesa is getting concerned as the planning stage needs to start now. A VBS form is attached. If you can possibly help, get this form back to Lesa as soon as possible. The more that volunteer, the more successful the VBS will be. It is a highlight of the children's summer and we need you!

Senior Celebration

Please join us on *Sunday, May 7 at 6:00pm* to honor our high school graduates. This year we will celebrate with Emily Bricker, Kloe Nelson, Christy Riddle, Ty Roberts, and Jamin Wright. Cake will be provided; please bring a finger food to share. Thank you!

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

Please keep the following in your prayers this week. Your prayers have been answered so many times..they are really important for those in need of God's help in various ways.

Pray for Bob and Andrea Davis, in the death of her sister. Pray for God's comfort and peace for that family in this difficult time.

Prayers of Thanksgiving...Evelyn Barslund was with us in services Sunday morning. God is good! Thanksgiving for her recovery and for her to continue to heal to a complete recovery.

Prayers of thanksgiving for Richard Sisco's improvement also. Pray for safety in traveling home, and for continued and complete healing so it will not come back again..

Continued prayers for Sandi, Wes Beavers mom, in her battle with cancer. Pray for healing and comfort for her and peace for her family.

Thanksgiving for God's being with Shane Briggs all through the treatments he has has for months and continues to have. Pray for continued good response to the treatment and for the transforming of his blood type to the donors type be complete soon. Pray for wisdom for he and Shelda in some decisions they will be making .

Continue to pray for all those who have ongoing health issues, and their families. Pray for God's healing and comfort.

There are several....Ron Wilson, Della's friend David, who has leukemia, those with MS or other ongoing illnesses, a number of our elderly, those with addictions or mental illness, Bob Tucker, radiation treatments for cancer, among many others.

Also continue to pray for VBS and all those working with it.

Prayers of thanksgiving for God answering prayers in favor of Kenneth and Abbey Mouliason, Jan Nelson's daughter and son in law.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

> **None today**

> **April 30** - 6-8 p.m. at Ty's House! The Roberts family live at 2950 Pheasant Run Circle - GJ 81506. Girls bring drinks and boys bring desserts. Invite a friend and come for dinner, fun and a devotional!

> **May 7** - Senior Celebration Sunday at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall

PIT Update:

> **April 26** in the pit but eat dinner before you come

> **May 3** - PIT returns full force with dinner, fun and devotional!

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 16, 2017

Attendance	365
Weekly Contributions 4/16/17	\$5,149.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$7,251.25
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 4/23/17

Michael Blanck

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