

May 1, 2016

## Real Life News & Notes *Patterson Road church of Christ*

*A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers*



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## Our Gathering Today



### **Welcome Guests!**

May you be encouraged by our love and simple Christ centered gathering as we sing, pray, share the Lord's supper, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. We dismiss by about 11:30. **Please let us know how we might serve you.** Check our web site at [grandjunctionchurch.org](http://grandjunctionchurch.org) and FaceBook page **Church of Christ of Grand Junction** to discover a little more about us and what is going on at this community of Faith.

### **Feeding on the Word! (the sermon)**

Last Sunday we studied the place of **blood** in the Jewish sacrificial system and how that led us to the **perfect blood** of Jesus and what it means for us. This morning we take a closer look at what the Bible says about **Christ's blood** as we look at several texts that shed wonderful, life giving light on what the **Blood of Jesus** does for those washed in it. There is **great power in the blood!** [Ann and I will be in California all this week for the Pepperdine Bible Lectures and Lord willing will return Saturday night. **Scott Ferguson** will preach next Sunday. Thank you Scott!]

### **"Grateful and Blessed that..."**

...this is a prayerful church.  
...this is a church that reads, studies and meditates upon God's Word.  
...this church is involved and invested in so many various acts of service in the name of Jesus, motivated by grace and compelled by love.  
...this church seeks unity and inclusion as we dwell together in peace for the cause of Christ.  
...this church has so many dedicated Bible class teachers who regularly prepare meals from God's word and feed our children, teens and adults.  
...this church always rises in faith whether it be to meet a need, encourage the weak, reach out to the hurting, embrace the troubled, give to a cause, defer to a brother, or to build up the body as we participate in spreading the gospel.  
...this imperfect church is made perfect by the blood of Christ and because of the grace extended to us this church extends grace and forgiveness to others.  
...this church is growing in grace, in faith, and love for God and man!

### **"Love One Another!"**

Memory Verse For May: Col. 1:15

**"By Jesus all things were created...visible and invisible"**

## **Outreach Efforts – Vermont and Italy - 2016**

As you read this Lord willing I will have concluded another Mission Outreach effort in Springfield, Vermont (April 29-May 1). On the Friday night of the weekend (April 29) they are to have me interact with the church in a question and answer period. On Saturday they have asked me to lead two sessions. The first session is entitled "How Does the Bible Define 'Seeking God'". The second session is entitled, "What the Bible Says About Seeking the Kingdom First". On Sunday (May 1) during the worship hour they have asked me to speak on "Dreaming for the Kingdom of God." I am praying that all these lessons challenge and encourage the church of around 100 in the church where I grew up from 7<sup>th</sup> grade through High School.

Below is a report on my most recent trip to Aviano, Italy which I sent out to those interested in my foreign outreach efforts. Thank you for your prayers and support. This church has an impact all over the world! Praise God!

### **Italian Mission Trip Report – John Cooper** **March 31 – April 11, 2016**

Let me first thank you for your interest in my ongoing mission outreach efforts. Many of you contribute financially to these trips, many others contribute with your encouragement and your prayers. Without you my trips would not be possible. Let me also thank God for the opportunities He gives me to share the message of His love with others all over the world. I thank Him for the strength, health and encouragement He gives me on these trips. Without Him my trips would not be possible.

After flying all night I arrived in Venice, Italy around 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 1. Jerry Seward was at Marco Polo airport to pick me up. On the next day we had dinner with one of the church members and then that night we ate with some of Jerry's Italian friends. They had hoped to get together again but it did not happen. Planting the seed! I taught class and preached on Sunday at the base chapel on Aviano Air Base. Two squadrons of 25 F-16's are stationed here at this base.

My lessons were centered around overcoming discouragement and learning to be an encourager. These are the topics that they had previously asked me to discuss. Members were very appreciative of the lessons. I taught on Wednesday night after Jerry's nephew Johnny had taken me to Slovenia during the day. During the ride there and back Johnny shared with me some of the frustrations he had with the dominant religion of Italy. I wished I could have had an interpreter because Johnny's English made it nearly impossible to launch into a more Biblical look at faith. But we became friends and I hope down the road to better be able to share my faith with him.

On the last Friday and Saturday of my stay we again visited with church members in their homes. During the day on Friday of the church families took me in to Venice. A wonderful day of encouragement and sightseeing.

After teaching and preaching on Sunday around 20 of us went out to lunch. Jerry Seward had asked one guy to church earlier in the week and he and his wife did come to church. They also ate lunch with us. After lunch the wife said to Jerry, "I want to be baptized." What a great encouragement to Jerry, to me and to the entire church. During that same lunch a young lady, a junior in high school, asked me if I was coming back. "Do you want me to?" I replied. "Yes," she said. Well, that made my day! I was so glad I had said or done something that had encouraged her in her faith journey. Time will tell where and when God will send me next. I am thankful He has seen fit to use me to help others.

May God bless us all as we strive to serve Him,  
John Cooper

## **Important Notices**

### **Homeless Meal Tomorrow**

Tomorrow is our turn to prepare and serve the evening meal at the Shelter on North Ave. Lasagna trays will be distributed in the foyer right after morning assembly today for those who prepare the meal and servers should be at the shelter by 5 PM tomorrow.

### **Senior Celebration Tonight**

Our Senior Celebration will be this evening at 6:00 pm. Please join us to celebrate these seniors and bring a finger food to share. This year we will honor Matt Bruens, Kelsay Heath, Colton Mahoney, Brandon Smith, and Liberty Wethington.

### **Honduras Mission**

Mission Up Reach is asking us to bring 6000 Tylenol (Acetaminophen) and 6000 Adult vitamin tablets. We will have a box in the foyer to collect them until we leave July 1st. Thanks

### **Special Contribution**

There will be a special contribution collected on May 15 separate from the regular contribution for funding CCYC this year. However, we will accept donations at any time.

**Baby Dedication**

**\*\*Sunday May 8th (Mother's Day) will be our annual Baby dedication** when we pray over and ask God to protect and guide our children as they grow in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." **Parents with new babies** in the last year or your child is two years old or under and you have not participated, please plan on signing up.. A sign up sheet is in the foyer. **Bree Yeager** is the point of contact for this event. Thanks Bree!

**TBS Registration**

We are now registering for Thursday Bible School starting September 2016. We need the registration forms back as soon as possible so we will know how many openings we have. Please see Sharon Riddle, Jenna Hill or Jimmie Tidwell in the office for forms.

**Eastern European Mission Representative to Visit**

Ben Mereness of EEM will be here on Wednesday, May 18 for his annual visit and will bring us an update on the progress of his mission work in Eastern Europe that evening.

**Creative Christian Art Guild**

The Art Guild will meet this afternoon at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hal. They will be doing artistic woodburning. Everyone is welcome.

Please pray for the following requests we have this week. Thank you for your prayers they are important and mean a lot to those who will be blessed by them.

Please pray for Cliff Deister, who was in the hospital this past week for some heart issues. Pray for healing and comfort and for his family

Continued prayers are needed for the following :

- Mary Smith,
- Baby Rose at Gunnison
- victims of the natural disasters that have occurred in a number of places lately,
- Ron Wilson,
- Howard Camp,
- Gordon Franklin,
- Verlyn Mathews,
- Betsey Brown,
- Genie Deister ,
- Scott and Lisa Harris & family,
- The Jeremy Gadberry family
- Tyler Johnson

Pray for our military and families and for our missionaries and families. Many of them are in harms way, pray for safety and guidance from above for them and their faith to remain strong.

Pray for our nation and the election coming up. Pray for those who are involved in it, pray that they will seek God's guidance and the good of the country and the people rather than their own selfish interests. Pray for those who will be elected to lead in a way that will allow us to live peaceful and quiet lives in godliness and holiness as Timothy desired for the Christians in his time. (2 Tim. 2;1-2) Pray for God's will to be done

**YOUTH NEWS**

**HUDDLES**

OUR NEXT HUDDLES WILL BE MAY 15TH AND 29TH.

**YOUTH LOCKIN**

MAY 26TH

**CCYC**

June 19th-24th  
Please get ready for Colorado Christian youth camp this summer Cost will be \$140. Registration in now open, please go to [GrandJunctionChurch.org/CCYC](http://GrandJunctionChurch.org/CCYC) to register or donate. We will have a special contribution for camp on May 15th.,

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God Bless,  
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## For the Record

April 24, 2016

Attendance	262
Weekly Contributions 4/24/16	\$5,129.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$7,252.25
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

## Communion Preparation—May

Bob & Susan Howard

## Communion Table 5/1/16

Matt Lee

## Upcoming Children's Bible Verses

June—Col. 1:17

## Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in May

Scott DeLancey  
Preston Dixon  
David Downey  
Tom English  
Jason Evans  
Scott Ferguson  
Curtis Fleming  
Ryan Fleming

## Announcements

May—Sandy Harris

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

Dane Jennings—Auditorium  
Ron Wilson—103  
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

## Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

Roy Karo—Auditorium  
Singing Class—103

## Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2—Nursery  
2 & 3 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 & 4 yr. old—104  
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd—205  
3rd thru 5th Grade—208  
All teens meet in—203

## Thursday Morning Bible Classes

Thursday Bible School for Pre-Schoolers—9:30 am—1 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**  
**Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM**