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Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Practice

Ann and I are blessed to attend the annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures this week in beautiful Malibu, CA. The theme is "**Faith Works**," which got me to thinking about the book of James.

James contrasts *knowing* versus *doing*, being merely religious versus the **practice** of true religion. The Holy Spirit drives us to introspection with such challenges as, "**Look in the mirror of God's word**," and "**Don't just listen to the word and deceive yourself, do what it says!**" Belief left in the realm of knowledge is not only a poor testimony but useless and divisive. A good number of James original readers were Jewish Christians who were taught from childhood the value of knowing God's Law (Torah) and how belief in those words provided the framework of their spiritual identity. However, the inappropriate use of knowledge, of truth, can easily lead to pride, causing believers to view God's word exclusively instead of inclusively, as words to be protected instead of words to be **practiced** and shared.

In the movie *The Book of Eli*, the hero, having spent the last thirty years walking west across a barren apocalyptic landscape to find a safe place for the only Bible remaining on earth, answers a friend's probing question about what he learned by reading "that book" for so long. Eli's response is penetrating: "**You know, I spent so much time worrying about protecting it that I forgot to actually do what it says.**" James directly addresses Christians who might be in danger of being consumed with knowing, dissecting, parsing, or protecting the Bible with little attention given to actually using it for what it was intended, **practicing** the words written in it. James understood that when we **practice** what we read in the Bible, the desire and tendency to debate and divide over it fades into **joyfully practicing** true religion as we freely live in mercy, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and love.

Friar Richard Rohr offers this practical challenge, "**The idea of I believe this or that asks very little of you.**" Think about it. I may hold a strong biblical belief, debate it as if salvation itself depended upon it, and even make my personal interpretations of scripture a test of fellowship and isolate myself from anyone who may believe differently than me. **But, in the end what I believe and argue in the name of Jesus pales in comparison to what I do and how I love others in the name of Jesus.** My Lord's words were intended to be digested with grace and lived out in abundance and love, not used as a club against other believers to textually manipulate them into my brand of Christianity and then console myself with the self-satisfied notion that I alone have been "faithful" to God.

The overwhelming emphasis in the New Testament is not upon **what** you know but in **Who** you know (Jesus Christ) and daily answering the challenge, "What are you going to do about it? How are you going to live because of who Jesus is and what he has done for you? Does your life reflect your belief?"

James learned a few things from his older brother Jesus who said, "*He who hears these words of mine and puts them into **practice** is like a wise man who builds his house upon the rock... But he who hears these words and **does not put them into practice** is like a foolish man who builds his house on the sand...*" (Matthew 7:24f).

Memory Verse For May—Philippians 4:5

"Let your gentleness be evident to all."

Our Gathering Today

Feeding on the Word

Have you ever run across one of those texts in the Bible that is a bit troublesome, concerning at first glance? This morning we look at an encounter that Jesus had with a Canaanite mother and his seeming insensitive words to her. What do we do with passages like this? Rest assured Jesus always knows precisely what he is doing and why he is doing it. Join me in **Matthew chapter 15**.

Welcome Guests!

Please make yourself at home. Thank you so much for being with us today. **Feel free to use your Bible Apps on your devices .** There is a **guest Wifi** that you will find as well. There are also Bibles for your use under the seats in front of you, or close by. Please feel free to share Communion with us as the bread and wine (juice) are passed, join in our singing and let us know how we might serve you.

Next Sunday: *I will have just returned from the Pepperdine Lectures the night before and have asked **John Cooper** to preach for me. Hope to see you all that day, which is Mother's day. We will also dedicate and pray for our new little ones who have joined us recently.*

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him." (Romans 15:13) - - Blessings to you all. Proud of you! Stay in the fight! --Doug

"Love One Another!"

Funeral Service Schedules

Charles Massey—Thursday, May 7 , 11 AM—Callahan Ed-fast Mortuary. Burial at Veterans Cemetery—1 PM. Dinner for family here-2 PM.

John Camper, Sr.—Tuesday, May 5, here, 11 AM. Dinner for family—Noon.

Baby Dedication

We will have the annual baby dedication on Mother's Day, May 10 right before morning assembly. If your baby has not participated in this event, a sign-up sheet is in the foyer or see Sharon Riddle.

Ben Mereness Visit

Ben Mereness of Eastern European Missions will be here May 20 at 7 PM to give us an update on his work getting bibles into the schools in war-torn Ukraine.

Creative Christian Art Guild News

The Guild will meet on May 3. The project will be to make fairy gardens. See Cindi King and she will let you know what kind of supplies to bring.

Camp Scholarships

We are still accepting camp scholarships. If you are planning to give one, you may contribute on-line at grandjunctionchurch.org or make your check payable to the church marked for CCYC and place it in the collection plate. The wooden horse donated by Bill Barslund has gone to the highest bidder and is no longer available. Thank you for your donation. The funds go towards sending a child to camp on the Mesa for a fun filled week of spiritual enlightenment and physical activity.

1st Qtr. 2015 Financial Report (1/1/15—3/31/15)

1st Qtr. Available Funds	-----126,339.26
1st Qtr. Expenses	-----95,613.56
Over Budget 1st Qtr.	-----4,277.55

Unrestricted Funds Available End of Period \$30,725.70

Above is a brief statement of the financial status of the church for the 1st quarter of the year showing where the funding came from and where it went. There are copies of the Actual/Budget Comparison statement in the foyer. If you have any further questions concerning this information see Jimmie or someone in the finance ministry.

We want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to each and every one of you for your generosity. Your contribution enables the Lord's work to flourish and it is very much appreciated..

Agape Sunday May 31

On May 31, to enjoy Agape Sunday, we will either have a potluck meal or a picnic in the pit. Further information will be available soon.

Volunteers Still Needed ... we have several positions that we need help with. Please pick up a volunteer form in the foyer (return in VBS basket) or complete one online ASAP!

Donate \$ for our Bible give away ... For \$10 we can donate a wonderful, child friendly copy of God's Word to any child at VBS that needs one. Earmark your checks for VBS Bible and drop them in the collection plate.

Fleece Needed for VBS Service Project ... Kids will be making blankets for Project Linus at VBS again this year. We are now collecting One and a half yard size cuts of fleece. See Sharon Riddle with questions on this.

Special Prayer Requests

Please keep the following requests in your daily prayers. God is good and hears our prayers...we have seen many answered in wonderful ways. Yours are important. thank You!

Pray for Brea Yeager....she is having some health difficulties and needs our prayers for strength and healing . Pray for her and the family that she will soon be feeling better.

Pray for the comfort of the Massey family in the loss of Charles.

Pray for Ova Boyce as her health is deteriorating. Pray for comfort and peace for her.

Pray for Kay Barnes as she had breast cancer this past week....pray for healing, comfort and peace for her.

Pray for Richard Moore who has health problems and especially that the pain in his feet would ease.

Continue to pray for:

Ken Garrison as he has treatments for cancer.

Kathy Deister and Bryce Sanburg and their families as they fight an ongoing battle with MS

Irene and Cliff Deister and family as Irene heals from a broken hip

Amanda Briggs and Jeremy ,as she has tests this week to determine what is causing her health problems

Arthur Ritchey as he recovers from abdominal surgery and has been diagnosed with cancer for the third time.....and for Myra his wife who has some health issues also.

Chester Ault....seriously ill in W. Va hospital.

Pray for the success of the upcoming VBS and for those who will be working on it. also for the children attending that they may learn of God and it will be something that will stay with them for the rest of their lives

Pray for the success of the Youth camp on the Mesa that is also upcoming. Pray for the staff and for those attending that they may be touched and will want to serve God in their lives.

Pray for our missionaries around the world. For safety and protection in a very dangerous world , especially for Christians.

Pray for the victims and families of the radical Islam attacks. Pray for great faith for them all to see them through the horrible persecution they are facing in so many places.

Pray for those who are graduating from various schools soon. Pray for God to give them guidance and wisdom as they decide where they go from here. Pray they will stay faithful to God and will always make Him a part of their lives.

Pray for our church family here at Patterson Road, that we will fulfill the task that God has set before us to be His ambassadors, and to show we belong to Christ by our love for one another.

Prayers of thanksgiving and praise to our loving and caring God who is with us always and sustains us in everyday, every day....for all His blessings we receive in an ongoing way.

John Lamar, who has acute leukemia (just diagnosed) and his wife, Cheryl. John has been a deacon for years for Covenant Presbyterian Church, and is a faithful believer. This is moving very rapidly for them (he is in St. Mary's Hospital), and they appreciate our prayers.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation.

We need to pray not only for our nation, but we need to pray for our leaders, for all those who govern us, that they will turn to God with humble hearts and follow Him. Our military leaders need our prayers as we have dedicated men and women serving on battlefields and sacrificing their blood to protect our nation and many innocent people around the world. God is faithful to bless those who turn to Him.

YOUTH NEWS

PIT

WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH WILL KICK OFF OUR PIT. WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE OUR TRADITION OF FEEDING THE YOUTH, HANGING OUT, SINGING, DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT, ETC. ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN "THE PIT".

HUDDLES

Sunday, May 3rd we will Huddle at Dan and Ada Marie Vorse's house at 584 Ford St. 81504.

SENIOR NIGHT CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 17th 2015 at 6:00 PM we are planning to honor Sarah Jennings, Alex Gomez, Lacey Mahoney, and Destine McFarland. The purpose for this event is to bless and encourage students who are graduating High School and entering a difficult process to become independent. Please pray for these students and if you would like bring a graduation card or present to this important event.

CCYC

JUNE 7TH-13TH PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND REGISTER AT GRANDJUNCTIONCHURCH.ORG/CCYC THEME: SURRENDER - JAMES 4:7-8 "SUBMIT YOURSELVES THEREFORE TO GOD. RESIST THE DEVIL, AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU. DRAW NEAR TO GOD, AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU."

All STAFF and CAMPERs must register online at GrandJunctionChurch.org/CCYC

God Bless,
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For the Record

April 26, 2015

Attendance	284
Average Attendance, 1st qtr.	277
Contributions	\$5,020.00
Budget	\$7,035.38

Communion Preparation—May

Bob & Susan Howard

Communion Table 5/3

Bill Tidwell

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in May

Jeremy Antwine
 Jerry Austin
 Phillip Bagga
 Larry Ball
 Doug Barnett
 Bill Barslund
 Wes Beaver
 Dean Blanck

Announcements

Scott Ferguson—May
 Dean Blanck—June
 July—Mike Hurd

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

Chuck Tourney, 1st Thess.—Auditorium
 Bobby Heath—23rd Psalm—103
 Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

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 Adult Classes—7- 8 PM

John Cooper, Philippians—Auditorium
 Ladies Class—103
 Singing Class—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

2 & 4 yr. old—104
 Kindergarten 1st & 2nd—205

Sunday Morning Worship at Mesa View Retirement Center Starts At 10 A.M.

May 3	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Acts 11:1-18
May 10	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Acts 11:19-30
May 17	Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey	Acts 12:1-19
May 24	Bill Tidwell, David Olree	Acts 12:20-25
May 31	Vince Urbina, Leonard Silence	Acts 13:1-12
June 7	Bob Howard, Dave Scheuerman	Acts 13:13-52
June 14	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Acts 14:1-7
June 21	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Acts 14:8-28
June 28	Bill Barslund, Scott Delancey	Acts 15:1-35

Service begins at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings at the Mesa View Retirement Center. Visitors welcome.