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

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Our Gathering Today!



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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 **grandjunction-church.org** and Face Book 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)

"You will do greater works." You're kidding right? Think of all the mighty works and powerful miracles done by Jesus as recorded in the Bible (*and those are just the ones we know about*). And yet he tells the disciples that because of his departure, the Holy Spirit ("another Comforter") will come and indwell and empower believers to do even **"greater works."** What does this have to do with you and me today? See you in **John 14** in a few minutes and we will unpack this powerful, relevant biblical theme together!

Don't forget to remember!

- * To be praying for our **Youth minister search**, and Matt and Kathleen as they transition to Abilene, TX over the next two months.
- * To sign up for **Church Camp**
- * Our Annual **Picnic in the Pit** immediately after church on Sunday May 29th.
- * We are **citizens** of the Kingdom of Heaven and God is sovereign.
- * To **thank and encourage** someone today.
- * **Our future is secure** and unimaginably glorious in Christ Jesus!

Love One Another

Memory Verse For May: Col. 1:15

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

Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Enough

Philip moved quietly behind the scenes but gets some press in John's gospel. He tells Nathaniel, who doubted anything good could come from Nazareth, to *"Come and see"* the Messiah for himself. Philip is also the unfortunate soul who gets put on the spot when Jesus asks him where they are going to get enough bread to feed 5000 people. Jesus was really hoping Philip would reply, **"No problem! We have YOU! YOU can feed 'em all with just a thought! YOU are ENOUGH!"** Instead, he responded like most of us, with limited vision and weak faith. I can relate.

Philip is a regular guy, a lot like us, still discovering, still growing, still learning, still stumbling and mumbling, still thinking in worldly ways, still worried about his personal comfort and kingdom agenda, still a little unsure how this Messiah is going to be a part of his life and where that might lead and how far he will follow. For me, Philip is a humbling reflection in that mirror of spiritual honesty.

And then, a few hours before Jesus' death, Philip says: ***"Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."*** On the one hand Philip should have known, as Jesus gently scolded him, that in seeing Jesus he had seen the Father (Let's not be too hard on him, we are just as blind just as often). And on the other hand Philip makes this amazingly insightful confession of absolute trust in the all sufficient presence of the Father in our lives. He acknowledges if we see the Father that is all we need, that is **"enough."** The simple fisherman finally gets it!

In one brief phrase Philip exposes the toxic human condition in his own culture and in 21st century America where we are so self-reliant, so attention deficient, so needy, so idolatrous, so distracted, so impatient, so insatiable that we fail to see that our Father in Heaven is truly **enough**.

I am guessing Philip suddenly saw the irony and kicked himself for his earlier lame reply, *"Eight months wages would not buy enough to give these people even one bite!"* Regardless, he's not choking this time. Philip utters the powerful truth that Jesus hoped he would've seen on that hillside full of growling stomachs: *When we see the Father that is enough and we are filled and full and cease looking elsewhere for more.*

Jesus pleads for us to see that without seeing the Father **nothing is enough**. Without seeing the Father we become trapped in the endless downward spiral of wanting more, demanding more, living under the delusion that more will fill us, more will satisfy us, more will save us, insanely expecting the inept world to sufficiently scratch our eternal itch and fill our forever famished bellies.

Philip, like us, missed the point on occasion, but he was dead on about this: **"Show us the Father and that will be enough!"** May this be real in us so the **Prince of Peace** can finally reign in our hearts!

Important Notices

Building Left Open

Last Wednesday evening all lights were left on, office doors wide open and an outside door was propped open and left that way overnight. Fortunately everything was still in place the next morning. However, if you are the last one to leave after an event or service, **please secure the building before you leave.**

VBS Organizational Meeting:

Monday, **May 23, at 7 pm** in the fellowship hall, we will have a meeting to make plans for VBS. There are many areas to volunteer! Group leaders, snacks, crafts, songs, Bible stories, games! Come and see what the fuss is all about! **Theme:** COWabungana Farm: Growin' with our Faithful God **Dates:** July 11-15, 6 to 8 pm. **Volunteers:** Email Les@Brassette.com for a volunteer form or check the church website.

Health & Wealth Event

Chris-Tina Lucero will be hosting an event for Health and Wealth, Monday May 16th at 7 pm. This is a very different event than what you have ever been introduced before. Your support for her new projects would be greatly appreciated. She asks that you bring a friend, lots of questions and an open mind! The event will be at 321 Rood Ave.

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.

Placing Membership

Patrick & Vickie South have expressed a desire to place membership with our church family. Their address is:

3178 Glendam Dr., GJ, CO 81504
Phone: 970-434-9209

Welcome to the family! Your presence inspires us all.

Care Calendar Information

Shelia Yeager is having her second bunion surgery on May 18th. If you would like to help her family by bringing meals, you can sign up for the Care Calendar at carecalendar.org. The calendar ID is 235443, and the access code is 9099. The calendar is being coordinated by Trisha Yeager. You can call or text her at (970) 399-9185 for more information.

Dwight Erickson Undergoing Treatments

Dwight Erickson is undergoing chemotherapy for non-hodgkins lymphoma. Dwight's prognosis is good and our prayers would be appreciated.

Bob Heath Surgery

Bob is recovering from neck surgery only to be told that he has severe carpal tunnel in both hands and will be undergoing another surgery in about 3 weeks. He would appreciate your prayers.

Please put the following requests in your daily prayers. Thank You so much for lifting these up to our Lord! Your prayers are important and appreciated.

Pray for Myra Pottberg, Kay Gehrett's mother, for her surgery and recovery of having a pace maker put in. Pray for a quick recovery and success of the surgery, to do what she needs.

Pray for Tammy Sitton , a former member here, who was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrigs disease) a couple weeks ago. Pray for Donnie, her husband who also has a progressive neurological disease. And for her family as they make plans to care for their parents through these difficult times. Pray for comfort for Tammy and Donnie and for strength and peace for them and the family. They live in Montrose.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the answer to our prayers for Cliff Deister,, who was able to be back with us Sunday, and for the successful surgery and improvement of Bob Heath.

Pray for Bryce Sanburg who was hospitalized last week. Pray for comfort and strength for him. Pray for strength and wisdom and peace for Jeannette as she cares for him.

Please keep those in your prayers who have ongoing issues with health or other difficulties in their lives. Some of them were listed in last weeks bulletin.

Please continue to pray for our nation, those in positions of authority and power, the upcoming election, for God's will to be done in their lives and in our nation.

Pray for our military and families, for our veterans, especially those who suffered wounds of any kind, physical or mental and emotional, seen or unseen.

Pray for our missionaries around the world and the persecuted Christians in so many places. Pray for God's strength and protection for them. Pray for His guidance and for their faith to remain strong.

Pray for Heidi Heath as she has left for her mission trip. Pray for safety in travel and while she is there. Pray for it to be a successful trip and a good experience for her. Pray for her to be able to accomplish God's work he has for her there. Pray for her family while she is away.

YOUTH NEWS

Huddles

We will have a huddle tonight, May 15th at the Coopers. Bring Drinks, desserts or chips. 2376 S. San Miguel Dr. 81507.

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 to register or donate. We will have a special contribution for camp on May 15th.

There is a staff we will have a meeting today 9:00 AM, May 15th in room 202.

LOCK-IN

The youth will have a **lock-in** on May 26th we will start 8 PM.

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God Bless,
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For the Record May 8, 2016

Attendance	330
Weekly Contributions 5/8/16	\$7,177.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,933.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

Communion Preparation—May

Bob & Susan Howard

Communion Table 5/15/16

Matt King

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