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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Patterson Road church of Christ



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Our Gathering Today



Welcome Guests!

Guests, Thank you for being with us today. May you be spiritually fed and encouraged this morning 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. Please enjoy the coffee, juice and donuts you will find in the fellowship hall.

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!

Today our Teen Minister **Charlie DeLong** will preach. I know you will be fed, challenged and encouraged from God's word. Charlie is a gifted speaker and worship leader (as we know) and we are thankful and blessed to have **Kristen, Oakley** and **Charlie** as a part of our staff and church family! (I will be back from TN, Lord willing, Saturday night May 26 and be with you on Sunday the 27th. *Grace and peace to you all* - Doug)

Thank you!

To **Richard Jones**, who has been not only training Jordan Lemons (our new church lawn mower/trimmer) but Richard has also, out of the goodness of his heart, spent many hours the past several weeks doing major repair work on our riding mowers and other landscaping tools. Richard also continues to work in our **Tech Booth** on Wednesday nights and otherwise is joyfully and humbly busy as a "**Barnabas**" (son of encouragement) me and many in our church. We love you and are proud of you **Richard Jones!**

Love First! New Wednesday class starting in June: **Roy Karo** has done an excellent job teaching and encouraging us from *Exodus* the past quarter on Wednesday nights in the auditorium. In June, Doug will facilitate a video based discussion series entitled "**Love First - Ending hate before it's too late.**" The video is by **Don McLaughlin**, the preaching minister for the North Atlanta Church of Christ and whose mother, Rowena, still lives up the road from us in Gateway, CO. This study addresses current issues of treating others with **love first** using First Corinthians 13 as a biblical framework. **Please plan to join us at 7PM on Wednesdays starting June 6th!**

"The day we find the perfect church, it becomes imperfect the moment we join it."

— Charles Spurgeon

Love One Another

Memory Verse For May— Psalms 48:1 a

The Lord is great; he should be praised

Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Agree

None of us is immune to improperly interpreting Scripture, including me. Yet one of many texts IMO that has been misused is Amos 3:3 **“Can two walk together unless they be agreed?”** (KJV). Amos uses this in a series of questions describing the obvious communication between God and his prophets. However, some use the verse to argue that Christians must agree across the board on doctrine, worship practices, and scripture before we can “walk together.” Such not only ignores the obvious (according to Amos) but is a destructive twisting of God’s word that has undermined the churches testimony and become an obstacle to unity in Christ for far too long.

Considering this text with different lenses may allow us to see a more accurate meaning: Which is, **“We must deliberately agree to walk together.”** There will always be opposing views and diverse convictions about any number of matters pertaining to faith. Amos’ rhetorical question reminds us if we are intentional and **agree** to do so, then we can indeed walk together! *Consider these more literal translations of Amos 3:3. . .*

ESV: “Can two walk together unless they have agreed to meet?” The obvious truth is we know we have differences but we **agree** to meet and walk together anyway. Wow...novel idea! What would obeying that do for unity among believers in Christ worldwide?

ASV: “Shall two walk together unless they have ‘made an appointment?’” Instead of people going their separate ways Amos suggests a deliberate desire and decision to seek unity in the midst of diversity, and walking...not apart, but together. Such a beautiful and peaceful thought!

NIV: “Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?” Amos suggests the answer is an obvious “No.” Yet, those who have already decided that all must think alike, worship alike, and interpret scripture alike have not agreed to walk together at all. Rather, they have decided to set an inconsistent and unreachable standard for fellowship and unity and force a mandated “agreement” on issues of their own choosing making it impossible to **walk together**.

Combine Amos’ words with Jesus’ prayer for unity in **John 17** and Paul’s admonition for all to have the **“same mind as Christ”** (Philippians 2) and instead of having texts to justify religious division and exclusion, we have a beautiful recipe for **inclusion** and **harmony** (*blending of differences*) by **agreeing to walk together**.

When Christians come together we do so despite different strongly held views and convictions. In communion we are **agreeing Jesus’ incarnation, sacrificial death, burial, resurrection and return is eternally more consequential and unifying** than those lesser issues upon which we may disagree. Believers regularly share the body and blood of Jesus regardless their views on end times, the age of the earth, original sin, music and gender roles in worship, or the name on their church building. The cross brings together both warrior and pacifist, holiday keeper and abstainer, political right, moderate and left or apolitical. **The Lord’s body and blood empowers us to “agree” to walk together!**

What would it look in our churches if we did more to honor and take seriously Jesus’ prayer for unity and become forceful, fearless, loving witnesses of God’s grace to an unbelieving world as we **agree** to walk together as the body of Christ? The answer according to that fire-breathing prophet Amos... is obvious!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Can Ministry Event

We will be serving sandwiches at Whitman Park on Saturday, May 26, at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to help make sandwiches, come to the church building at 3:00 p.m. and we leave from there to go the park. If you have any questions, contact Pam Hurd.

VBS 2018

Theme: God's Happy Campers; Gettin' S'more of Jesus
When: Saturday, June 2nd, 9:30-4:30 (Lunch and snacks provided)

Where: GJ Church of Christ

Who: Ages 4- those who've just completed 7th grade

Questions: Contact Charlie DeLong or Jenna Hill

Please sign up online! Registration is posted on church website and FB.

We're looking forward to a fun-filled day together, focusing on and learning about Jesus!"

PiT

PiT season is here! All middle and high schoolers are invited to join us at 6 pm down in the pit for dinner, fun, fellowship, and devotional time. We finish at 8 pm as the other Bible classes are letting out! > > To help with food for PiT this month, email Lesa@Brassette.com for the online sign up link. We eat at 6 pm!

Hats Off to Josie!

Ladies, you're invited to the home of Diane Hatfield at 10:00 on Saturday, June 9th, to celebrate Josie Williams. Josie is about to give birth to a baby boy, whom she has carried for a fortunate couple who were unable to carry a baby themselves, and we'd like to celebrate her selfless generosity. The sun should be shining, so please bring a hat of your own creation. Prizes will be awarded!

Thank You,
Jill Wilkins

Honduras Medical Supplies Needed

Donations of:

Acetaminophen ...4,000 units

Ibuprofen6,500 units

Antacids1,750 units

Adult Vitamins ..10,000 units

WE will have boxes set up in the Foyer and main entrance starting next week. Large bottle containing 500 of either of the meds work best. Generic is cheaper.

Pantry Urgent Needs

Cereal

Peanut Butter

Crackers

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following in your daily prayers. Thank You and God bless you!

Please pray for the family of Ron Wilson, who passed away last week. Pray for God's comfort and peace for Kay and all the family.

Pray for Bill and Karen Wade in the death of Bills sister in law...and for safety for them in their travels as they go to be with family and also pray for them as they move Karen's dad into an assisted living facility. Pray for him to adjust easily to a new environment and home.

Continue to pray for Tom and Robin English, Genie Deister and her family, Bill Smith, Melody Haight, Randy Brabec,

Continue to pray for Jerry Hunsinger. He is recovering at home but progress is very slow. Pray for his healing and comfort and that he will soon be able to swallow and eat normally again. Pray for wisdom and strength Phyllis as she cares for him and for him as he slowly regains his health.

Continued prayers for our nation and our President and other leaders as the make decisions of great importance to our nations and the worlds peace. Pray for guidance from above for them and God's will to be done. Pray the leaders around the world also to make wise decisions.

Pray for our church family here that we will follow the way the Lord would have us to go. For our elders to have wisdom from above to lead us in the way that is pleasing to the Lord. That we will show the love of Christ in a way that others will know we are His by our love which will show in our lifestyle and attitude.

Prayers of thanksgiving and praise to the Amazing God we serve, who loves us unconditionally and never abandons us, but walks beside us every step, every day!!

Huddles:

May 20 - Middles and High Schoolers are asked to help with Mother / Son event. Arrive at 5:30. See Jill Wilkins to help!

June 24 - at the Heaths' house - annual after camp Huddle
Huddle hosts are scheduled through AUGUST! Best church family EVER!

To host a Huddle, holler at Lesa Brassette!



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For the Record

May 13, 2018

Attendance	308
Weekly Contributions 5/13/18	\$7,720.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,438.91
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Communion Preparation—May

Bob & Susan Howard

Communion Table 5/20/18

Sonny DeLong

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in April

Chuck Tourney
Ed Treu
Dick Truitt
Joel Trumbo
Luke Urbin
Vince Urbina
Dan Vorse
Bill Wade

Announcements—May

Ryan Smith

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

Tom Deister	Auditorium
Rick Wilkins	103
Sara Tourney, Facilitator, Young Professionals	213
Sandra Soria, Sign Language Class	207

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	203
High School	203

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

Roy Karo	Auditorium
Singing Class	Library

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 9:30 AM—1 PM Thursdays

Ladies Bible Class, - 9:30 AM Rm. 103

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 Small Group meets at 5 PM In Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM