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Real Life News & Notes Patterson Road church of Christ

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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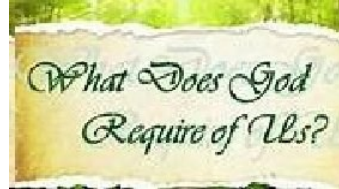
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Elder of Month

Jerry Austin

Our Gathering Today!



Feeding on the Word (the sermon)

*Its a common trap that we humans tend to fall into when we make "religion" more complicated that God intends. Many have used such confusion and mixed messages from Jesus' followers as reason to walk away from God and abandon any serious attempts to pursue faith. This morning we look at the theme of "What Does God Require?" A powerful question asked and answered by Micah the prophet, Isaiah and others, along with Jesus. The answers in Scripture help us to **simplify faith and re-focus on what God is really interested in us being and doing.** Hope you brought your Bible's this morning!*

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.

Don't forget to remember!

- * Our Annual **Picnic in the Pit** immediately after church next Sunday May 29th.
- * God is **enough!**
- * Your "**greater things**," your acts of justice, mercy and love bring heaven to earth. "*Your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*" - Paul
- * Church **Camp** is just a few weeks away. Sign up. Sign up a friend!

"Love One Another"

Memory Verse For May: Col. 1:15

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

Encouraging Evangelistic Efforts!

Some of the last recorded words of Jesus are, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all nations..." (Mark 16:15). God has blessed us as a congregation with an abundance of opportunities to try and fulfill this "great commission". Both locally, nationally and internationally He has seen fit to allow us to go and preach. For my part I am grateful to you as a church and to our shepherds who realize how important it is to share the "good news" with anyone and everyone that we can.

Just this past Sunday 11 of us traveled to Olathe to encourage the church there. I was asked to teach Bible class and also to preach. During the Bible class I shared some thoughts on "How to RID Yourself of Discouragement". As you might recall, these were some thoughts from a lesson I did in April in Aviano, Italy. The sermon was on "What Does the Bible Say About 'Seeking the Kingdom First'?" I shared this same lesson two weeks ago during a weekend seminar I gave in Springfield, Vermont. I want to thank the 10 who accompanied me. Thank you Mike and Pam Hurd, Bob and Susan Howard, Richard Jones, Becky Huffman, Billy and Maxine Tucker, Darlene Rettig and Holly Cooper! So many comments were made by the Olathe church members about what an encouragement our presence was to them.

A brief update about the Springfield, Vermont seminar (April 29-May 1). We had one session for the men on Friday night, two sessions on Saturday with a fellowship meal in between, and I taught Bible class on Sunday morning and also preached then. One elder said, "That was just what I wanted, thank you!" The Sunday morning attendance was 98 which was good for there. One couple came from Montpelier, the State capital. They asked if I could come speak for their congregation some time. Also, the church in Newport, Vermont have asked me to come there in September to do a community outreach effort. One of the teenage girls of the church in Springfield had her mother ask me if I could come speak for a youth rally they were hoping to have. It is always especially rewarding and humbling when young people appreciate the message. Please keep some of these follow-up opportunities in your prayers. Nice to know we in Colorado can help several churches in Vermont. And NO, Bernie Sanders did not come to any of my talks and I did not get to see him.

Richard Brant, a member of the church in the Denver area, who has a ministry to military congregations has asked me to consider several congregations who are desiring some help this summer. There is a church in Prince Rupert, British Columbia, Canada who wants me to spend several weeks with them soon. Also, there is a church in Biloxi, Mississippi near Keesler Air Force Base and a Navy facility that are interested in my coming in August. Please keep these possibilities in your prayers.

On the international scene I have been asked to return to Yekaterinburg, Russia in October of this year. Dennis Podryadechiko and his wife Natasha and their two daughters passed through here a couple of weeks ago and want me to come there to do a seminar for their married couples and also a few sessions on Christian Evidences for their teens. Apparently they have been asking many questions about reasons to believe in God, Jesus, and the Bible. It appears that I will have to travel through Moscow on my way and I have asked two former interpreters from Yekaterinburg who now live in Moscow, Asya Pomeranets and Lena Slusareva, to see if there are any congregations in Moscow that would like me to speak. Please keep these people and this effort in your prayers. Be sure and include their last names in your prayers and be sure to pronounce them correctly. Just kidding about the pronunciation!

Locally, I continue to have weekly Bible studies at the jail as well as visit people there, including Tyler Johnson. Yesterday I tried to visit Jeremy Gadberry but was told he was not there. I also follow up with those inmates who contact me when they are released. I also correspond with several inmates in the Department of Corrections via snail mail. Today (Wednesday) I will be helping with the serving lunch to our local Police and Sheriff Departments at a BBQ at the Police Station in honor of National Police Week. I continue to "ride along" with Police officers frequently and visit the department to be available to help whomever I can. God has blessed me by enabling me to counsel and encourage quite a number of different officers and staff.

Well, enough for now. Please let me know if you have friends or relatives who are searching for God. I will go with you or go for you to whoever has an interest. May God use me to reach out to anyone anywhere to those who are seeking Him.

Your friendly, loving "outreach minister", John Cooper

Important Notices

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:** COWabunga 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.

If you want to volunteer to help with VBS, please complete one of the forms in the bulletin this week and drop it in the VBS box in the foyer. You can also complete the form online on the church website.

Barbeque Next Sunday

Sunday, May 29 right after morning assembly we will have our annual barbeque in the Pit. Barbeque will be provided by Eddie Tinkle and his team of gourmet cooks. Bring a side dish, dessert and lawn chairs if you wish. Everyone is encouraged to attend. There will be plenty of food for all. Visitors are especially welcome.

Care Calendar Needs

A meal calendar has been set up for Audric & Maria Franklin.

If you would like to provide a meal go to carecalendar.org to sign up. The Calendar code is **235716** and security code is **9909**. If you do not use the computer and would like to sign up to provide a meal, see Ann Clayton and she can sign up for you. Congratulations to the Franklins on the birth of their daughter.

Also, a meal calendar has been set up for Sheila Yeager who had foot surgery last week. Her calendar code is **235443** and security code is **9099**.

Malawi Project

I don't know if there is interest or even availability of funds from the congregation to aid these folks but in keeping with Doug's sermon, here are the good works. I have had feet on the ground there and the famine and poverty is something we in this country can not even imagine! We have been sending aid for years and every 10 or so, there is a famine and people are dying everywhere. It breaks my heart to think about slowly watching my kids die of starvation and there is nothing I can do. We can't feed them all and never will but I know personally of instances where the kids can eat green mangoes and die of diarrhea or slowly starve to death. In the last famine, some were eating pumpkin leaves to try to survive.

Anyway, I have to ask. According to a little saying I learned a long time ago, "People don't care how much you know (i.e.The Gospel) until they know how much you care" There have been so many souls saved because of feeding their kids and then they are receptive to the Good News.

Love you guys,
Snub Liles

If you would like to help, send check to the address listed below:

Malawi Project
3314 Van Tassel Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46240-355

Your gift is tax deductible.

Please keep the following requests in your daily prayers. Thank you and God bless. Your prayers are important and appreciated!

Pray for Dwight Erickson as he undergoes chemo for non-hodgkins lymphoma. Pray for God's healing for him...and thanksgiving that the prognosis is good at this time. Richard Connell-Bypass surgery.

Pray for Sheila Yeager who had surgery on her other foot on Wed. Pray for a successful surgery and a quick and complete healing. Pray for comfort as she has the procedure and during her healing .

Pray for Bob Heath as he has upcoming surgery for carpal tunnel. Pray for comfort, successful surgery and complete healing for him.

Continue to pray for Myra Pottberg's recovery from recent surgery...and pace maker implant.
For Tammy and Donnie Sitton and family, as they struggle with ALS (Tammy) and another neurological disease.(Donnie)
For Bryce and Jeannette Sanburg, as he struggles with his on going health issues. Cathy Diteman suffering from Lymph Edema.
For Heidi Heath as she is on her mission to China, for safety and wisdom, and that she may help bring the Lord's love to those where she is.

Pray for God's guidance to all those involved in the nation's politics, the upcoming elections, the voters and the candidates. May His will be done.

Pray for the military and families, and our veterans. For safety for those now in harms way and for encouragement and help for those with wounds seen or unseen as a result of combat.

Pray for the church around the world and for missionaries , many who are in dangerous places, for safety and strength to carry out the Lord's work wherever they are. For the church to be able to continue to do its work for God, despite the persecution in many places.

Pray for those who have been baptized into Christ recently and for those new members who have joined us from other places or here in town. Pray God will bless them and us as we work together for Him.

Prays of thanksgiving to God for his abiding love and care, his answers to prayers and his guidance and comfort through His Holy Spirit.

YOUTH NEWS

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 GrandJunction-Church.org/CCYC to register or donate.

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 15, 2016

Attendance	220
Weekly Contributions 5/15/16	\$6,236.50
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,917.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

Communion Preparation—May

Bob & Susan Howard

Communion Table 5/22/16

Chuck Tourney

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

Wes Yeager—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