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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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Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Vocation

No not a typo: *Vocation*, not *vacation*. Interesting word, even more an interesting theology as it pertains to our unique, God-imagined identity. We are not talking about what you do for a living, necessarily. As Scot McKnight says, **“Our vocation is what God made us to be.”** I would add that our vocation is more precisely, **“why”** God made us to be. And the **why** is intricately connected to the uniqueness of **who** God made us to be.

To understand our vocation is not to finally realize we were gifted to be a gourmet chef, mechanic, pilot, hair stylist, teacher, physician, home maker, painter, or civil servant but to fully comprehend that any work we do is intended to be interfaced with our personality to uniquely pass on God’s claim on our lives to our children, our community, and all within our influence.

People may wonder if they need to be like Abraham, Moses, Mary, or some inspired well known Christian writer, martyr or missionary to fulfill their place and potential in God’s kingdom. You don’t. God made **you** to be **you.**” The question to be asked is not “Why can’t I be like him?” Or, “Must I be like her?” Because I was uniquely created by God the question we should persistently ask ourselves is, *“Am I being who God made me to be?”* Sadly, we frequently listen to dark, selfish voices and our own dysfunctional insecurities and choose behaviors, habits, and lifestyles that undermine our vocation, who and why God made me...me.

Remember, God did not make you merely to be a good lawyer, an awesome engineer, a creative artist, or the best street paver ever, but he uniquely and wonderfully created you to impact your family and your world for His glory, regardless your job skills. And, this is the important part, **God commissioned us factoring in not only our good and honorable qualities, but fully knowing a significant portion of the vocational resume’ would include our issues, our pain, our grief, our baggage, our sins, and a multi-colored past illuminated with a rainbow of experiences and emotions unlike anyone else’s.** In other words, God made ample allowance in our vocation for our junk! And, despite my flaws, **I honor God’s design and intent for me when I am finally good with the fact that I am me and not somebody else.** When I wish to be or try to be someone else, even for righteous and altruistic reasons, I am attempting to alter my God given identity that was tailor made in the womb, just for me and my **vocation.**

So, when God sends you on **vocation**, he entrusts you with His salt and His light to effect the world in ways that are unique to how he created **you.** It’s one thing to be a builder, a teacher, a nurse, or a mother (or any combination). But to be a builder, a teacher, a nurse, or a mother who daily brings God’s love into your story is being true to your **divine vocation** and unleashes the power of Heaven upon earth and blesses all who cross your path, regardless your job or skill set. **“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”** (Colossians 3:23).

Memory Verse For May—Philippians 4:5

“Let your gentleness be evident to all.”

Our Gathering Today

Feeding on the Word!

"The Spirit Life: Picking fruit." This morning we look a little differently at what is a familiar passage to many, Galatians 5:22-25. There are obvious differences in picking weeds and picking fruit. Paul encourages us to crucify ourselves and let the Holy Spirit set the pace for our lives. I am looking forward to sharing this spiritual feast of living bread with you today! Hope you brought your Bibles!

Welcome Guests!

Thank you for trusting us enough to sit with and among us for an hour or so this morning! There is a **guest Wifi** that you will find for your convenience. If you need or prefer a good hold-in-your hand Bible check under the seats in front of you or close by. If you claim Jesus as Lord we welcome and invite you to share Communion with us as the bread and wine (juice) are passed and please join in our singing; trust me, it doesn't have to be "on key" :-). **If you need a private prayer or word of blessing and encouragement please see one of our Shepherds or ministers, or grab anyone of our members to pray with you immediately after we are dismissed.** Please come back next week and keep getting to know us!!

Acts of service...the face of Jesus

Special thanks to **Mandy Nelson** who has been our **Marquee Person** for a couple of years now. Sometimes Mandy will put up inspiring and attention getting phrases and sometimes she puts up info for upcoming events. She is always so willing to do whatever we ask and works around her busy work and family schedule to serve our church and community in this way. Mandy is hard to find sometimes, she usually quietly sits in the balcony during our assembly hour but...the secret is out now girl :-). We love you and appreciate you and your sweet family!

"Love One Another!"

Camp Scholarships

Thank you to those who have given scholarships for youth camp on the Mesa. 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 funds go towards sending a child to camp on the Mesa for a fun filled week of spiritual enlightenment and physical activity.

Agape Sunday May 31

On May 31, to enjoy Agape Sunday, we will have a brisket barbecue on the grounds right after morning assembly. Everyone invite your friends and bring a side dish and dessert

VBS Dates: June 22-26, 6 to 8 pm

>  VBS Volunteers Needed: Paper forms are in the foyer, or register online at the church website. If you have a heart to serve, we will find a place for you!

> Donate \$10 to provide a Bible for a VBS child. We put God's Word in the hands of 64 children last year. So far we have enough to buy 28 this year. Let's raise that number!

> 1 1/2 yard cuts of fleece are needed for our VBS service project. Please start bringing these in immediately and give them to Sharon Riddle.

> Please let Lesa Brassette know ASAP if you need a Children's Ministry t-shirt. All VBS staff (adults and teens) wear these (same one as last year) and they are \$10 each.

Care Calendar Needs

Go to carecalendar.org if you can help provide meals for Shaun & Amey Collazo. The ID code for them is: 211658 and the security code is 3748. This information will also be posted in the Information Center outside the office.

Change of Address

Irma Gerrish is at the home of her sister under Hospice care. The address is 240 Hall Ave, GJ 81501. Phone: 424-0752. She would welcome cards, prayers & visitors

Funeral Notice

Kathleen Lee's maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Leavell, passed away last week in Abilene, Texas. The memorial service was at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene. Matt & Kathleen and kids left for Abilene on Wednesday to be at the services and will be returning on Tuesday of this week. Our condolences to the family and keep them in your prayers for a safe return home.

Request For Help

My name is Mark Dixon and I am a deacon at the Montrose church of Christ in Colorado. We have been presented with a wonderful opportunity for my family, my wife and our 15-year-old and 13-year-old daughters, to participate in a mission trip to Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras for one week this coming July/August. Our church group along with the University church of Christ in Denver will be going to work doing a medical brigade with the Mission Upreach organization. We will primarily be ministering to the people of surrounding villages by providing medical care and spiritual encouragement. We have never had the opportunity to do a mission trip before, especially as a family and we believe God has shown us how we can contribute directly to this effort and help fulfill His commission to 'go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.' (Mark 16:15).

We are writing to ask for your help in a couple of areas. First and foremost, we ask you to pray for the success of our journey. Second, we are asking for your financial support. We ask you be a part of this mission and prayerfully consider if you would be able to help us in some way financially. Some parts of us don't like to ask for money, but on the other hand, we truly believe the Lord is directing this project and your money will not be wasted.

We need approximately \$1500 per person to cover our traveling expenses and support efforts while we are there. If we receive above and beyond our needs then we will use it towards others who were short in their funding or to purchase other items to donate to the Honduras people while we are there. Your gift is tax deductible and checks can be made out to Montrose church of Christ and mailed to us directly, Mark and Monica Dixon, 2325 Mead Lane, Montrose, CO 81401 or to the church at P.O. Box 612, Montrose, CO 81402. Please write in the Memo section of your check: Dixon- Honduras.

Birth Announcement

On 5/20/15 Matt and Sara Horton of SLC welcomed a new baby boy. Axle weighed in at 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. The proud grandparents are David and Sue Olree.

Special Prayer Requests

Most of this week's prayer requests are continuing ones from last week. So please continue to raise these up to God in your daily prayers.

Our list of continued prayer needs is as follows:

Anne Clayton as she visits with Mary in Africa and travels back later.

Ken Garrison...cancer

Ova Boyce....deteriorating health

Richard Moore.... neuropathy in feet

Bryce Sanburg....Parkinson's

Cliff and Irene Deister

Chester Ault...serious health issue

Amanda Gadberry. for diagnosis and for treatment to be successful in healing her health issues, and for peace and strength for her while Jerimy is at Mind Springs.

Jerimy Gadberry.. a patient at Mind Springs, pray for help and healing for his health issues, for strong faith and trust in God to heal for him and for God's peace and guidance.

Arthur Ritchey....recovering from surgery, diagnosed with cancer of liver

Myra Ritchey....several health issues

Those of our family with MS

John Lamar.....acute leukemia

Kay Barnes....breast cancer

VBS and Youth camp

Young people graduating from high school or college

Our church family here at Patterson Road

TRUMBO family....for Marvin and Rowena as they move to a new home. Pray for safety, ease of move, ease of adjustment, to find a loving church family,, and all to go well with the new beginning there. Pray for peace and guidance for them. Pray for their family here as they will miss having them close.....as will we. their church family. Pray God will bless them in this new adventure!

Prayers of thanksgiving for the safe delivery of little Aya Collazo on Mothers day!

Prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings, and for answered prayer.

Pray for the families of those who have lost their lives in the Amtrak crash and in Nepal.

For the investigators who are charged with determining the accident's cause, and for those still searching for lost and missing people.

A prayer of thanks for our precious Aya to have arrived safely and that she is so healthy. Our hearts are full of joy for Shawn and Amey.

YOUTH NEWS

PIT EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wednesday 6:45 PM be at the PIT. We would like to continue our tradition of feeding the youth, hanging out, singing, devotional thought, etc. We will plan to do this for six months: May thru October. Contact Matt Lee if you would like to share a word of encouragement to our youth in the PIT.

HUDDLE

Next Huddle will be Sunday, May 31st.

CCYC

May 30th Camp Work Day. 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."

Our prayers are with Matt and Kathleen as they prepare to travel home.



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For the Record

May 17, 2015

Attendance	284
Average Attendance, 1st qtr.	277
Contributions	\$4,799.00
Budget	\$7,035.38

Communion Preparation—May

Bob & Susan Howard

Communion Table 5/24

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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

Rick Wilkins—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
 3rd thru 5th Grade—208

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

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.

1 Thess. 5: 19—23 NIV

“Do not put out the Spirit’s fire, do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil. May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”