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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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Rick Wilkins

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!

One of the most consequential phrases in all of Scripture is "**But God!**" These two words are used hundreds of times and reveal the relentless work of God to redeem, restore and otherwise intervene in lives and circumstance to bring about his will. We will look a little deeper at a few of these challenging and encouraging "**But God**" phrases this morning! Hope you brought your Bible!

Thank you!

- **To all those in our church family who have served in the military** or had family members who did. We remember and honor your sacrifice!
- **To our Greeters!** Your smiling faces are the first face our guests and members see each Sunday. Thank you! We always need **fresh faces**, sign up to be a greeter!
- **To Charlie** for preaching last week while I was in TN. I heard he did a wonderful job challenging us to rethink "worship!" (Some of the best preachers I have ever heard are or were youth ministers... :-)

"Don't call it mission work, call it Tuesday..." - Bob Goff

Love One Another

Memory Verse For May— Psalms 48:1 a

The Lord is great; he should be praised



From the Shepherd's Pen

For the past thirteen weeks I have been leading a Sunday morning adult class on the book of I Peter. The book was written to Christian who had been scattered, living as aliens, because of the persecution that was being brought upon them. From the Roman government especially Nero and also by the none believing Jews. We also are living as aliens in this world, because this world is not our home. But we have been chosen by God and sanctified by the blood of Jesus and like Him we have been born again into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus. We have been promised, by God, a reservation in heaven. Peter tells us that even though we may go through various trials, distress and persecutions the proof of our faith which is of immeasurable value will result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus.

Peter tells His reader on numerous occasions to grid your minds, or prepare our minds, and to be sober in spirit, or to be alert for we are a holy people. This holy means we are set apart or different. We are a different people. We have different thoughts, different standards, different goals, a different purpose. We are to fix our hope completely on the grace to be revealed at the proper time. We are to conduct ourselves with fear during our time on earth this alien land. The fear of knowing that God alone can destroy the body and soul for Isa 8:13 says It is the Lord of host whom you should regard as holy. And He shall be your fear. and He shall be your dread. Then He shall become your sanctuary. To purify our souls for a sincere love for our brothers from the heart not just an outward appearance.

Chapter 2 tells us to put away our past sins and to not just want the milk of the word, but to crave it as a new born must have to survive. To become living stones be built up as a spiritual house upon Jesus the very corner stone of the church. Because we have been bought and paid for by the precious blood of Jesus. We are a people for God's own possession. Because we belong to God we are of great value to Him. Because of this we are to proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. This is our evangelistic message to give to others, what God has done for us and the promise of a reservation in heaven with Him. We are to keep our behavior excellent among those around us so that when we are slandered of accused, they may on account of our good behavior be put to shame and glorify God in the day of visitation. No greater missionary force than an excellent Christian life.

We are to obey and honor the government into which we are stationed. Slaves submit to your masters. Master's treat your slaves and brothers. Wives be submissive to your husbands. Husbands be chivalrous to your wives. To sum up live in harmony with all and give a blessing when we are insulted so that we may receive a our blessing. For even if we suffer for righteous we are blessed. Therefore since Christ has suffered in the flesh arm yourself also with the same purpose. Do not be surprised by your suffering because the suffering with Christ we may rejoice with triumphant joy at His revelation. If we suffer because of the name of Christ we shall have the Spirit of glory and of God rest upon us. As Stephen while he was being stoned gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. (Acts 7:55). We have that same promise and spirit resting on us when we suffer for the name of Jesus.

We are to humble ourselves in the sight of God, resist the devil who prowls like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Then the God of all grace, who called you live that excellent life and to His eternal glory will Himself perfect, strengthen and confirm your reservation in heaven. This had to be such an encouragement to the Christians who were going through such sever persecution at that time. There are still places in the world where this same kind of persecution is being brought upon Christians. And though we may not endure such trials in our lives we can still be encouraged by the knowledge that God has promised us the same rewards if we can live an excellent life for our Savior and to our brothers and neighbors. May God bless you all for your excellences.

Rick Wilkins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elementary Promotion Day

The end of the quarter is approaching which means our elementary bible students will be promoted to the next class up.

Promotion Day will be June 3. See Scott Ferguson or Sharon Riddle with questions.

Drivers Needed

A number of our members have made it our mission to provide transportation for those who don't drive. Due to some moving and others being out of town frequently, there is now a need to form a pool of those able to fill in at times. Anyone able to provide this service for those who so much enjoy worshipping and fellowshiping with us please call Jan Antwine at 970-242-8365.

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

Pantry Urgent Needs

Cereal,
Peanut Butter,
Crackers

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following in your daily prayers this week. Your prayers are so important and much appreciated. God Bless!

Genie Deister passed away last week. Tom and Kathy will be coming home soon and there will be a Memorial Service here in GJ. Genie will be interred next to her husband, Bill. Keep the Deister family in your prayers for a safe trip and comfort. Details will follow later

Lou Olree is now in Eagle Ridge Care Facility. Please pray that she and Doyle have an easy transition. They both have been struggling as Lou's condition became too much for Doyle to care for her as needed.

Continue to pray for Jerry Hunsinger for recovery from the neck surgery...that he will soon be able to swallow so he can eat normally again and not with a feeding tube. Pray for comfort and healing for him and for strength for Phyllis.

Continue to pray for Tom and Robin English, those on dialysis, and with continuing health issues, like MS, those who have recently lost loved ones,

We have a number of people who will be traveling, some coming home, others going on vacation etc..., pray for the safety for all those who will be or are traveling in the next week or so...for safe trips to their destination and back.

Pray for our nation, President Trump and his cabinet and all those in positions of authority or decision making. Pray they will seek counsel from the Lord so they can make the right decisions. Pray also for the world leaders to seek wisdom from above in their roles as leaders.

Pray for the persecuted Christians around the world. Pray them strong faith and strength and protection for them.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the many blessings we receive from God on a daily basis. Pray we will give God our praise, thanksgiving, and our lives will bring honor and glory to His name.

Huddles:

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!

WELCOME KELSAY HEATH—Kelsay is here for the summer to serve as Youth Intern. Thank you so much! I am sure Charlie and the youth group will see to it that you earn your keep. (~_*).



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For the Record

May 20, 2018

Attendance	245
Weekly Contributions 5/20/18	\$7,284.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$7,146.66
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Communion Preparation—May

Bob & Susan Howard

Communion Table 5/27/18

Jeremy Antwine

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

Doug Clayton	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—In recess for the Summer
Ladies Bible Class, - Will resume in the Fall

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