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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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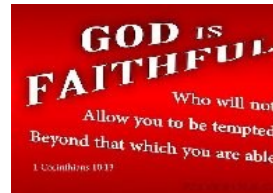
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Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word!

Last Sunday we pondered the **faithfulness of God** as it pertained to **Romans 8** and us being "**More than conquerors.**"

This morning we follow up by considering how **God is faithful in our trials and temptations.** God reminds us He is faithful by showing us there is nothing new or uncommon that we through Him cannot handle. He also always provides an escape route. See you in **First Corinthians 10** in a few minutes.

Welcome Guests!

Thank you for being with us this morning!

(Please help yourself to coffee, juice, and donuts.)

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. We dismiss by about 11:30.

View our web site at grandjunctionchurch.org and Face Book page **Church of Christ of Grand Junction to discover a little more about us.

Memorial Day 2017

As we remember those who gave the last full measure of devotion in service to our country, we entrust the fallen to the care of a merciful God and we remember those living loved ones among us who continue to walk the difficult path of grief and loss. We love you and honor your sacrifice! Thank you!



Love One Another

Memory Verse For May: (Part 2) Proverbs 3:1

"but keep my commands in your heart"

Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Secrets

Tucked away in **Romans 14:22** is a peculiar little passage that has become a meaningful mantra: ***“Whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.”*** Really?!

In **Romans 14** Paul reminds us not to judge each other over matters God allows and to be sensitive lest we undermine the faith of the spiritually weak. He reminds the church that unity and peace can prevail despite various understandings and convictions that allow one to participate while another should not. Paul describes practices, none of which are wrong in themselves, which are culturally driven or faith based involving Jewish believers and former pagans who do not yet understand the truth that celebrating “holidays” and partaking of all food and drink are acceptable.

Romans 14 is Paul telling the church, **if your conscience allows you to eat meat sacrificed to idols, drink wine, celebrate various days, or participate in other things that are morally and spiritually neutral, do so, or don't, understanding that the kingdom of God is not about special days or what you eat or drink.** You are free, he says, to abstain or partake but either way conduct yourself in a way that promotes peace, mutual edification, and does not cause your “good” to be spoken of as “evil” (i.e. something that is causing harm).

There are some instances where Paul says its best to keep your opinions, convictions, and practices to yourself, or at least don't make them a public issue or bait for controversy. The apostle is giving Christians permission to enjoy all good things as long as it is done in a way that does not violate your conscience, divide the body of Christ, or undermine the faith of a weaker Christian who has not yet learned that these things are permissible. **How do we do that?**

Paul's solution is to give apostolic guidance to invoke **“Don't ask, don't tell.”** (I Corinthians 10:25f). He is also very clear that we should not force others to conform to what we may or may not choose to do or believe in certain areas realizing some issues are matters of personal conscience and interpretation and are **not kingdom issues.** These should not be made tests of fellowship or faithfulness, **for God has accepted the one who disagrees with you, so you then should accept them without judgment (Romans 14:3).** Some things are best kept between you and God while treating others with discretion and discernment in a way that encourages ***“righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”***

Each of us has room to grow and yet I believe our wonderfully diverse church family does this well. I encourage us to continue to grant each other freedom in Christ to do as our conscience allows while not judging or condemning others for either partaking or abstaining, nor to use our freedoms as an occasion of stumbling to those weak in faith.

May we continue to honor and obey God as we treat each other with sacrificial love for the sake of unity in the body of Christ!
...***“So, whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.”***

VBS Information!



VBS is June 19-23, 6-8 pm, ages 4 through Middle School Program for Middles will be separate but the same theme! Special speakers and activities for their age group!

Volunteers still needed! Sign up forms in the foyer or electronically on line! Be a part of this life changing (yours & theirs) ministry!

Email Lesa@Brassette.com to get a link to the Signup Genius form online to donate supplies!

Online registration for kids starts on June 2.

Paper registration starts on June 4.

Attention Parents!!

There will be a Toy & Clothing Swap for members, on Sunday afternoon, June 4th, here at the building. It will be from 2-4 pm. This is an opportunity for parents to exchange clothes/shoes that no longer fit, and or toys that are no longer being used (ages newborn-10 years old). If you are interested in donating to the swap, we will be collecting next week, the week of May 29th-June 2nd. Please have your items to the building no later than Friday, June 2nd at noon. There will be a designated "drop off" location in the foyer. All items that are leftover after the swap will be donated. If you're interested in helping or if you have suggestions on how to make this a success, see Jenna Hill. Thank you!"

CCYC Registration is Open

Registration for Colorado Christian Youth Camp (CCYC) is now open! This year our theme is "Identity" and the dates are July 2-7. Camp is open to those that are 10 years old by July 1, 2017 through this year's high school graduates. Cost is \$140. To register please go to our church website and click on the CCYC tab. If you are interested in volunteering to work at camp, please use the same link to apply.

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Cory and Beth Smith's twins on June 3, 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Urgent needs for the twins are diapers, diapers, diapers or funding for formula.

Teacher Needed

We are in need of a teacher for the summer quarter (June—August for the pre KK class. See Sharon Riddle if you can help. A big thank you to Chris Banghart who has been teaching this class for some time.

Linus Project

The Linus Project is a project coinciding with Vacation Bible School. Fleece blankets are put together by the children attending VBS. The blankets are donated to children in hospitals, shelters or anywhere there is a need.

We are asking for help in purchasing or preparing the fleece. If you purchase, buy in 1/1/2 yard length, 60 inches wide. If you are interested in preparing, see Sharon Riddle. We have, in the past, donated hundreds of beautiful blankets to children in need or just to encourage a sick child.

Coffee Can Ministry Needs

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we were able to distribute 22 containers to those less fortunate at our first Distribution Day on May 20! The recipients were very appreciative to receive the items. The project continues to rely on your donations. We have plenty of soap, lotion, shampoo and conditioner at this time, though we will not turn anything away! The following items are needed:

Toothbrushes , Toothpaste (Travel size), Mouthwash (Travel size), Deodorant (Travel size), Small flashlights with batteries (3A), Nail clippers, Lip balm, Band-aids, Elastic hair ties, Hand sanitizers, Bug repellent wipes, socks

The next Distribution Day is planned for July. Whatever you can give is appreciated! Contact Karen Wade, Glenda Scheuerman or Pam Hurd for any questions.

PROMO SUNDAY

Today is Promo Sunday when children will be promoted to a higher age bracket. Children should go to their regular class rooms where they will be directed to their new class. Charlie DeLong will be making a more detailed announcement this morning.

Sunday Evening Singing

There will be a congregational singing this evening in the Fellowship Hall. This activity is sponsored by the Sunday evening Life Group and they invite everyone to attend for an inspiring, hymn filled night of joyous fellowship honoring our Lord in song.

Pray for Scott Hendricks as he is dealing with some health issues and is having tests. Pray for good test results, and that they will find the problems and be able to treat them. Pray for Scott's comfort during this time and his healing of whatever the issues are. Pray also, for his family.

Prayers of thanksgiving for answering our prayers for Ada Marie's father. He is doing much better and has moved closer to family. Thank God for his improvement and continue to pray for him and his family...as he continues to heal.

We have a number of people that need our continued prayers. We need to be persistent in prayer for them, and their families.

Della Fiske-Turner's friend, Linda Klassen, being treated for liver cancer.

Barb Aker's sister Frances, liver cancer....probably in last stages. Shane Briggs, as he has a bone marrow test and awaits the results to find out what has caused the blood numbers to drop suddenly and drastically.

Stan Hurd as he undergoes more chemo
Tom English and Robin, progressing health issues
Wes Beaver's mother, Sandi, cancer
Della Bingham's friend David..leukemia
Bob Tucker...treatment for cancer
Vickie Downey's sister in law, Debra, cancer
Marvin Trumbo's mother, seizures
Betsey Brown, rehab after surgeries

Prayer of thanksgiving that Sue Marutzky was able to be with us Sunday. Continue to pray for her health.

Continued prayers for our upcoming VBS and Camp, for the success of both and for all those involved in these ministries.

Pray for all the young people who are graduating....either high school or college. Pray they will stay close to God in whatever they do in their lives from now on. Pray for God to guide and protect them from the evil one...and that they will be faithful servants of God.

Don't forget to give thanksgiving and praise to God for all His love and blessings for us and His mercies that are new every morning... For our salvation and adoption as His children.

Pray for our church family and especially for our leaders. Pray for God to bless them with His wisdom and strengthen them to meet the challenges of the job He has given them....and give thanks for their caring leadership.

Huddle Schedule***No Huddle Today***

June 4 - 6-8 pm at Colton's House! The Fortney's live at 3175 Desert Rd. - Whitewater 81527. Girls bring drinks, boys bring desserts. Invite a friend. Meet at 5:30 at the church to ride in the van or carpool.

June 25 - at Kolby's house

July 9 - at the Heath's House

To host a Huddle, please contact Lesa Brassette, Les@Brassette.com



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For the Record

May 21, 2017

Attendance	276
Weekly Contributions 5/21/17	\$5,796.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$7,377.32
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in May

James Soria
Ty Roberts
Ryan Fleming
Jordan Lemons
Colton Fortney
Kaydin Gerber
Alex Hoffman
Luke Urbin

Communion Preparation—May

Bob & Susan Howard

Communion Table 5/28/17

Richard Jones

Announcements—May

Bo Hill

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

Dee Hawkinson—Auditorium
Tom Deister—103
Michael Applebee—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 & 4 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 & 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 for Pre-Schoolers—11 AM Picnic
Ladies Bible Class, starts 9:30 am—(Suspended for Summer)

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 Class begins at 6 PM In Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM