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Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

"Idolatry" can be easily misunderstood as an antiquated command prohibiting God's people from making and dancing around golden calves or paying homage to Canaanite deities. If we think of idolatry at all it may be only in the form of Eastern religions who bow down to chubby bronze statues or voodoo icons. Idolatry seems primitive and irrelevant to the 21st century church. But is it? Idolatry is a dominant and repetitive theme in Scripture and in one form or another comes into play by every inspired writer of the Bible.

What if idolatry is not just about statues and partying around icons? What if the **gods** of today are not strangely named deities? What if they take on identities that are so normal and accepted that we don't even recognize them as gods at all? What if we do our bowing and kneeling with our habits, our imaginations, our search engines, our checkbooks, our distractions, our focus, and our planners? Is it possible that every sin we struggle with, every lack of fulfilled purpose, every episode of discouragement or disillusionment is because of idolatry, not worshipping and trusting God alone?

It can be dangerous medically and spiritually to simply treat the symptom instead of the underlying cause of the problem. **Kyle Idleman** offers this image: **Imagine a man who has been coughing constantly. It keeps him awake all night and interrupts any conversation, so finally he goes to his Doctor. Tests are done and lung cancer is found. The Dr. knows how devastating that news will be so he decides not to tell the man. Instead he prescribes a very strong cough medicine and tells him he should be feeling better soon. The man is relieved, takes the medicine and begins feeling better, sleeping better, talking normally and sure enough the cough syrup seems to have solved his problem. Meanwhile, the cancer very quietly eats away at his body and is killing him from the inside out.**

As a minister I listen often to people who are coughing, struggling, hurting, stressing, cheating, lusting, lying, spending, worrying, medicating, avoiding, searching. They come to me and share their frustrations, struggles and discouragement. They look for an answer, sometimes confess what I call "symptomatic sins" and focus on what they think is their problem: **They can't stop coughing.** But in reality their true illness is much deeper. They suffer from a malignancy called **idolatry.**

Wednesday night June 11 at 7pm we will begin a video based class entitled **"gods at war."** We will study and discuss the underlying cause of our manifest sinful symptoms. Topics include; the gods of pleasure, love, power, money, and me.

Please plan to join us for this challenging, life altering study of God's word. I offered this series to our young adult class last winter for their Sunday morning study and they found it very challenging, helpful and well worth their time! **Be here, a week from this Wednesday night!**

Memory Verse For June—1 John 3:1

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us."

OUR GATHERING TODAY

Sermon: Last Sunday God's Rainbow memorial reminded us to **Look Up!** This morning we unpack and consider an amazing story in Joshua chapter 3-4 about another of God's markers that reminds us to **Look Forward.** May we be challenged, blessed and edified by our time together this morning!

Guests: Thank you for being here this morning! Please let us greet you and know how we might pray for you or otherwise serve you. **If you embrace Jesus as Lord then we embrace you as our fellow Kingdom travelers and invite you to share in communion with us as it is passed to you today. Please enjoy the gift bread and fill out the card and place it in the offering tray.**

The Gospel questions! All of these questions have been asked and answered: Are we sinners? **Yes!** Does God love us anyway? **Yes!** Did Jesus die and pay the penalty for our sins to satisfy the justice of God? **Yes!** Has Jesus' resurrection conquered death? **Yes!** Has Jesus provided an opportunity to express our faith and receive His grace and free gift of salvation as we repent and share in His death, burial, and resurrection through baptism? **Yes!** The only question that remains is: **"Why would I not do this now?"**

Honduras Mission

The Honduran mission effort is coming up in July. **We are collecting tooth paste, tooth brushes and Ibuprofen** to take with us. There will be a collection box in the lobby until Sunday June 29th. If you have questions, see Mike Hughes.

Foyer Project

The Art Guild will meet today at 1 PM in the fellowship hall. There will be a demo on making copper jewelry. Also we will be decorating and upgrading the foyer starting in June. We will be getting ready to paint and do some demo work on May 30 at 10 AM. If you would like to help tear out paneling, taping out among other jobs, please see Cindy. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience we may cause during the renovation. Please bear with us and we hope you will be pleased at the result.

VBS Needs

We need helpers! Please sign up in the foyer if you can help. There are plenty of forms there. Also, card board boxes are needed for decorating for VBS. See Pam Hurd for further details. Drop your sign-up sheet in the box provided for you on the table in the foyer.

Camp Scholarships

We are continuing to accept camp scholarships for camp on the Grand Mesa June 15—June 21.

News From Grand Mesa Camp

There has been a lot of snow on Grand Mesa this past winter and spring. As of this writing, we are planning our Open-Up Work Days on June 7th and 14th. Most likely, we will have some snow to shovel to get into buildings and cabins. Please consider coming and assisting with all the preparation work which needs to be done in order for summer camps to begin. Each day will begin around 9:00 a.m. and continue until about 4:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and dress appropriately to be working in the snow. If you need additional information, see Brian Peacock

Youth Minister Search Committee

A committee has been formed to accomplish the task of finding a new youth minister. Should you have questions or comments about the process or progress, please feel free to contact one of us! The committee: Mark & Lesa Brassette, Ann Bricker, David & Stephanie Cooper, David Downey, Curtis & Keri Fleming, Bobby & Sheri Heath, Craig & Elaine Roberts, Jimmye Tidwell, and Eddie Tinkle.

John and Ashley McCoy

The Youth Minister Search Committee is bringing in a candidate to interview June 6-8. John McCoy and his wife Ashley will be coming from Louisiana to look us over and give us a chance to get to know them. A list of scheduled activities is included in this week's bulletin.

Fellowship Meal with the McCoys

Sunday, June 8, there will be a meal for the whole congregation at the building following our morning worship service. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns will be provided. You are asked to please bring side dishes and desserts. Come and meet John and Ashley McCoy and show them our warm, Colorado, Christian hospitality!

Youth Group Huddle

Sunday, June 8, there will be a huddle at the home of Craig and Elaine Roberts (2950 Pheasant Run Circle; 81506). The youth group and their families are invited to come as John McCoy will share a devotional with us. Frito pies are on the menu. You are asked to bring desserts and drinks.

Camp meeting next Sunday:

There will be a camp meeting in the junior high room during class time on June 8. All adults involved with camp are encouraged to attend.

Ask our Father to protect the lives of the men and women of our armed forces. When they must go into battle, to shield them about with a hedge of protection and to show them His salvation.

Give thanks for the reinstatement of Eddie Tinkle as a deacon. The faithful service of him and his family are a blessing.

Pray for Sheila Yeager and her family in the loss of her father and for safe travel as she goes to his memorial service. Also, the Heath and Cathey families in their recent loss of Mary and Peggy.

Pray for Margie Lewis, Melva's mother, to recover from a broken hip, the result of a fall. Pray for safety for Melva as she travels to be with her and for wisdom and patience as she gets her mom settled with proper care.

Pray for safety for those who are traveling now and in the next few weeks...Lynn and Lila. Briggs, Shiloh Briggs family, and others that will soon be traveling.

Give thanks for the safe arrival of Bryce Chambers, Charles and Wei's son. Continue praying for those who are still expecting and for safe delivery and healthy moms and babies.

Pray for those still battling cancer, LuAnn Moore, Kellie Whiting, and Janice Ferris. Pray for the treatments to work and for healing, comfort and peace for them and their families.

Pray for Vickie Biocic's granddaughter Mandie, a missionary in Africa, who has contracted a fever and is seriously ill. Pray for her healing and quick recovery and for her family as they care for her.

Pray for the safety and protection of all missionary families and for their work in the Lord's kingdom.

Continue to pray for the upcoming youth camp and VBS in June and July. Pray for those who are in charge and working with the young people. For wisdom and guidance for them. Pray for those attending and for many to be touched and reached for God. Pray for a good attendance and a safe and successful camp and VBS.

Pray for our elders and leaders in our church family here, for God to give them wisdom and guidance in how He wants them to lead us and for us to appreciate the and cooperate in the things they plan for us to accomplish for the Lord.

Remember to give God the praise, honor and thanksgiving for His loving care and for His answers to our prayers.

Youth News

Huddle tonight: Join us at 6pm for dinner and a devo at the Dan and Ada Marie Vorse's house! They live at 584 Ford St here in Junction.

Pit on Wednesday: As usual, join us at 7pm in the pit for delicious food, singing, and a devo!

CAMP: If you want to come to camp, you **must** get your forms and payments in! Camp is June 15-21! Forms are available on the church website! Invite a friend!



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For the Record

May 25, 2014
Attendance (count not taken)
Average Attendance, 4th qtr. 238
Contributions \$4,481.00
Budget \$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—June

Tom & Kathy Deister

Communion Table 6/1/14

Ryan Smith

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in June

Rick Wilkins
Ron Wilson
Jeff Yeager
Wes Yeager
Hunt Zumwalt
Robert Allen
Karl Antwine
Jeremy Antwine

Announcements: Curtis Fleming—June
Ron Wilson—July
Scott Ferguson—August

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Tom Deister—Auditorium
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207
Bob & Bobby Heath, O.T. Survey—202

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

John Cooper—Life's Lessons—Auditorium

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 Children's Bible Study

2 & 4 yr. old—104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd—205
3rd thru 5th Grade—208
All teens meet in—203

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

June 1

Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris

Col. 4:2-6

“Christianity is intensely practical. She has no trait more striking than her common sense”.
(Charles Buxton)