



# Real Life News & Notes

*church of Christ of Grand Junction*

## Do You Love Me?

“Do you love me?” A very important question. Somewhat risky to ask. What if the answer is “no”? Why do we need to ask? Things happen. Words are spoken. So we wonder...do they still love me. Interestingly, Jesus even asked this question of Peter (John 21:15,16,17) three times. Perhaps it was because Peter had earlier denied Jesus three times. Whatever the reason Jesus felt it was important to ask the question and hear the answer.

Peter answered in the affirmative each time and the third time the scripture says Peter was hurt. He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know I love you.” He felt Jesus already knew the answer, why did he keep on asking? Good question. Jesus did not bring up Peter’s threefold denials. He did not say, “I guess I was wondering after what you pulled.” He just said, “feed my sheep.” Love is shown by our faithful service and actions. True love recognizes responsibilities and even duties.

So, it seems important for all of us to hear the words, “I love you.” We should actually be telling those close to us that we love them...and very often. Secondly, our love is ultimately shown by our actions. Are we doing the things our loved ones need and ask of us? This is the hard part-letting our love determine our actions. Jesus once said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command.” (John 14:15). Our love is shown by our compliance to others wishes. I want to do what Jesus wants me to because I love him. I want to do what my wife wants me to because I love her. Love is not just a feeling but an intentional desire to put someone else’s desires and needs above our own. That can be a challenge.

Lovingly, John Cooper

## Youth Section

There's not much more terrifying than signing a contract for a house, which is something I did this week. I kept looking through the pages, making sure I wasn't signing away my dog or my future children or something like that. But you know what? Commitments are scary, and there's really no way around that. Contracts can fall through. Friendships can fall apart. Families often don't support each other like they should. In the end, there's no such thing as a no-risk commitment.

There's one important exception, though. God does not fall back on his promises. In fact, any commitment besides a commitment to God is risky at best and disastrous at worst.

Does that mean we don't make commitments? No. After all, friendships and marriages and even housing contracts can lead to all sorts of good. But even the strongest human relationship is only a flimsy imitation of the kind of relationship that can really be relied upon. Don't accept substitutes for a committed relationship with God!

-Brian

**No huddle tonight:** Instead we will be meeting **at the church** at 6 tonight for games in the pit followed by hang-out and/or movie in the high school room. Bring your dinner, frisbees, board games, etc. Huddles will resume next week, with Nathan and Talene Walker hosting!

**Hike on Tuesday:** Meet at the church at 10am and **don't forget water and a lunch!**

**Church camp:** Get those registration forms in ASAP. You can find them on the church website. Camp starts **2 weeks** from today!

**Camp Scholarships:** Camp fee is \$100. If any of you are able to provide a scholarship it would be greatly appreciated. You can write a check to CCYC or to the Church of Christ (earmarked for CCYC) and either put it in the collection plate or give it to Doug.

**Camp Physicals:** A list of your camp physical status is **outside Doug's office**. If this is your first year going to camp or if your name is on the list then we need a current medical form this year. You can download it from [grandjunctionchurch.org](http://grandjunctionchurch.org) and have your Dr. or other medical professional sign it. We are hoping to have our church docs do "last resort" physicals but nothing confirmed yet so don't wait on that.

**Memory Verse For June: Romans 12:18**

*As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Children's Verse: Lucas Matthews

Announcements: Ron Wilson  
Song Leader—Kit Hatfield

Songs to be announced

Communion

Offering

Sermon—A Man With Issues, Part II - Doug Clayton

Invitation

Elders Blessing

**Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in**

**June**

Ron Fant  
Scott Ferguson  
Curtis Fleming  
Zack Fleming  
Dan Fortney  
Ray Gehrett  
Mark Gomez  
Nolan Grigsby

**Announcements**

**June—Ron Wilson**

**July—Vince Urbina**

**August—Curtis Fleming**

**For the Record**

**May 27 2012**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>Average Attendance, 1st qtr.</b>	<b>263</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$5,360.00</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$6,715.30</b>

**Communion Preparation—June**

Tom & Kathy Deister

Outreach Minister—John Cooper	241-4075
Minister—Doug Clayton	523-1654
Visitation Minister—Hunt Zumwalt	210-8960

**Prayer Requests**

ALMA COOPER...healing, comfort and peace, for her and her family.

DAN SCOTT—Guillian Bare syndrome, Lataynes husband is slowly improving. Continue to pray for a complete recovery

CHERYL WILKINSON—Breast Cancer and reconstructive surgery.

BERNITA WESTLING—multiple health problems. Pray for healing and comfort for her. Thanksgiving for prayers answered for her and her family, and healing of family issues.

KELSAY HEATH—Will be undergoing ACL surgery on June 8th. Keep her in your prayers for success.

GAYLIN MUMMA—Bro.-in-law of Janet Nelson. He is in hospital in El Paso, TX dying of cancer. Gaylin is a veteran and was exposed to Agent Orange and is suffering from many effects of that along with cancer.

K.J. FIELDS—Pray that he might find housing soon and that the pain in his shoulder may subside. Also keep Doug in your prayers as he ministers to K. J. Pray that K.J may find a translator that will aid him during medical visits. Not being able to communicate his health problems to doctors is a real strain.

COLTON DETRAY –Visitor Hendrieka Bass from Thornton, CO requested prayer for Colton who is suffering with serious health problems.

TRAVIS HARRIS FAMILY of Wiggins, CO. Lila's son goes to church with this family. An ATV accident has left Travis with 5 little girls to raise alone.

MARIE BRANSON—She is suffering from severe vertigo.

Keep the earthquake victims in Italy in your prayers.

## Notes and Items of Interest

### Ladies Retreat Planning

ATTENTION LADIES; A wonderful Ladies' Retreat is in the planning. It is scheduled for October 19 and 20 at the Wine Country Inn in Palisade (same place the men had their retreat last Spring). Our guest speaker will be Shirlene Caraway (Brenda Austin's dear, dear friend and mentor in life). She currently lives in Kalispell, MT with her husband, a retired preacher of 43 years. They have dreams of retiring here in Grand Junction because Milton is tired of shoveling snow. Shirlene has taught ladies' Bible Class throughout her Christian walk and has a real talent of making the Bible come alive and relate it to our life challenges. She has served and given a # of retreats in numerous States and Africa with Bill and Melody Smith.

I need helpers desperately to make this retreat the best yet!!! We will meet Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All who can help and give input please, please do. For Jesus and one another - Brenda

### Pantry Items Needed

We are in need of several pantry items. Melody Haight has provided a grocery list and copies are on the table in the foyer. Please pick one up if you would like to purchase some of these items to re-stock the pantry.

### Notice

It is requested that if you have used the van and are returning it, please park it under the canopy so the front is under, in the shade. This is to prevent drying out of the dashboard due to harsh sunlight.—Thank you.

### Homeless Meal

Tomorrow is our turn to serve the homeless meal at the North Ave. shelter. Lasagna trays will be distributed in the foyer right after morning services today and servers should be at the shelter by 5:30 PM tomorrow evening.

### Birthday Open House Celebration

Marie & Rose Branson's children are planning a birthday celebration for Marie and Rose on June 23rd from 2—4 PM at the home of Marie Branson. Everyone is invited. The event is to celebrate Marie's birthday which will be her 90th and Rose who will be 88.



### Guam Mission

John Cooper will be going back to Guam on June 14 and work with the church there through the 26th. We have received a letter from members and they are very concerned for the future. There are many disturbing issues that John hopes to help them resolve so the church will not become extinct in that area. Please keep him and the congregation in your prayers that the Lord's will be that through their efforts the church will flourish once again in Guam. Here are some of the items mentioned in one of the members letters:

*"Dear John,*

*I was thinking that it would be good if you could have some classes for the members on how to meet, talk to and get people on the island interested in learning about God. Also to gain confidence in doing these things. I think this is the area where we are lacking as this is what we need to try to grow the church. This past Sunday, Greg was the only male in attendance when worship started. He conducted singing, prayers, Bible Study and preaching. Just before the Lord's Supper Johnny and Willie came in so they were able to assist. We had 14 in attendance.*

*I have been struggling with my feelings here with the lack of commitment of the members and lack of desire to do anything for the church or their own growth. It is really showing now in the lack of Bible Studies (no Bible Studies Wednesday or Sunday while I was gone due to no members showing up), and lack of attendance at Sunday Worship.*

*We have just never had any guidance in the church here since we became Christians and need to be taught.*

*I appreciate all the encouragement that you give us, especially me, as it seems far and few between. Thanks for listening and hope to hear from you soon. In God's Love, Judy"*



# church of Christ of Grand Junction

A place to belong.

Welcome to the church of Christ of Grand Junction! If you are visiting with us we want you to know how honored we are to have you. It is our desire to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 22:30,31). We are attempting to share His love with others through following Jesus' words, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). If you have any questions about anything that you hear taught or see practiced we would be glad to share with you the reasons for the faith we have. Just speak with one of our shepherds or ministers or call 970-245-4210 and we will gladly assist you!

**COME WORSHIP WITH US**

<u>Mesa View Retirement Service Schedule</u>			<p><b>Website:</b>  <a href="http://Grandjunctionchurch.org">Grandjunctionchurch.org</a>                      ~~~~~</p> <p><b>Soul Care Ministry—Call 260-7309</b></p>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Servant Teams</u>	<u>Study Text</u>	
June 3	Bill Tidwell, Wes Yeager	Matt. 20:1-16	
June 10	Ron Fant, J'Dean Redding	Matt. 11:28-30	
June 17	Dean Blanck, Chuck T.	Matt. 8:23-27	
June 24	Bob Heath, Mike Hurd	Matt. 16:13-18, 24-26	

Note: If you are not able to serve on the assigned date please trade with another team. You are responsible for serving on the dates assigned. Team members should communicate ahead of time about who will take care of songs, communion, prayers and the Bible study. Remember, family members are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

## BIBLE CLASS AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

### Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7- 8 PM

Tom Deister—.....—"Jesus Is Lord"—.....Auditorium  
 Keith Watson—.....Various Subjects.....-103  
 Scott Ferguson, —.....Young Marrieds.....-202  
 College/Young Adult—.....-Traders Coffee

Bob Heath—.....Book of Acts.....—Auditorium  
 Hymn Class—.....—103

### Sunday Morning Children's Classes

### Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

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

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

**Sunday morning worship begins at 10:15 AM**

*"Therefore since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."*

*Hebrews 12: 28-29*