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Real Life News & Notes *Patterson Road church of Christ*

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Our Gathering Today



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Elder of Month

Tony Clayton

Feeding on the Word (the sermon)

This morning we will finish our look at a lost and found story. Last week we considered the younger brother and why he left home, what happened when he did and what led to his return. Today we will look at how the Father responded when his son came home and how and why the older brother reacted the way he did. Let's be looking for ourself in this story. God's word is powerful to convict and encourage and reveal truth in our lives if we are open to seeing it.

See you in Luke chapter 15 in a few minutes!

Welcome Guests!

May you be fed and encouraged by our gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share the Lord's supper, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. We dismiss by about 11:30. Please stay around and let us get to know you a little better.

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

Faith and Family prompts

** **Thanks to Eddie** and all his helpers for grilling, setting up and cleaning up at last Sunday's Picnic in the Pit! It was a great time together!

****Remember our discipleship challenge from earlier this year?** Some do I know, because you have told me you have been praying for, mentoring, looking for those divine appointments and leading that person to Jesus or a stronger faith in him. Paul, one who would certainly know from experience, reminded us "*Not to get discouraged in doing good, knowing in time the harvest will come.*" Discipleship is a process. But we must be deliberate about it.

** **Pick a verb, any verb!** This week, continue doing those "**greater works**" that Jesus reminded us about. **Pray** for someone, **encourage** someone, **call** someone, **text** a word of blessing and life, **share** Jesus with someone, **listen**, **turn** the other cheek, **go** the second mile, **give** up your coat, **refuse** anger or to be baited into an argument, **allow** others to get the last word, and **remember** you will never regret **showing** grace and kindness regardless the circumstance.

"Love One Another"

Memory Verse For May: Col. 1:17

"in Him all things hold together"

Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Mother

A few weeks ago Ed Riddle shared this with me and because my daughter in law Natalie was just days away from bringing my new little grandson into this world it had special meaning. It's a cute and wonderful parable of what we cannot fully see, but can fully know by faith! (*I took some editorial liberties*)

In a mother's womb were twins. One asked the other: **"Do you believe in life after delivery?"** The other replied, **"Yes, of course! There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to grow and prepare ourselves for what will be later."**

"Nonsense!" says the other. **"There is no life after delivery. This is all there is kid! What would it be like anyway?"** . . . **"I don't know, but I bet there will be more light than there is here. Maybe we will even walk with our legs and eat through our mouths."**

"That's ridiculous, walking with these little limbs? No way! And eat with our mouths? You're crazy, why would we do that? Our umbilical cord supplies all the food and nutrition we will ever need. Life after delivery is impossible." **"Well,"** said the other, **I think there is something, and it's way different and even more wonderful than it is here."**

"Don't kid yourself bro, no one has ever come back from there. Delivery is the end and in the 'after-delivery' there is nothing out there but more darkness. " **"Hmm."** replied the other, **"I have a feeling there are things we don't know yet. AND, maybe we will see Mother, get to hug her and touch her and she will hold us and give us everything we would ever need."**

"Mother? You don't actually believe in Mother do you?!" . . . **"Sure I do."** . . . **"Oh brother, that's just a fairy tale for the weak minded. Where is she now?"** The other replied, **"Don't you know? She is all around us. We live in her and without her we would not be alive."** The other argued, **"Don't be a dumb head. I don't see her so she must not be there, anywhere, mother does not exist."**

The other whispered, **"You know, sometimes when it's quiet I can hear her voice, I think she is talking to us and letting us know she is right here, surrounded by her and that we are special and loved. Of course I believe in Mother, in life after delivery, more life than we could ever imagine right now! Oh! Right there, you feel it?"** ... **"Feel what?!"** . . . **"MOTHER'S HAND you silly, and I hear singing!"**

Out of the mouths of babies J! **"In Him we live and move and have our very being"** (Acts 17:28). **"We walk by faith not by sight"** (2 Cor. 5:7). **"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for the evidence of things not yet seen"** (Hebrews 11:1).

Trusting the best is yet to come changes our perspective and how we live now. I love where the Bible shows God's love and care in **motherly** images. As we mature in life's womb and as all creation groans in labor (**Romans 8:21-23**) there is both calm and struggle, rest and turmoil, peace and pain, safety and danger, and the ever present awareness of God's love and living hope as we look forward to that **great delivery** when "Mother" will extend her open arms and welcome us home forever!

Important Notices

Sunday Morning Class Changes.

Beginning today Curtis Fleming will start a Bible Class in the Auditorium on the Book of James. Ron Wilson will continue his study in Room 103 for another two weeks. Wednesday evening adult classes will remain the same.

Attention all men:

There will be a get-together for skeet shooting on Saturday, June 11th. Plan on meeting out in the desert at 25 road at 8 am. There will be a sign on the dirt road, directing you where to go. All men are welcome; cost for skeet is \$3, for those that have guns. Cost is \$10 for those who don't; for skeet and ammo. A sign up sheet is in the foyer. Contact Bo Hill or Dave Downey for more info.

VBS Donations Needed

Anyone who would like to donate anything farm-related for VBS would be appreciated. Some ideas are plastic fruit or vegetables, baskets, wagon wheels, milk cans, little red wagons, hay bales, etc. You will get these things back, just make sure you have your name on them. If you have any items to donate or would like to help with decorations for VBS, contact Pam Hurd or Glenda Scheuerman

VBS Update:

Theme: COWabunga Farm: Growin' with our Faithful God
Dates: July 11-15, 6-8 p.m.

Volunteers: Complete form online or grab a paper form by the return box in the foyer. We need someone to lead the GAMES station! And, if you don't have a children's ministry tshirt, please let Lesa know your size by June 26

Kids: Online registration begins June 24, paper registration June 26

Contact: Lesa Brassette, Lesa@Brassette.com / 640-2243 (cell)

Homeless Shelter Meal

Tomorrow evening is our turn to prepare and serve the evening meal at the Homeward Bound Shelter on North Ave. Lasagna trays will be distributed in the foyer this morning right after morning assembly. Servers should be at the shelter by 5:30 PM tomorrow.

Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower for Destine Trumbo on Saturday, June 25, at 11:00 a.m. here in the fellowship hall. Joel and Destine will be registered at Bed Bath and Beyond by the first week in June. Help is needed and would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Gail Urbina or Bobbi Tourney if you are willing to assist.

Thank You for keeping the following requests in your daily prayers. It is such a blessing to petition our heavenly Father for others, both they and you will be blessed.

Please continue prayers for the following as they recover from various health issues.

Dean Blanck's niece and Dwight Erickson, non hodgkins lymphoma,

Cameron Potter—Recovering from vicious dog bite.

Family & Friends of Chester Ault who passed away last week.

Becky Cornett, recovering from a heart surgery,

Sheila Yeager, recovering from foot surgery,

Bob Heath, upcoming carpal tunnel surgery,

Tammy and Donnie Sitton, ALS and another neurological disease,

Bryce. Parkinson's and Jeannette Sanburg, Caregive for Bryce.

Jeremy Gadberry, fighting addictions and mental illness,

and His family while he is incarcerated,

Cathy Diteman.

Continued prayers also for our Military, Missiionaries, law enforcement and first responders and all their families,

Continued to pray for the Youth Camp and the VBS that are coming up in June and July.

Pray for all those involved in any way with these events, pray for God to bless them and they will

be successful in bringing the Word and love of God to the young people and children.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the many prayers God has answered

in the past for us. Thank Him for His love and care for us all

the time. And give Him praise and honor !

YOUTH NEWS

Huddles:

June 5 - The Sorias' House - 2892 W. Hermosa Ct. - GJ 81506 - Bring drinks and chips please!

June 12 - The Lees' House

June 19 - No Huddle - CAMP week

June 26 - The Heaths' House

If you would like to host a huddle in July or August please contact Lesa Brassette (Lesa@Brassette.com)

CCYC

June 19th-24th

Please get ready for Colorado Christian youth camp this summer Cost will be \$140. Registration in now open, please go to GrandJunctionChurch.org/CCYC to register or pay online.

Middle School Swerve

June 26th-29th

Our youth group teams up with the Littleton Church of Christ youth group to serve Grand Junction.

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God Bless,
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For the Record

May 29, 2016

Attendance	220
Weekly Contributions 5/29/16	\$5,193.24
Contribution 4 week average	\$5,884.69
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in June

Ray Gehrett
Nolan Grigsby
Sandy Harris
Leonard Harvey
Kit Hatfield
Bob Heath
Bo Hill
Bob Howard

Communion Preparation—June

Tom & Kathy Deister

Communion Table 6/5/16

Scott Ferguson

Announcements

June—David Downey

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

Curtis Fleming—Auditorium
Ron Wilson—103
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

David Scheuerman—Auditorium
Singing Class—103

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

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

Thursday Morning Bible Classes

Thursday Bible School for Pre-Schoolers—9:30 am—1 pm
Ladies Bible Class, starts 9:30 am—207

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
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM