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Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Overcoming Overwhelming Obstacles

We all face obstacles in our lives. Overcoming them can be a real challenge. I really don't like facing difficulties. However, they can provide us with an opportunity for growth. James wrote, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials; knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4).

Seldom, if ever, do I thank God for difficulties. However, through difficulties I am forced to examine my priorities and the things I value and trust. Our problems can help us focus on what is really important and where we need to go to find help. I Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances." How can we overcome overwhelming obstacles and see them as stepping stones to greater faith and life?

First, I suggest that **prayer** is absolutely essential in dealing with problems that seem larger than we can handle. In the garden Jesus prayed fervently for strength to face His own impending doom. Hebrews 5:7- "During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death." Nothing is too big but that prayer can help us face it.

Second, I suggest that we **share** our burdens with others as we have shared them with God in prayer. Jesus shared his struggles with Peter, James and John in the garden of Gethsemane- "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me" Mt. 26:38. Paul wrote, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" Gal. 6:2

Third, we must continue to **care**. It is easy when things go bad to retreat, withdraw and stop loving. Jesus said that because of the difficulties some of his people would face, the "love of most will grow cold" Mt. 24:12. Paul wrote, "Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" Rom. 12:19,21.

Fourth, we must **dare** to keep going even when it seems impossible. Life is a risk. There are all kinds of dangers that could stop us from living. Epaphroditus "risked his life" to serve Paul and the proclamation of the Gospel (Phil. 2:30). Faith frees us from paralyzing fear, vindictiveness or anger. "Ships are safe in harbor, but that is not what ships are for." God wants us to live and love and faith in Him is how we do it. "Without faith it is impossible to please God. He who comes to God must believe that He is and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him" Hebrews 11:6.

Let's be people of faith, John Cooper

Memory Verse For June—James 1:19

"Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

Our Gathering Today

Feeding on the Word!

Ever underestimate those passing moments, the briefest of encounters, the smallest of gestures, the seemingly insignificant word or thought? So often we ignore and relegate to the realm of "inconsequential" the mundane, the minute, the ordinary. Jesus, as he is so adept at doing, redefines the value and potential of something as tiny as a Mustard seed in his kingdom...love this parable! I'll meet you in **Mark chapter 4** in a few minutes.

Welcome Guests!

Thank you for being with us! If you are a first time visitor you will be asked to raise your hand and a little courier will bring you a gift (mini bread loaf) with a card on it. **Please fill out the card and drop it in the collection plate and let us know what needs we can meet for you.**

If you claim Jesus as Lord we invite you to share **Communion** with us as the bread and wine (juice) are passed.

Acts of service...the face of Jesus

Special appreciation and thanks to **Lila Briggs** who has served our church family for years as an ambassador. A what? OK, I'll explain... I am not much on titles or catchy name tag slogans but in this case "**Prayer Warrior**" is both fitting and accurate of **Lila's** ongoing, consistent service in prayer over our church, our families, our children, country, our world for all the years I have known her. There are people of great faith who are a part of our lives that pray, pray and pray some more for every person, every circumstance and every tiny cause and effect in the kingdom of God. Jesus prayed...often. We have many ladies in our church family who spend time weekly together and daily alone in their quiet prayer corners in their homes who bless and serve the kingdom of God in mighty, consequential, effective, fervent, tiny mustard seed ways through prayer. Thanks to **Lila and all of our ambassadors for Christ who speak to God on our behalf!!** "What can YOU do?" (quoting Rick Wilkins' question in his PIT talk this past Wednesday night). **You can pray!** :-)

"Love One Another!"

Scribes of Christ

We now have a group working to provide love and encouragement with cards and notes through old fashioned mail. We send a group email once a week that lists those who would be uplifted by a card. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please email Lesa Brassette at Les@Brassette.com. Feel free to email card needs you know of too!

VBS Dates: June 22-26, 6 to 8 pm

> Early registration is underway

! Paper forms are in the foyer on the hutch to the right of the auditorium doors. There is a basket below to return them. Also, on-line registration is now live and available for you. Early registration helps us with planning and supplies. Invite a friend. Flyers and postcard invitations are also on the hutch for you to hand out to friends and neighbors.

> VBS Volunteers Needed: Paper forms are in the foyer, or register online at the church website. If you have a heart to serve, we will find a place for you!

> 🙌 Donate \$10 to provide a Bible for a VBS child. We put God's Word in the hands of 64 children last year. So far we have enough to buy 28 this year. Let's raise that number! Today is the last day to get in on this part of our ministry!

> 1 1/2 yard cuts of fleece are needed for our VBS service project. Please start bringing these in immediately and give them to Sharon Riddle.

> Please let Lesa Brassette know ASAP if you need a Children's Ministry tshirt. All VBS staff (adults and teens) wear these (same one as last year) and they are \$10 each.

Care Calendar Needs

Go to carecalendar.org if you can help provide meals for Shawn & Amey Collazo. The ID code for them is: 211658 and the security code is 3748. We need someone to sign up for June 4 and the care calendar for this couple will be complete.

Summer Schedule of Events in Pit

June 21—Ice Cream Social

July 26—Watermelon Bust

August 23—Peaches & Ice Cream

Adult Bible Classes to begin Sunday Morning in June

Today in the adult classes, Tom Deister will begin a class on Gracious Living in Room 103 and Curtis Fleming will be teaching in the auditorium. Title of Curtis's class is unavailable at this time.

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 1 PM today. The group will be doing Mosaics. See Cindy King on what to bring.

Upcoming Baby Showers

There will be a diaper shower for David and Stephanie Cooper on Saturday, June 27 at 10 AM here at the building. The gender is a surprise so diapers and wipes are very much appreciated. The Coopers are registered at Target, Target.com and Amazon.com. If you are interested in helping, see LeeAnn Camp, Debra Carol or Breanna Yeager.

Also, there will be a baby shower on Saturday, July 25, 10 AM for Hailey Austin (wife of Brian) at Brenda Austin's house. See Jenna Hill if you have questions.

CCYC

Thank you Thank You Thank you. For all you prayers and support for our camp this year. Camp starts today and we have more than 80 campers and around 40 Staff. Please keep us in your mind and prayers This week. *Matt Lee*

Special Prayer Requests

Pray for the families of those who have lost loved ones recently. The family of Ova Boyce and the family of Rags Ragsdale.

Pray for Lynne Harvey, she has an infection in her foot that they are having trouble curing. Pray they will be able to find a treatment that will cure it. Pray for her comfort and peace .

Pray for Tennison Pfeifer and his family, neighbors of Shawn and Amey Collazo, he is two and fell from a second story window. He has two skull fractures and some bleeding in the brain, pray there is nothing more and that he will completely. He did not lose consciousness which is good thing....so pray all will be well with him and for peace for his family.

David Downey's mother Midge, had cataract surgery. Pray for a quick and complete recovery for her. And some friend of the Downey's, from the church in Rifle, asked for prayers for her as she has a knee replacement.

Continue prayers for the youth camp which is next week. Pray for the leaders and staff, as well as for the campers. Pray for safety, wisdom for the leaders, and for lives to be brought to Jesus.

Pray for the VBS which is coming soon also. Again pray for it to be a success, for wisdom for those who are involved in any way and for Lesa as she heads it up, and for those attending, that they may learn about Jesus and want to follow Him. Lives could and will be changed by the things they are learning as children.

Continued prayers for those who are recovering from surgery, undergoing treatments for on going illnesses, or deteriorating health issues....Ken Garrison, Richard Moore, Cliff and Irene Deister, Jerimy and Amanda Gadberry, Arthur and Myra Ritchey, John Lamar, Kay Barnes, those with MS or Parkinson's or other ongoing diseases.

Always keep the military people and families and the missionaries and families in your prayers. Pray for God's will to be done in the upcoming elections, and for God to bring to office those He wants there. Pray for guidance from above for all the voters and that everyone will take advantage of the privilege of voting and go to the polls.

Continued prayers for the victims of the various storms all over the nation recently. For those in the paths of floods, tornados etc. God comfort and strength for them as they try to get their lives back together.

Prayers for Lynn Briggs as he has prostate cancer and will have surgery on June 10. Pray for a complete recovery and that the surgery will take all of the cancer from his body.

Prayers of thanksgiving to our loving and merciful God for answered prayers and for his constant presence and care. What a blessing! Give Him the praise and honor that He is due.

YOUTH NEWS

PIT Wednesday Night

No Pit this week!

Huddle

Our next youth Huddle will be 6:00 PM Sunday, June 14th at the Heath home.

MS Service

June 28th- July 1st . All Grand Junction Middle Students are invited of a week of service, fellowship and worship. Please watch for more details. This event will be at Grand Junction Church of Christ and our students will be joined by the Littleton Church of Christ.

CCYC

Camp Start today. All campers please report to the Grand Mesa at 3:00 PM.
Please bring all remaining paperwork to camp! Staff should be there by 1:00 PM. Please pray for a awesome week!

God Bless,
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For the Record

May 31, 2015

Attendance	287
Average Attendance, 1st qtr.	277
Contributions	\$5,987.00
Budget	\$7,035.38

Communion Preparation—June

Tom & Kathy Deister

Communion Table 6/7

Matt Lee

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in June

Scott Boyle
 Scott Bradley
 Mark Brassette
 Mike Bricker
 Lynn Briggs
 Dave Bussert
 Santiago Carol
 Tony Clayton

Announcements

Dean Blanck—June
 July—Mike Hurd
 August—Ron Wilson

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

Curtis Fleming	Auditorium
Tom Deister, Gracious Living	103
Young Adult (Under 30)	Room 207

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 Adult Classes—7- 8 PM

John Cooper, Philippians	Auditorium
Ladies Class	103
Singing Class	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

2 & 4 yr. old	104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd	205
3rd thru 5th Grade	208

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

June 7	Bob Howard, Dave Scheuerman	Acts 13:13-52
June 14	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Acts 14:1-7
June 21	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Acts 14:8-28
June 28	Bill Barslund, Scott Delancey	Acts 15:1-35

Service begins at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings at the Mesa View Retirement Center. Visitors welcome.

1 Thess. 5: 19—23 NIV

“Do not put out the Spirit’s fire, do not treat prophesies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil. May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”