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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)

#### Shema

This is arguably the most significant phrase in all of our Judeo-Christian ancestry.

**"Shema" (listen, hear)** is the title of a prayer found in Deuteronomy 6:4-5. **"Hear Oh Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."** This brief declaration serves as the essential daily expression of who God is and how he is to be loved and comprises the first and last words of the day of all observant Jews. Jesus learned the **Shema** as a baby and it was likely the first words, besides "Momma," that rolled from his toddler tongue.

**Fast forward to Mark 12.** A Jewish teacher asks, "Which is the most important command?" Jesus replies, **"The most important one is this: Hear Oh Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."** Did you catch that? Jesus amended the **Shema**, the sacred, simple prayer that had been foundational to Israel's identity for centuries. Jesus added a single command, out of a long list of noteworthy commands from Leviticus 19, to clarify what God always intended for those who claimed to love Him, **"Love your neighbor as yourself."**

Jesus routinely and boldly clarified the most sacred aspects of Judaism to reflect the true intent of his Father's laws as he denounced the abuses of institutionalized religion. This beautiful prayer of wholly loving God had taken on a *code language* like quality that had led many Jews to become protective of their laws, traditions and ceremony at the expense of mistreating and excluding outsiders, keeping unclean Gentiles at a safe distance from their God as they reflected a national and religious mindset of favoritism and sectarianism against anyone not in their inner circle of faith.

Remember, Jesus came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it, to give all who would "hear," all who would **Shema**, a purer understanding of who God really is and what He desires for all people. So, Jesus, **the Living Word**, gives the correct and full interpretation as He interprets the sacred **Shema** by **saying loving God is always manifested in loving others.** That is, unless we love everyone, especially the hard to love, as much or more than we love ourselves then regardless the extent of our other religious law keeping we do not really love God as we should. This was revolutionary kingdom language and Jesus answered this Jewish teacher saying that **loving others was the essence of loving God.**

Jesus declares the most important command we will ever obey is to love God and when we fully and truly love God, we love others. This is precisely how Paul, a Jewish Christian scholar and inspired apostle, interprets the **Shema** and why he could say: **"The entire law is summed up in a single command, love your neighbor as yourself"** (Galatians 5:14). When we keep the greatest of all commands, all other divine laws are not diminished or destroyed but fulfilled in our spiritual identity as **true God lovers!** When we understand this we **hear, we Shema,** and like that teacher, **"we are not far from the kingdom of God"** (Mark 12:34).

### 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!

Many of us just returned for a week up on the Grand Mesa at our annual church camp. Our theme was **"Surrender" based on James 4:7-8**. This morning we will look at that scripture as well as some others that remind us as disciples of Christ we are called to submit to God, surrendering our will completely to His. Surrendering is seldom easy and usually involves changing our thoughts, actions and old, comfortable habits.

### 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

Our special appreciation and thanks this week goes to **all of our camp staff** who took a week of vacation to pour themselves out upon the altar of service to about 85 kids (ages 10-18) up at church camp this past week. It was a great week! Thanks to Matt Lee for his preparation, direction and leadership and to all of you who prayed for kids and for the camp, and donated scholarships. **May God's seed sprout and grow from the efforts of planting these little mustard seeds all week on the mountain!**

**"Love One Another!"**

### Memorial Service For Rags Ragsdale

There will be a Memorial Service here at 1:30 PM today for Rags Ragsdale. Following the service there will be a reception and catered lunch at the Moose Lodge, 567 25 1/2 Rd. Everyone is invited.

### VBS Announcements:

> **Dates: June 22-26, 6 to 8 p.m.**

> **Volunteer Meeting:** Tuesday, June 16, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall, please come to a meeting to finalize VBS details, volunteer roles, and last minute needs.

> **Register Kids Now:** Paper forms are in the foyer or you can register kids online on the church website.

> **Invite:** Flyers and postcard invitations are on the hutch in the foyer! Please use these resources to advertise our VBS and invite young ones!

> **Fleece Still Needed:** 1 1/2 yard cuts of fleece are needed for the VBS service project. Sharon Riddle is your contact person for this.

> **Bible Donation:** Two people handed Lesa money in the foyer last Sunday. She can only remember one of them. Please let her know if it was you so she can properly inscribe the Bibles!

### Placing Membership

We are overjoyed that Jo Watkins placed membership with our church family last Sunday. His address is 536 S. Mulberry Place, Apt 1, Fruita, CO 81521 and his phone is 970-560-0360. Be sure and get acquainted! WELCOME, Jo.

### Summer Schedule of Events in Pit

**June 21—Ice Cream Social**

**July 26—Watermelon Bust**

**August 23—Peaches & Ice Cream**

### 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.

## Special Prayer Requests

Please keep the following requests in your daily prayers....thank you, your prayers make a big difference and are very much appreciated.

We have several continuing prayers, some are on going, some are at least for the present.....and some updates.

Ken Garrison, cancer

Lynne Harvey, infection in her foot

Tennison Pfeifer and family, two year old who fell from a second story window.

Richard Moore... health and comfort

Cliff and Irene Deister...comfort and peace

Jerimy Gadberry ...patient in Summit View

Amanda Gadberry, prayers of thanksgiving, she is recovering at home and doing well after surgery.

Arthur Ritchey, at home recovering from surgery. He has an appointment with the oncologist to see what the treatment will be for liver cancer. Pray for guidance in this decision about the treatment.

Myra Ritchey, receiving treatment for a knee problem , pray it will help.

John Lamar...leukemia

Kay Barnes...breast cancer

Our military and families

Our missionaries and families

Lynn Briggs...had surgery this past week.

Victims of the severe storms of the past few weeks

Prayers for those who attended camp this week, that they were drawn closer to God

VBS...for a successful year and for those who come to learn of God, for the staff to help the children grow closer to God.

Safe deliveries of the babies that are expected in the near future, healthy babies and healthy moms!!

Give Thanks to God for all the blessings we receive from His hand daily. Give Him praise and honor always.

## YOUTH NEWS

### CCYC

Camp is over. Most everyone made it home happy and healthy. Please pray that our students continue to Surrender their body, mind and heart over to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

### Huddle Service

Tonight at 6:00 PM the youth group will meet at the Heath home for fellowship, food and fun. Please bring Drink or dessert. 1976 K Rd. Fruita, CO 81521.

### PIT Wednesday Night

7:00 PM the youth eat together, hang out, sing, and someone will share a devotional thought.

### MS Service

June 28th- July 1st . All Grand Junction Middle Students are invited of a week of service, fellowship and worship. This event will be \$50 and our student will sleep at the Church Building Sunday, Monday and Tuesday night. Our group will be joined by the Littleton Church of Christ. Please sign up with Matt or on the Youth Bulletin board.

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God Bless,

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## For the Record

June 7, 2015

Attendance	260
Average Attendance, 1st qtr.	277
Contributions	\$7,226.00
Budget	\$7,035.38

## Communion Preparation—June

Tom & Kathy Deister

## Communion Table 6/14

Dane Jennings

## 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 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.

## **2 Timothy 1:7**

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.*

(NLT)