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

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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Tony Clayton

Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word (the sermon)

Gospel fluency: Conclusion. Today we wrap up our mini-series on Gospel Fluency as we consider some practical tools in becoming fluent in what God is doing in the world and how that story corrects and gives perspective to our story. Hope you have your Bible with you this morning!

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.

CCYC 2016 in the books: So blessed and thankful...

to have spent most of this past week with many of you up at Colorado Christian Youth camp! Special thanks to all of our adult volunteers (Cooks, Counselors and staff) who allowed God's light to shine in them as they made camp a wonderful experience of spiritual food, friendships, fellowship and fun! Camp week is life changing for so many young people, as well as staff who are touched by what goes on and what they are a part of. It was a special blessing to witness again this year so many of our former campers and youth group to be active and leading in staff and counseling roles! Special thanks again to **Matt Lee** and **Keri Fleming** and **our new Kitchen staff this year!** We Trust God will grow the precious seed that was planted this week as we continue to water and nurture it in the heart of young believers.

"Love One Another"

Memory Verse For May: Col. 1:17

"in Him all things hold together"

Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Reason

We woke up two Sundays ago to learn 49 people had been brutally murdered in Orlando. Just as the shock wore off we heard about a young family relaxing by a lagoon in the shadow of the Magic Kingdom watch in horror as an alligator snatches their little boy with his powerful jaws and drags him under the murky water to his death. We are stunned and speechless at the depths of such loss. We hold our loved ones closer, hug our children tighter and longer . . . and we pray.

Most of us have experienced enough to understand evil does not discriminate, pain is randomly dispensed, accidents happen, and disease and disaster arbitrarily bring suffering in our ordered but often unpredictable universe. And, contrary to contemporary cliché, everything **DOES NOT** “happen for a reason!” Two year old boys don’t get dragged off and eaten by alligators for some higher cosmic purpose! Nightclub patrons don’t get slaughtered for some noble reason we can’t yet seem to comprehend. I really wish people (especially Christians) would stop saying that. It sounds pseudo religious and does nothing to help alleviate anyone’s grief and pain. To the contrary, it suggests God is constantly messing with his creation like a cosmic cat toying with a doomed mouse, gleefully orchestrating horror, callously inflicting injury while the perplexed humans try to figure out how painful puzzle pieces fit together so evil and suffering have a proper “reason” to keep hanging around.

I think people mean well when they toss out that trite phrase (BTW, I won’t Un-Friend you if you use it) but let’s not assume it’s true or that it comes from God. The Bible never says, “Everything happens for a reason.” **But, God does remind us that we live in a fallen world (There’s your “reason.”) and despite everything bad He relentlessly works to bring about good in the midst of it.** That’s quite different from implying God inflicts suffering and if perceptive enough we will solve the riddle and reason we were so “fortunate” to get cancer, lose our job, or have our arm mangled in a tree shredder.

God’s desire is to bless and give good gifts. **He does not give us rocks when we ask for bread or snakes instead of fish (Matthew 7:9-11).** Jehovah does not tempt us or cause evil (**Job, James 1**). He abhors and is deeply saddened by all suffering and injustice as He promises to relentlessly work in the midst of pain to bring about good. This oath is sealed in the blood of his Son Jesus, declaring nothing can ever separate us from God’s love (**Romans 8:28-39**) and all creation will one day be restored in a real Magic Kingdom where children don’t die and nothing sad, bad or painful ever happens again! (**2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:1-4**)

We find our “reason” as we become vessels of God’s healing in embracing outcasts, easing burdens, spreading hope and bringing *shalom* into a world full of chaos and suffering. Trust every kindness and compassion has deep value. Know every gesture of love and offering of grace ripples throughout eternity. Believe every innocent defended is an extension of God’s justice in an unjust world.

Evil men and alligators don’t get the last word. God does! The empty tomb of Jesus is the clear and victorious shout that God’s side wins! So, live! Love! Trust! Pray! Rejoice! See the **good!** Be the **good!** And behold heaven come to earth through God’s Spirit at work in us!

Important Notices

Ministry Leader Needed

The congregation is in need of a ministry leader for the New Member ministry. The elders are asking for one or more members to commit to a one year term. If you are interested, please contact one of the elders. We would be happy to discuss our ideas and vision for this ministry. The elders believe this is a critically important ministry to help newcomers assimilate and connect with this body. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. The Elders.

Food Drive Coming Up

We are in the process of stocking the pantry and a **Food Drive** is planned for July 24. Grocery lists are in the foyer. If you take a list, please plan to bring those items on Sunday July 24.

Upcoming Events

July 10—Guest Speaker, John Smith on Sunday morning

July 17—Watermelon Bust in Pit.

COWabungam Farm VBS Goings-on:

Child Registration: Go online or grab a form in the foyer today!

Dates: July 11-15, 6 to 8 pm

Publicity: There are flyers and postcards in the foyer for you to use to invite friends and neighbors!

Volunteers: Go online or grab a form in the foyer to volunteer. We can still use some help!

Contact: (Lesa@Brassette.com or 640-2243)

Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower to honor Joshua Vorse and his bride, Megan Wood, at the home of Sheri Heath on Tuesday June 28, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited, including men, to honor Joshua and Megan. They are registered at REI and Target.

Mountain States Change Cans

Please pick up a change can in the foyer for Mountain States Children's Home. Your loose change goes toward helping the Home buy perishable food items. Randy Schow will be here in November to pick up the cans.

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 Scheurman.

Pray for Francis Blackelder...she is having another bout with an infection. Pray for healing for her, as well as comfort.

Continue to pray for Vickie Downey as she heals from shingles.

Pray for Shiloh Briggs and his fire crew who are fighting the fire at Beaver Creek at present. Pray for all of the fire fighters, pray for success in containing the fires and for wisdom and safety for them and peace for their families.

Pray for the group that are going to Honduras very shortly. Pray for safety for them in traveling and while they are there. Pray for much good to be done and God's love to be shown to all they meet while there. Pray for the peace of their families while they are gone.

Continue to pray for Tom and Kathy Deister. Pray for healing for Tom's eye and strength and comfort for them both, as well as peace.

Pray for Dennis West, who had a major heart attack and is in an induced coma at present. Pray for healing. Pray for his family and those at Life Academy that he heads up. Pray God's will in this difficult time for all.

Pray for Jerimy Gadberry and Tyler Johnson, both incarcerated here at present, pray for them to be able to trust in God and allow Him to help them get their lives in order again. Pray for their families. Pray for Amanda Gadberry, who is having some health problems also....and for Destiny, who is having a hard time with the circumstances right now.

Continue to pray for Lynne Harvey. Pray that the treatment the Doctors are giving her will work and she will be healed of the problems with her foot and leg.

Give thanksgiving and praise to God for answered prayers and for his mercy and grace, which is new every morning for us!

YOUTH NEWS

Huddles:

June 26 - At the Heaths' House (1976 K Rd. - Fruita) Please bring drinks and desserts.

July 3 - No Huddle (Holiday Weekend)

July 10 - Stay tuned

Let Lesa Brassette know if you'd like to host a Huddle in July or August!

Colorado Christian Youth Camp

A big thank you to everyone who prayed for us, supported us, and served last week. Camp was awesome.

Middle School Swerve

This week our church and another church from Denver, Littleton Church of Christ will do service projects around Grand Junction. We start Sunday, June 26th at 6 PM and end Wednesday June, 29th at 8 PM. The students will serve, worship and play games together. They will sleep and eat in our church building. If you would still like to be a part, Please talk with Matt Lee today. This is an event that you can sign up for at the last minute.

Littleton has done this trip 3 times and last year was our first time to join them. This year they are bringing 22 students.



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For the Record

June 19, 2016

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| Attendance | 243 |
| Weekly Contributions 6/19/16 | \$4,903.00 |
| Contribution 4 week average | \$5,805.75 |
| 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 6/26/16

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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
Sunday Evening Class begins at 6 PM In Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM