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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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The Closer

I enjoy discovering the back-story of ball players and what makes particular athletes tick. In his book, *The Closer*, Mariano Rivera, the long time pitcher for the New York Yankees who retired after the 2013 season, describes his unlikely journey from being the son of a poor Panamanian fisherman to arguably the most feared, gifted and successful closer in MLB history. "Mo," as he was called by teammates, holds the all time record for saves (652). A "closer" is a pitcher who comes in when their team is ahead, usually in the 9th inning and finishes the game, hopefully *saving* the win. As amazing as his unhittable cut fastball and 19 year career stats were they are not as inspiring as the man himself.

Mariano is a very humble, polite, loyal family man and athlete, who never let success go to his head, never became bigger than the game, never abused the privilege of fame and fortune, and never sought attention. He was quick to accept blame and readily credited his teammates, family and Lord for his success and was always willing to reach out with a word of comfort or advice. He genuinely considered himself to be graced by the game and fortunate to have had an opportunity to play, never taking the blessing for granted or feeling a sense of entitlement. Most importantly, the Closer is a great man of faith in Jesus Christ. In his "retirement" Mariano and his wife started a church called "Refuge of Hope" in order to minister to and bless the out-cast and hurting as they share the life transforming message of the gospel of Jesus.

Mo's story is inspiring not because God gave him the ability to throw a baseball better than most (a gift to which Mariano readily testifies) but because it reflects what God can do with a yielding heart open to the Spirit's persistent influence. This is not about becoming a professional athlete. It's about being so submissive to God's voice that we allow Him to meticulously and wonderfully weave our story like a beautiful tapestry through ups and downs, highs and lows, obscurity or fame, victories and struggles, in seasons of peace or tunnels of pain and confusion, and in it all, through it all and after it all, our little part of the world looks like Jesus lived there.

As we consider our story, our journey, our game, there is a Closer in all of us waiting to be revealed and we live just a few unhittable pitches away from unimaginable victory. Jesus Christ, who has more saves than we or Mariano Rivera could ever imagine has come into our life, strolled up on the mound of our heart and saved us again and again.

But alas, **The Closer** will not come in to save unless called, unless asked and invited to enter the game. You remain the manager of your life. Life and eternity altering decisions are within your power alone to make. If you choose to let **The Closer** sit in the bullpen you will lose everything that is worth anything. Or, you can consider what is at stake, call time out, and motion to the Savior to enter, trusting him to give you certain victory, trusting him to save.

Memory Verse For July—Col. 1:16

"By Him, all things were created"

Our Gathering Today

Guests: Thank you for being here! Our church family will greet you and make you feel welcome this morning. We hope you find our simple assembly to be edifying and encouraging in faith as you closely follow Jesus this week. We invite you, as fellow disciples of Jesus, to share communion when it is passed. If we can serve you or pray for you in specific ways this week please let us know.

Sermon: "Transfigured!" What in the world does than mean and what does it have to do with us? You will find out this morning :-)

Wednesday Video series: We have only one more video in our **gods at war idolatry series**. The final episode is entitled "the god of me." Join us at 7pm in the auditorium this Wednesday." We have only two sessions left and 1 videos to watch (We have a week off on Wednesday the 23rd for VBS). We will conclude our study of Idolatry on Wednesday July 30

Thank you! Eddie and Vicky Tinkle, Rick and Jill Wilkins, Bo and Jenna Hill and Tony Clayton and Nancy Clayton for heading up, cooking up, and cleaning up after our 4th of July picnic! I am sure I missed some helpers, so Thank you all!

"Love One Another!"

Children's Ministry T-Shirts

If you owe money for your tshirt, please take care of that as soon as you can. The cost is \$10. Money should go to Lesa Brassette or be earmarked somehow in the collection plate TO-DAY please.

VBS Registration

There are registration forms on the VBS table (in the fellowship hall). Complete one per child ASAP please! Leave them in the box on the table or the collection box in the foyer that says VBS. Online registration continues at www.grandjunctionchurch.org. Money for children's tshirts (\$10 see registration form) should be given to Lesa Brassette or earmarked in the collection plate today if at all possible.

VBS Supplies Needed

There is a sign up sheet on the VBS table for supplies we still need for VBS. We are collecting:

- bags of individually wrapped candy and small prizes for pina-ta filler
- 1 1/2 yard cuts of fleece (for VBS service project)

Upcoming VBS Activities

- Tuesday, July 15, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Youth Group Publicity "Stunt"
- Thursday, July 17, 6 to 7 p.m. - Fleece prepping here in the fellowship hall. Optional: Bring a sharp pair of scissors and a one and half yard piece of fleece.
- Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m. - Decorating for VBS be-gins! Everyone is welcome to come and help!
- Monday through Friday, July 21-25, 6 to 8 p.m. - VBS Fiesta Style! Come get fired up about Jesus!

VBS Publicity

There are now fliers, door hangers, and postcards on the VBS table for you to use to invite children to VBS! Please only take postcards if you are mailing the invitation. (There are a limited number of those!)

Apartment Needed

Joe Rivera needs to find a 1 bedroom apartment to rent. If you know of a place, contact Joe at 970-209-0207.

Youth Group Service Project

Tuesday, July 15, at 10:30 a.m. the youth group is asked to meet at the building to distribute VBS door hangers in neighborhoods around the church building. We will also take fliers to some of the nearby parks. If you can drive your vehicle for this please let Lesa Brassette know.

Thank You

The Biocic & Fortney families wish to thank everyone for their prayers for Mandie when she was sick with Dengue Fever. They want you to know that she is now doing well and your diligent prayers were heard.

Watermelon Bust

We will have a watermelon bust in the Pit on Sunday July 20 at 6 PM. Jeremy Antwine will be the devo speaker. More details to follow at a later date.

Help Needed

We are in need of a family that would be willing and able to care for our disabled grandson, who is 20, either till he is 21 in January or long term. He requires a very large amount of care and even more patience. He is wheelchair bound and must be fed, bathed, clothed, etc. If you or someone you know might be interested, please let us know. If you are willing to go through a little bit of paperwork and training, you can get paid as well. If you can help, see Joe or Debbie Jones.

Bridal Shower

A bridal shower for Lydia Lucero will be held Saturday, July 19th at 2 PM at 2950 Pheasant Run Circle (Elaine Roberts House) Please let us know if you would like to help with the shower. Call or text Elaine 216-1802 or Kristi Gomez 260-5935.

Talia Stark: Daughter of Allen and Donna Turner. SM #439. Still trying to diagnose her.

ROBBIE WARNER..from the church in Montrose, was flown to Denver last week. He was bleeding in his brain but no diagnosis had been made as to the cause. Pray for the Doctors to find the cause and it be treatable...for healing & strength for him and comfort for his family.

Pray for Melody Haight and family in the death of her brother in law, for comfort and peace from the Lord.

Continued prayer for Ashley Crowe for a complete recovery from her surgeries. Thanksgiving for answered prayers for her.

Pray for continued and complete recovery for David Deberry from recent back surgery.

Continue to pray for those with cancer, LuAnn Moore, Kellie Whiting and Janice Ferris. Pray for comfort and strength for them and their families and for the treatments they are receiving to be successful .

Please continue to remember our military people and their families. Pray for protection for them and encouragement... safety physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Pray for those expecting babies, for safe and healthy pregnancies and deliveries....and healthy moms and babies. And don't forget to pray for the dads too.

Keep all our missionaries in your prayer as they bring the gospel to the world. Pray for wisdom and for protection for them...and strength for them and their families. Remember John and Holly in prayer as they are in Guam. Pray for safe travel for them both and that the work there will grow and be blessed by their efforts.

Pray for our elders and leaders in our church family here....for our ministers and teachers. For God's guidance and wisdom to be theirs, and give them the strength and desire they need to do the Lord's will . Ask for God's blessing on them daily.

Give thanksgiving and praise to God for the safe travel of several of our number who have traveled recently or are traveling now. As well as for all the answered prayers we have received from Him. Praise His name...His mercies endure forever and are new every morning!!

Youth Ministry Huddle Schedule

July 13—Bill & Karen Wade

July 20—Bo & Jenna Hill

July 27—Matt & Cindy King



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For the Record

July 6, 2014

Attendance	237
Average Attendance, 1st qtr..	234
Contributions	\$4,898.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—July

Darlene Rettig

Communion Table 7/13/14

Bob Heath Sr.

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in July

Jerry Austin
Phillip Bagga
Larry Ball
Doug Barnett
Bill Barslund
Wes Beaver
Dean Blanck
Scott Bradley

Announcements

Ron Wilson—July
Scott Ferguson—August
Curtis Fleming— September

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Dane Jennings—Auditorium
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207
Bob & Bobby Heath, O.T. Survey—202

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7- 8 PM

Doug Clayton—Auditorium

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 Children's Bible Study

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

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

Jul 13	Scott DeLancey, Dave Scheurman	Mt 13:33, Lk 13:20-21,
Jul 20	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Mt. 13:44-46
Jul 27	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Mt. 13:47-52
Aug 3	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Mt. 18:12-14, Lk. 15:3-7
Aug 10	Jerry Austin, Scott Delancy	Lk.15:8-10
Aug 17	John Cooper, Dave Scheurman	Lk. 15:11-32
Aug 24	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Mt. 18:23-25
Aug 31	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Mt. 20:1-6
Sept 7	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Mt. 21:28-32

Visitors welcome.