



Real Life News & Notes

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Get Out of Jail Free!?

One of my favorite games as a child was “Monopoly”. I learned a lot of things about life from this game like... You have to take risks sometimes... Location is important... how to wheel and deal... life is not always predictable... many things we cannot control, etc. There is much left up to chance in this game. The roll of the dice determines much if not most of the game. One of the “chance” cards was a “get out of jail free” cards.

This morning we will be looking at someone who “got out of jail” free. The story is in Acts 16 and provides us with some real spiritual guidance. When Jesus spoke at his home synagogue once he quoted from Isaiah 61:1,2 and saw himself fulfilling this prophecy. A part of his mission as he applied it to himself was “He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners...” (Luke 4:18).

You know Jesus indicates we all can be in a prison of sorts. We can be a prisoner of sin. “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin...” (John 8:34). We all need a way out, and in fact Jesus provides that way for us. He has released us from our sins through our faith and obedience to Him. “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36). Let us get out of jail (our enslavement to sin and the punishment it brings) free by accepting the free gift of God through obeying the teaching of Jesus (Romans 6:17,18).

Freed by Jesus, John Cooper

Youth Section

The first time I went to Africa, I had a blast. The second time I went, I just wanted to be back home. What was the difference? Well, a few months before I left to go to Africa a second time, I had got engaged to Rachel. I had someone special that I was leaving behind.

I'll never forget that flight home. We flew from Burkina Faso to Paris to Houston. Almost home. All I had to do was make it through customs and to my gate on time to catch a flight to Dallas, where Rachel was waiting to pick me up.

Of course I got stuck in customs. I had too much African dirt on my shoes, which was a concern for some reason. And then there was a problem with my ticket. Long story short, I missed my flight and was put on a waiting list for the next one. I finally got into Dallas about eight hours later than I was supposed to. It was one of the most frustrating experiences I'd ever had. But you know what? The moment I came around that corner and saw my fiancée made all those irritations and frustrations melt away. I just didn't care about those things anymore. I was home.

The Bible uses the metaphor of running a race to describe our lives. In a race, you might fall behind. You might get sore. You might even fall down and get injured. But the thing that keeps you going is that there's a finish line up ahead. Once you cross it, all the frustrations of the race won't matter. You will have accomplished your goal.

So when things get discouraging, just remember that we're still running the race. Of course it's going to be tough. But remember that there is a finish line, and we have someone waiting for us at the end.

Ice cream tonight: There's no huddle tonight, so join us instead at the church building 6pm for ice cream and fellowship!

No pit on Wednesday: This week is VBS up at the church, so a lot of us will be helping with that every evening. Ask Lesa Brassette what you can do to help!

High School hike on Tuesday: HS students! Make sure to meet at the church building at 10am on Tuesday for a hike! We'll be returning sometime before 3pm, so **bring a lunch!**

Middle School hike on Thursday: Middle schoolers are invited to meet at the building at 10am on Thursday for a hike. **Bring some money for fast food on the way home!**

Memory Verse For July: Matthew 7:12

"Do to others what you would have them do to you"

Order of Worship

#797 – “Lord We Come Before Thee Now”, Vs 1-3
Children’s Verse – John Cooper
Announcements: Vince Urbina
Song Leader— Lane Coale
Greeting

#797 – “Lord We Come Before Thee Now”, Vs 4
Call to Worship: Lane Coale

#41 – “Mighty is Our God”
 #42 – “How Majestic is Your Name”
 #155 – “The Highest Place” - sung 2 times (women start)
(Be Seated)
 #791 – “On Bended Knee I Come”
 #364 – “Come Share the Lord”

Communion – Bill Tidwell
 #178 – “All Hail King Jesus” – sung 3 times
Offering – Bill Tidwell
 #354 - “I Gave My Life For Thee” – Vs 1
Dismiss children to Children’s Church
 #853 – “When We All Get to Heaven”

Sermon—“Get Out Of Jail Free!?” - John Cooper

#276 – “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Shepherd’s Blessing
 #712 – “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” (closing hymn)

Honored to Serve the Lord’s Table in July

Sandy Harris
 Leonard Harvey
 Kit Hatfield
 Bobby Heath
 Bob Heath
 Scott Hendricks
 Bo Hill
 Mike Hughes

Announcements

July—Vince Urbina
August—Curtis Fleming
September—Ron Wilson

For the Record July 15, 2012

Attendance	276
Average Attendance, 2nd qtr.	280
Contributions	\$5,413.00
Budget	\$6,715.30

Communion Preparation—July

Darlene Rettig

Prayer Requests

ALMA COOPER....She is at home and is now in Hospice. Pray that she is comfortable and for peace for LEE and the Cooper family .
 DAN SCOTT....Continue to pray for a complete recovery from Guillian Bare Syndrome, thanksgiving for the improvement he has made thus far.
 CHERYL WILKINSON.... Pray for a complete recovery from reconstructive breast cancer surgery.
 DEBBIE ZORNS....continue to pray for her as she suffers with stomach cancer. (Teddies sister in law)
 PETE SAENZ....continue to pray for him and his family. He has a severe case of Gillian Barre syndrome, They ask for our prayers for him to recover.
 FIREFIGHTERS....pray for the safety of all those fighting or affected in any way by the fires....for comfort and guidance for the victims. Pray for rain to help ease the fire danger and help quench those still burning. Pray for all our brothers and sisters who are in need of employment, that God will direct them to where He wants them to be.
 HONDURAS TEAM....pray for the safety of the team in traveling and while in Honduras. And for the success of their mission. May God be glorified through their actions and words. Continue to pray for the troops and veterans. Pray for comfort, healing and spiritual health for all those who have sacrificed so much....and for their families. Pray for safety for those who are in harms way at present....guidance for those in charge that they may find a way to end the conflicts and bring the troops home safely.
 BERNITA WESTLING....continue to pray for healing and comfort for her.
 GAYLIN MUMMA....(Jan Nelson’s bro-in-law) continue to pray for him and his family. He has been allowed to go home where he is more comfortable. Pray for his wife to have the strength and ability to care for him
 LEE CHILDERS..... continue to pray for him as he battles cancer and treatments. Pray for healing , comfort and peace for him and his family.
 COLTON DETRAY (health issues)
 CHESTER AULT (heart attack)

PHYLLIS HUNSINGER (shoulder surgery),
 ROXANNE MORRIS (colon & pancreatic cancer),
 RAMSEY and family....involvement in drugs.
 JEFF WILMARTH—He is improving and may be off dialysis soon. Pray that his recovery continues. Also, pray for his family as they care for him.
 JEAN MEREDITH—She will have back surgery on July 25 at 6 AM.
 HEIDI ELI—Step-Mom of Rebecca Parks. She has many critical medical problems including 2 blocked arteries and hemorrhaging blood vessels.
 SHERRI SEARCY—Cousin of Karl Antwine. Has a fast-moving, rare form of cancer which had already developed to Stage 4 before she was diagnosed. She is at home now and has a morphine drip for pain. She is also considering chemo. Please keep her and the Antwine family in your prayers .
 PHIL TRUSHEIM—He is in the VA Hospital suffering from a hip infection and is expected to be there for a couple of weeks. Keep him in you prayers for a quick recovery.

RAIN....please pray for God to send rain to the areas of our country that are in a severe drought. The rivers and lakes are being depleted and many places have had to stop irrigating...so crops are in jeopardy, as well as livestock, wildlife etc. Pray for God to guide those people in dealing with the lack of water. And that all of us will not be wasteful in the use of water.

Notes and Items of Interest

Ice Cream Fellowship

We will be having an Ice Cream Fellowship in the Pit Today starting at 6 PM. Also, on Sunday, July 29, we will be having our 5th Sunday Agape meal right after morning services.

Vacation Bible School:

Monday through Friday, July 23-27, 5:45 to 8:30 pm nightly, Ages 4 years through entering 6th grade. Invite your friends!

Pre-registration: Continues today in the foyer after worship! We have a goodie for kids who pre-register!

Decorating: Meet in the fellowship hall at 3 pm today to help decorate and do any last minute craft / supply preparations. Leesha Kenney is our point person for decorations.

Items needed: Glenda Scheurman needs large coffee cans, green tissue paper and green crepe paper (check with her before buying items). Jan Nelson needs empty paper towel tubes and bathroom tissue tubes. See Susan Towles for items needed for the snack crafts.

Help Needed: Locking up each night and possibly for projection. See Lesa Brassette today if you can help with these needs.

Ladies Retreat Planning

Ladies: Please be sure to mark on your calendar Oct. 19-20 for the Ladies Fall retreat. Our theme is "Reflecting God's Glory" with Shirlene Caraway as our guest speaker. It will be at the Wine Country Inn at Palisade. We will be giving each of you a registration form and flyer in August with more information. We are attempting to keep the cost as low as possible while still maintaining the quality we have previously been blessed with at these retreats.

I advise you to set aside \$20 per month and you should be able to meet the costs and enjoy a spiritual, emotional and physical feast together with your Sisters in Christ. I would also suggest Mothers bringing your teenage daughters and making a great memory with them. The lessons will apply to all ages, as learning to be a Godly reflection of Jesus. If you wish to stay at the Inn overnight (which I highly encourage) The room cost is \$125 for 4 ladies (\$32 per person),

If you rent a room with the retreat breakfast is included Sat. a.m. If you do not stay at hotel but want breakfast you will pay for your breakfast (\$9.95) at the time of the breakfast to the Inn. We will keep you informed and if you have any questions you can ask Jimmie Tidwell, Brenda Austin, Karen Wade, Evette Lee, Trina Keller, Teddie Goodner, or Kay Wilson - The Retreat Committee

Mesa Retirement Center Preaching Schedule

The church of Christ meets in the chapel at Mesa View Retirement Center at 10 AM each Sunday morning.

Service Schedule

Date	Servant Team	Study Text
July 22	Dean Blanck, Hunt Zumwalt	Matthew 8:1-4
July 29	Bill Tidwell, Wes Yeager	Matthew 8:5-13
Aug 5	Bob Heath, Sandy Harris	Matthew 8:28-34
Aug 12	Mike Hurd, Bud Treu	Matthew 13:53-58
Aug 19	Ron Wilson, Dick Truitt	Matthew 14:22-36
Aug 26	Bobby Heath, Youth	Matthew 15:29-39
Sept 2	Ron Fant, Jerry Austin	Matthew 17:1-13
Sept 9	Dean Blanck, Hunt Zumwalt	Matthew 18:1-6
Sept 16	Bill Tidwell, Wes Yeager	Matthew 19:16-30
Sept 23	Bob Heath, Sandy Harris	Matthew 20:20-28
Sept 30	Mike Hurd, Bud Treu	Matthew 22:1-14

Note: If you are not able to serve on the assigned date please trade with another team. Team members should communicate ahead of time about who will be responsible for songs, communion and the Bible lesson. Remember, family members are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

Visitor Comments July 15, 2012

"Looking for a church home", desire to place membership".
J.W. Selsor & Family

"Looking for a church home". - *Michael & Kristen Hackler*

"Looking for a church home".—*Hillary Duncan*

"Looking for a job, a church home and prayers" - *Rueben Ramos (Evening Bible Class)*

"Really impressed by your adult class. Many people contributed very insightful comments".—*Don & Bertie Simmons*

Nursery Help Needed

Please take the opportunity to serve, helping in the nursery. There is a new sign-up sheet outside the nursery starting July 29th through the end of October. You will be blessed!!

Honduras Team

The Honduras team is expected home today. We have missed them and will be glad to have them home safely. I am anticipating a report on all the good work they accomplished.

Montrose Trip Sunday, July 29

John Cooper will be preaching in Montrose on July 29. He has the van reserved for that Sunday if anyone would like to visit Montrose. Please contact him if you would like to go.



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Welcome to the church of Christ of Grand Junction! If you are visiting with us we want you to know how honored we are to have you. It is our desire to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 22:30,31). We are attempting to share His love with others through following Jesus' words, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). If you have any questions about anything that you hear taught or see practiced we would be glad to share with you the reasons for the faith we have. Just speak with one of our shepherds or ministers or call 970-245-4210 and we will gladly assist you!

COME WORSHIP WITH US

September 16, 2012	TOMORROW 5:45—8:30 PM

BIBLE CLASS AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Tom Deister—.....—"Jesus Is Lord".....—Auditorium
 Scott Ferguson,.....—Young Marrieds.....—202
 College/Young Adult.....—Traders Coffee

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7- 8 PM

Bob Heath.....—Book of Acts.....—Auditorium
 Hymn Class.....—103

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 begins at 10:15 AM

Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

1st Thessalonians 5:12,13