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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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Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Proximity

"Absence makes the heart grow fonder" may be the worst piece of relationship advice ever. I admit there could be a grain of truth in it; if you are married and already committed for life, a brief, productive time apart would cause you to truly miss and appreciate your mate more, rethink how you might treat them better, resolve to be a more unselfish spouse, and grow **fonder** as you look forward to a joyful reunion. However, the longer we are absent from someone the more and more we adjust to being away from them and instead of our relationship growing deeper, more intimate, and **"fonder,"** the opposite happens; we become more detached, inattentive, communication decreases and growth and intimacy grind to a halt. Those who experience extended absence from a loved one due to work, deployment, etc., know this feeling of disconnect. An absent heart can easily grow cold and unfamiliar until finally the relationship dries up and at best what remains are a few **fond** memories of what *should have been* were proximity instead of absence the reality.

As you have already figured out this article is not primarily so much about dating or marriage advices as it is about you and God. Too many attempt an absentee relationship with God, infrequently interrupted by making the obligatory Sunday visit to church (*as if God was in jail and needed us to come see him once a week*). **We, like the disciples in the Garden on that Thursday night, can too easily fall asleep when Jesus is not in close proximity.**

How much time, thought, and effort do you expend seeking, listening, and nurturing your relationship with the Lord Jesus? Yes, I know you know who God is, you believe in him and you have probably even been baptized and read the Bible once in a while. You likely occasionally ask God for stuff ("pray") and you might even sit for an hour or so a week mouthing words to songs and listening to others talk about Him, and maybe you even wear the t-shirt, the religious jewelry or "tat," or periodically post a social media note suggesting those who *really* love God as they should will share or "like" a religious slogan or Bible verse.

If your relationship with Jesus was a marriage (it is BTW) would it be healthy, fulfilling, joyful, self-examining, and personal? Are you satisfied with mere acquaintance with God or do you desire intimacy? Do you want a transforming connection as the Holy Spirit lives in you, or are you good with a distance learning affiliation with the Lord, one you can conveniently log into and out of when it suits you? Do you want to take a guess as to why you find yourself in the same rut of stagnant spirituality and wonder why Faith often feels superficial, why your spiritual rhythms are always up or down, high or low, hot or cold, inspiring or dull, stimulating or...yawn... all the time? **Absence** doesn't work in human relationships and it certainly doesn't work with God either.

If we make it a *holy habit* to spend quality time with Jesus, walk with him, talk with him, listen to him, learn who he is and what gives him joy and pleasure, we will never want to be absent from him again. **"Come near to God and He will come near to you"** (James 4:8).

Memory Verse For July—James 4:7

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Our Gathering Today

Feeding on the Word!

"The Cup of Blessing (Conclusion)." When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper he was participating in a Jewish Passover meal. Last Sunday we considered the first two cups celebrated during the Passover and how they were intricately connected to God's work of sanctifying and delivering his people from bondage. This morning we will see the **"Cup of Blessing"** (1 Corinthians 10:16) in its fullness as Jesus ties the final two cups together in the **One Cup of the new covenant** that was given for us. If we understand what Jesus has done we will be changed forever! ...I'm excited about sharing this with you!

Welcome Guests! (Guest WiFi is available)

Thank you for being here this morning! Our assembly time is fairly simple with prayers, songs, weekly communion and opening God's word together. Although we are an imperfect people and an imperfect church we do our best to love God with all our hearts, soul, mind and strength and love others as we rest in the perfect sacrifice of Jesus. *If you trust the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ and claim him as Lord we invite you to share Communion with us as it is passed.*

If you would like to know more about us go to grandjunctionchurch.org and click on the **"About"** tab and then **"What we believe."** We will be happy and honored to answer any questions you may have. Please let us know how we might serve you.

(Due to an editorial glitch last week we are re-publishing this "Thank you":-)

Acts of Service...The Face of Jesus

A special word of thanks to our **Deaf ministry "signers"** who translate our entire service each week. **Tamara Crist, Sandra Soria, AdaMarie Vorse and Ann Clayton** are always ready and willing each Sunday to sign to our precious hearing impaired members. Each week, beside trying not to speak too fast, I email my sermon notes and an advance song list to this cadre of *signers* who spend time looking over them and looking up any new words as "religious" words are not a normal part of the **ASL** (American Sign Language) vocabulary. So, their work is more than just on Sunday as they research unfamiliar words and interact with and are invested in the lives of the deaf on a daily basis. **Thank you all for using your gifts to honor, bless, and serve the kingdom of God and a very special part of our church family!**

"Love One Another!"

Water Melon Bust

We will have a watermelon bust this evening at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a melon to bust or to eat and lawn chairs if you would like to sit outside. We would be so pleased if all age groups attended.

3, 4, 5 Grade Class Activities

The 3rd,4th,5th grade Sunday AM class has been discussing bullying the last few weeks. Sunday July 26th at 4:00pm till 6:00pm in the middle school classroom, I will be showing the movie "Chrissa Stands Strong" regarding being BULLIED and discussing after. The movie is geared toward elementary age children. All 3rd 4th and 5th graders including, just entering and just exiting, are encouraged to come. Popcorn and drinks provided. Any questions contact Phillip Bagga [970-201-4933](tel:970-201-4933)

Children's Ministry / Education Meeting

We will meet to make plans regarding ministering to and educating the children of our congregation at **7 pm on Monday, July 27, in** the fellowship hall. If you have any age child that has not entered the youth group yet, if you have taught Bible class, would like to learn to teach, or are simply interested in this ministry please come. Everyone is welcome! Contacts: Becca Ferguson or Lesa Brassette

Empty Nesters

The Empty Nest's Game Night has been changed to Friday, July 31st. It will be at 6:00 pm at the church building. Please bring games and finger foods. Please RSVP to Wilma Seela, #985-4726

Thursday Bible School

If anyone is interested in registering their pre-schoolers for Thursday Bible School or helping with classes, please see Sharon Riddle as soon as possible.

Area Wide Singing in Silverton

There will be an area wide gospel singing at the Silverton School Gym on August 23rd at 4:00 pm, Corner of 12th and Reese. Dinner will follow. Everyone is Welcome. Please Come.

Scribes of Christ

A group of us have organized to send notes of encouragement and cards for various occasions. If you would like to join, email Lesa Brassette at Les@Brassette.com. We send an email list once a week of card needs. You can also notify us of card needs at the same email address!

Special Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following requests we have received. Thank you for praying, your prayers are much appreciated by all and are very important.

Pray for Kyle Beaver....he has been sent back to Denver for treatment. Pray for healing and for comfort and strength. Pray for his family's strength and peace.

Continue to pray for Terry Meredith....as he continues to deal with heart issues. Pray for healing, comfort and peace for him. Pray for Jeannie as she takes care of him, for comfort, wisdom and strength.

Pray for Earl Babb to heal from a fall he had recently.....for comfort and strength.

Pray for Ken Garrison, he is at Mesa Manor. Pray for strength and comfort for him, and peace for him and his family.

Pray for Jerimy and Amanda Gadberry as he continues to take classes and counseling to help him become the servant of God he wants to be. Prayers of thanksgiving for the help he has received this far.

Pray for Charles Mancill, Clarissa Tofel father, as he is battling cancer and is hospitalized. Pray for the family for strength and peace.

Pray for travel safety for Lila Briggs and brother Allen, as they travel to eastern Nebraska to see their brother Arthur, who has cancer. Pray for Arthur that the decisions he and his Dr make regarding treatment will be the right one....and help them to know if he is able to take treatment without it being life threatening in itself. Pray for the family as they wait for decisions and healing.

CHUCK TOURNEY—Suffering from an irregular heartbeat. Pray that treatment will restore him to health from this and his other accident injuries.

Pray for the church around the world...especially in the places where Christians are in danger of horrific persecution.

Pray for the missionaries and families

Pray for the military people and their families.

Pray for our church family, pray for our faith to stay strong and for us to do the work God has planned for us to do. Pray we will give honor and glory to God by our lives. Pray they will know we are Christ's by our love, unity and forgiveness. Pray for our ministers, elders, deacons, teachers and others working in various ministries.

Remember always prayers of Thanksgiving and praise to God for the blessings we receive from His hand on a daily basis. God is good!!

YOUTH NEWS

Huddle

No Huddle tonight.

Pit

Pit is every Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

Prayer Walk

This Wednesday immediately after pit we will have a prayer walk. It will begin around 8:20 PM. We will be finished by 10:00 PM. If we are done early we will play games in the building. This will be a good chance for our students to focus on God before school starts next week. If you would like to help with a prayer station, please see Heidi Heath.

End of Summer Bash

All youth and their families are invited to the End of Summer Bash, Saturday, August 1 from 5:30-8:00pm at Canyon View Park (we have reserved the shelter and tables by the playground). Come enjoy the food, play, hang out, and have fun! Hot dogs and fixings will be provided; families are asked to sign up to bring a side or dessert. Please RSVP by signing up for food and to provide an estimate of the number attending. Sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board or contact Keri Fleming. We hope everyone will join us!



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For the Record

July 19, 2015

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| Attendance | 269 |
| Average Attendance, 1st qtr. | 277 |
| Contributions | \$5,285.00 |
| Budget | \$7,035.38 |

Communion Preparation—July

Darlene Rettig

Communion Table 7/26

Roy Karo

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in July

Lane Coale
Shawn Collazo
David Cooper
John Cooper
Tom Crist
Bryan Crowe
Tom Deister
Lonnie DeLancey

Announcements

July—Mike Hurd
August—Ron Wilson
Sept.—Scott Ferguson

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

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

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

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| 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

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| Chuck Tourney, Psalms | Auditorium |
| Ladies Class | 202 |
| Singing Class | 103 |

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

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| 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.

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| Jul 26 | Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt | Acts 17:1-9 |
| Aug 2 | Bud Treu, Mike Hurd | Acts 17:10-15 |
| Aug 9 | Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey | Acts 17:16-34 |
| Aug 16 | Bill Tidwell, David Olree | Acts 18:1-17 |
| Aug 23 | Vince Urbina, Leonard Silence | Acts 18:18-28 |
| Aug 30 | Bob Howard, Dave Scheuerman | Acts 19:1-10 |
| Sept. 6 | Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt | Acts 19:11-22 |
| Sep 13 | Bud Treu, Mike Hurd | Acts 19:23-41 |
| Sep 20 | Bill Barslund, Scott Delancey | Acts 20:1-6 |
| Sep 27 | Bill Tidwell, David Olree | Acts 20:7-12 |

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