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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)

Reconcile

Whether separated by distance, deployment, dysfunction, regrettable words, broken promises, or even religion gone wrong, one of the sweetest notions in life is **reunion**. Once separated, now united. Once broken, now restored. Once torn apart by sin, now reclaimed by forgiveness. Once banished by differences, now settled in embrace. Once wounded, now healed. Once lost, now found. Once alienated, now home. Once dead, now alive!

Reconciliation is the wondrously benevolent initiative and passion of Jehovah: **"Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation...."** (2 Corinthians 5:18-19).

Reconcile, a hope filled beginning; a tree, a choice, creation falls, divine communion shattered. **Reconcile**, another tree, another choice, a resurrection, restoration. **Reconcile**, a selfish wandering child, a generous forgiving father. **Reconcile**, we leave, God pursues. **Reconcile**, the peace of acceptance, the calm of grace. **Reconcile**, whispering mercy's offer. **Reconcile**, hope never abandoned. **Reconcile**, the outstretched arms of God. **Reconcile**, God compassionately calling amidst the insult of our disobedience. **Reconcile**, heaven's invitation shouting through the deafness of our rebellion. **Reconcile**, the perfect bridge, holy blood, sufficient sacrifice. **Reconcile**, the unique work of Christ, the incompetence of human effort. **Reconcile**, God's power made perfect in our weakness. **Reconcile**, love's relentless refusal to abandon us to darkness. **Reconcile**, inclusive and welcoming. **Reconcile**, pleading for our return. **Reconcile**, the gospel of rescue and redemption!

As we embrace the gift of reconciliation our sins are no longer counted against us and we adopt the mission and message by which we were reclaimed. What was once God's desire alone becomes our ministry. What was born in the mind of Eternal Love is now manifested in the gesture of the saved towards those yet separated. **Reconcile** becomes our task, our desire, our mission.

Reconciled, a glimpse, at long last falling into the arms of a loved one long separated but now returned safe and whole -- time stands still, tears flow, nothing else matters, and all is well as the sweet embrace of reunion, the reality of reconciliation, conquers all.

Welcome home! Thank you Jesus!

Memory Verse For July—Col. 1:16

"By Him, all things were created"

Our Gathering Today

Guests: Thank you for being here! We hope you find our assembly to be encouraging and welcoming as you are edified to closely follow Jesus this week. If you trust in Jesus Christ for your salvation and remember his sacrifice, we invite you 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: We will finish our look at Paul's thorn in the flesh by seeing what is behind God's answer and how Paul resolved he would handle it. 2 Corinthians in an amazing read from beginning to end and this little section in chapter 12 is especially challenging and edifying. May we be blessed this morning with "**The Lord's Answer**" to Paul's plea for relief.

(Note; I will be out of town the next two Sundays. You all will be blessed by Scott Ferguson and Curtis Fleming preaching in my absence.)

Well Done! Thank you! To Lesa Brassette for all her work and leadership in organizing and directing VBS and to all the many adults and teens who came and served this past week at another great Vacation Bible School. At this writing (Wednesday afternoon) the attendance for Monday was 63 kids and on Tuesday night we had 70! These young hearts were filled with lessons about Jesus' friendship, sacrifice and love in our life.

"Love One Another!"

Mountain States Children's Home Change Campaign

We are beginning the annual Coin Project for Mountain States Children's Home today. The change cans will be available in the foyer and we would like to have them returned to the church building by November 16th.

God Bless, Chuck Tourney

VBS Clean Up and Take Down

Anyone that can help is asked to come today at 1 pm to help clean up and take down VBS decorations.

Youth Section

Huddle tonight at the home of Matt & Cindi King

REBECCA SAMPLES—Randy Romkee’s daughter. She has been diagnosed with MS. Please pray that treatment will be effective.

LOUISE MULLINS—She is in Hospice and her daughter, Sonia has requested visitation by a minister and special prayers. Hunt & Myrna Zumwalt visited her on Wednesday of last week.

MARY CLAYTON—As she prepares to return to Rwanda soon.

Continued prayers for those suffering cancer, LuAnn Moore, Kellie Whiting and Janice Ferris. and for their families.

Remember our Military people and their families. Pray for safety, encouragement, and wisdom. Pray they will be safe in body, mind and soul.

Pray for those expecting babies, that they will have healthy pregnancies and deliveries. Pray for healthy babies and moms. And peace of mind for dad too.

Pray for those suffering with addiction of any kind. Pray they will have the desire to overcome and that with the Lord's help they can. Pray that they be kept safe from the evil one's influence and can get their lives headed in the direction God wants them to go.

Pray for all our missionaries. Pray for John as he works in Guam. Pray for hearts to be touched for the Lord, for wisdom, strength and guidance for John...and for safety in travel for both he and Holly.

Pray for the leaders of our church family to have wisdom and guidance from the Lord. Pray we will be willing to do what we need to as a family to bring others to the Lord.

Prayers of thanksgiving to God for His unending love and blessings he gives us daily. and for all the answered prayers.



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For the Record

July 20, 2014

Attendance	261
Average Attendance, 1st qtr..	234
Contributions	\$6,595.77
Budget	\$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—July

Darlene Rettig

Communion Table 7/27/14

Sandy Harris

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 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.

2 Timothy 1: 8—10 NIV

“So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me, his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Jesus Christ before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”