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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word!

"When in Rome: Reign in Life!" God created Adam. Adam Sinned. By one man's trespass the entire universe fell under a curse. All would eventually sin. All are separated from God. Death reigns. **Enter. . . Jesus.** Jesus never sinned. Jesus died and conquered death. By One Man, all that Adam did was overturned. The gift of God's grace "*overflowed to the many.*" **LIFE reigns!**
See you in Romans chapter 5!

Welcome Guests!

Thank you for being with us this morning!

(Please help yourself to coffee, juice, and donuts.)

May you be spiritually fed and encouraged this morning by our simple gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share communion, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. We dismiss by about 11:30.

View our web site at grandjunctionchurch.org and Face Book page **Church of Christ of Grand Junction to discover a little more about us.

Church Library!! Special thanks to **Lynn and Leonard Harvey (and a few others)** for heading up our new Library project. It is coming along nicely and will soon be a wonderful and roomy place of resource, meeting and blessing.

Servants! A special word of thanks to **James Soria and Joel Trumbo** who got up early and met me (Doug) at 6:AM a few weeks ago to load my truck with Kirby's belongings so he could relocate back to Aspen after spending the winter in GJ for some medical procedures. **We have so many with hearts willing to serve :-)**

Love One Another

Memory Verse For July: *Proverbs 4:23 NIV*

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."



From The Shepherd's Pen (a monthly word from our Elders)

Just Begin

"Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin." (Zech. 4:10)

I hadn't planned to weed my backyard. I was sitting on the back patio as the rising sun peeked over the Book cliffs and Mount Garfield. These few quiet moments enjoying my cup of coffee in the cool morning air. I really enjoy that peaceful contemplation of the new day. It was perfect...almost. Except... for... the... Weeds. They were beginning to ruin my morning tranquility. I intended on finding time to take care of them, but it always seemed like there was no room in my schedule. Something to do tomorrow. What started out as a few to be pulled a month ago had become 'the jungle of shame'.

So, without planning, no entry in my to do list, no gloves or special weed pulling overalls, I wandered over, knelt down and began pulling the weeds out of my garden.

It took Zerubbabel two years to rebuild the foundation of the temple. Then construction was delayed by Samaritan settlers whose friendly overtures masked a hidden hostility (Ezra 4:1-5). As a result of the opposition to the temple construction, Persia withdrew support for the project

For seventeen years the temple of God lay in ruins, weeds were everywhere (Ezra 4:21). They had abandoned the work. The reason? Opposition from enemies, and indifference from neighbors. But most of all, the job simply dwarfed them. To build the first temple, Solomon needed seventy thousand carriers, eighty thousand stonecutters, thirty-three hundred foremen, and seven years. A gargantuan task. The morning assembly the workers must have thought, "What difference will my work make?" Finally, God sent the prophets Haggai and Zechariah to encourage and support Zerubbabel (Ezra 5:1-2 Zechariah gave God's answer to their discouragement: "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin." (Zech. 4:10)

Four years later the 2nd temple was finished.

Begin. That's it. Just begin. What seems small to you might be huge to someone else. There's something quietly powerful about just starting. Activity breeds more activity. It gives others permission to follow suit.

Any weeds in your Garden that need pulling? Perhaps not doing those good deeds you were inspired to do? Do you ever wonder if your efforts makes a difference at all? Discouraged Thinking. A big weed.

Remember an oft repeated poem some have accredited to John Wesley:

"Moses had a staff. David had a sling. Samson had a jawbone. Rahab had a string. Mary had some ointment. Aaron had a rod. Dorcas had a needle. All were used by God."

Don't discount the smallness of your efforts. In God's hands, you never know how big they'll grow.

The divine spark within is beginning to flame. Do you douse it, or fan it? Dare you dream that you can actually make a difference? God's answer would be, "Just do something and see what happens." That's what he told the citizens of ancient Jerusalem. Just Begin.

When I began pulling the weeds it was just an intention to get a start. Suddenly it was 8:00AM and the weeds were gone. Still time for a second cup of coffee.

Grace,
Bryan

Seeking Help

If you are interested and or willing to help, Thursday Bible School is looking for help (Teachers and assistants) for this coming school year. It starts September 7th and goes through May 4th. 9:30-12:30 Thursday mornings. It's a fun time of learning, growing, and seeking Jesus. See Jenna Hill if you're interested!"

Watermelon Bust

A watermelon bust is planned for Sunday August 13 at 6 PM. In the Pit. More on this later.

Care Calendar Request

Caleb Harper, a close friend of Stephanie Cooper's, and a deputy at the MCSO jail, lost a brother unexpectedly. Please consider signing up and making a meal for him and his family. You can sign up at the Care Calendar website www.CareCalendar.org CalendarID: 258002 Security Code: 1345 or you can contact Stephanie Cooper and she will sign you up. If you would like to help in other ways, please say a prayer for this hurting family. Thank you.

Special Prayer Request

Prayers requested for Scott Webb who recently experienced a traumatic retina episode commonly called "eye stroke". He has lost significant vision in his right eye and began treatments this week to hopefully restore lost vision. Treatments will likely be ongoing for several months before results are known. Please pray for treatments to be successful and with lasting benefits.

Agape Sunday Today!

Join us right after morning assembly for an Agape Potluck Dinner and Fellowship. Bring your friends, your favorite potluck dish to share and a dessert.

Please keep the following in your prayers this week. Your prayers avail much and are so important to so many. Thank you and God bless.

Continued prayer for Frank Palmisano, who has cancer, pray for the treatments to work, for healing and for the cancer to be cured, for comfort during all the treatments, for peace for him and for his family.

Pray for Randy, Cindi Kings brother. who is still very ill. They have not figured out yet exactly what has caused the problems. He is to go home and receive out patient treatment....will have dialysis and they are continuing to pursue the cause. Pray they will figure it out and that treatment will be successful. Pray for his comfort and as he has treatments and tests and waits for answers...and pray for his family.

Please continue prayers for all of those who are fighting cancer of some type.

Pray for Scott Webb, who is having severe vision problems. Pray they will be able to restore his sight, for healing and peace for him and his family.

Pray for Mike, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Pray for Betsey Brown who is in the hospital with an infection again. Pray for her healing and comfort.

Sandy Bird, niece of Sarah Gabriel. She fell in the shower and broke her arm. She is now recovering and receiving therapy at The Retreat for an extended period.

We also have several others with various health issues that were listed in the bulletin a couple weeks ago....please continue to pray for healing for them.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the loving and merciful God we serve, who answers our prayers and sustains us always. From whose hand blessings come every day. Thanksgiving to Him for the life giving rains we have received lately. Praise and honor to His name.

Huddle Schedule

> **No Huddle tonight!**

> **August 6** - at the Sorias' House

> **August 13** - at the Camps' House

To host a huddle, please contact Lesa Brassette (640-2243 or Les@Brassette.com)



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For the Record

July 23, 2017

Attendance	259
Weekly Contributions 7/23/17	\$4,501.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,255.75
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in July

Vince Urbina
 Bill Wade
 Gabe Wilkins
 Parish Williams
 Ron Wilson
 Dale Wright
 Jeff Yeager
 Steve Zillinger

Communion Preparation—July

Darlene Rettig

Communion Table 7/30/17

Curtis Fleming

Announcements—July

Leonard Silence

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

Dee Hawkinson—Auditorium
 Ron Wilson—103
 Michael Applebee—207

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

Roy Karo—Auditorium
 Singing Class—103

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2—Nursery
 2 & 4 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 & 5 yr. old—104
 Kindergarten 1st & 2nd—205
 1st thru 5th Grade—208
 All teens meet in—203

Thursday Morning Bible Classes

Thursday Bible School resumes September 7, 2017

Ladies Bible Class, - (Suspended for Summer)

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