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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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Elder of Month

Bryan Crowe

Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word (the sermon)

*This morning we welcome **Marty Koonce** (accompanied by his dad) who is with us from Rwanda, Africa. We have financially and prayerfully supported Marty and Louise's efforts in Africa for many years. This morning Marty will bless us with a word from God and a report of the good kingdom seed being planted as the work of making disciples for Jesus continues to grow in this country once devastated by genocide*

Welcome Guests!!

May you be fed and encouraged by our gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share the Lord's supper, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. We dismiss by about 11:30. Please stay around and let us get to know you a little better.

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

We the people...of God

Faith Prompt: This week let's be prayerful about remaining above the fog and fear generated by a fallen and panicked world. There are so many ways disciples of Christ might rationalize getting caught up in the affairs of men. Whether the distraction be politics, the economy, national interests, or the like, Jesus compels us to **"fix our eyes on things above."** Let's pray for God's reign to be sovereign and our hearts to be humble as we walk in daily obedience, pray for one another and for His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- **A worthy and tasty cause:** There is still some Honduran coffee in the foyer, \$15 per bag. This coffee is planted, watered, picked and packaged by the teenagers of the **Moses Project in Santa Rosa de Copan**. All funds go directly back to supporting this Mission Upreach effort as the gospel is spread, churches are planted and trades are learned by local teens (Read the paragraph on the package for more details of the Moses project)

"Love One Another"

Memory Verse For July: Hebrews 11:3

"The Universe was formed at God's command"

Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Inspect

Since our son is in the process of buying a home the term “inspection” keeps popping up in my mind. Before finalizing a contract a buyer pays to have a professional thoroughly *inspect* the house. Despite things looking solid and nice on the outside inspections can reveal problems below the surface; foundation, water damage, electrical, HVAC, termites, or various other significant items that must be addressed before the sale can move forward. More often than not serious problems do not arise suddenly but often manifest after years of neglect as symptoms and warning signs are ignored for too long. Sounds like a human condition as well.

Jesus was very direct about personal inspection: *“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.”* (Matthew 23:27)

When Jesus, the Master Inspector, issued this challenge he was talking to those whose outward lives and expressions of faith appeared proper, tidy and righteous. These Jews never missed synagogue, religiously crossed their “t”s, dotted their “i”s and rarely broke a “Big Ten” command, at least outwardly. Yet Jesus looked deeper than the fresh paint and the new tile and probed their hearts finding pride instead of humility, self-centeredness instead of compassion, and self-preservation instead of mercy. He found an attractive coffin full of dead bones and exposed the termites in their crawl spaces that would eventually cause their house to crumble.

The indwelling Holy Spirit is constantly at work convicting us (like the Pharisees) of character flaws, sins; destructive habits we often choose to ignore or discreetly sweep under the rug as long as we can. The Spirit challenges us by creating a daily awareness and humility that seeks genuine goodness, spiritual integrity, and a soul that is honest with itself. Paul call’s this constant state of internal inspection *“walking in step with the Spirit”* (Galatians 5:25). As we walk in cadence with the Spirit the truth of God’s word illuminates, corrects, and exposes those hidden cracks and secret leaks that need restoration before they destroy from the inside out.

That sense, that nudge, that twinge of conscience you feel as you go about your day is the Spirit in your attic removing clutter, challenging old habits and addressing long overlooked issues of your heart. Turning a deaf ear to the Inspector’s findings can be devastating. Don’t ignore Him. He knows that inspection leads to *introspection* which moves us to confession which prevents sin from growing in us like mold in a dark and damp crawlspace until it becomes toxic and deadly to us and those around us.

If we let the Spirit of God have free reign in our temple, our house, in the deepest recesses of our heart He will thoroughly inspect and restore so we are not only presentable on the outside but solid, clean, and alive on the inside.

Important Notices

Homeless Shelter Meal

Tomorrow evening is our turn to prepare and serve the evening meal at the shelter on North Ave. Lasagna trays will be distributed in the foyer right after morning assembly for those who prepare the meal and servers should be at the shelter by 5:30 PM tomorrow.

Please put the following requests in your prayers. Thank you for caring and bringing them before the Lord. They and their families appreciate it more than you know. God bless.

We have several who need continued prayers, please continue to lift them up to the Lord.

Lucas Mathews mother...brain cancer

Scott and Lisa Harris, for their work and their safety

Dwight Erickson last treatment for non hodgkins lymphoma this week

Ron Wilson, continuing health issues

Anne Clayton's niece

Betsy Brown

Tyler Johnson...incarcerated

Tom Deister,

Terry and Jeannie Meredith

The search for Youth Minister and those involved

Law enforcement, first responders, fire fighters

Military and missionaries and the families of all of these. Pray for safety and wisdom for them.

Pray for the families of those who have been killed by terrorists in the recent weeks.

Pray for Bryce Sandburg, he is in Larchwood at present and for Jeannette . Pray for the best decisions as to how to take care of Bryce and for his health and comfort.

Pray for Melva Willbanks as she undergoes treatment for thyroid cancer. Pray for the right treatment to be decided upon and that it will be successful. Pray for healing, strength and comfort for her and peace for her family.

Pray for Shane Briggs, who has been diagnosed with acute leukemia, and who has been referred to specialists in Denver and will probably undergo aggressive treatment which could include a bone marrow transplant. Pray for the treatment to be the right one and that it will be successful, & that they caught it in time Pray for comfort, strength and healing for him and peace and strength for his family.

Pray for Laura Webb, (the Scott Webb's daughter) who is very ill and on life support. Pray for comfort and peace for her family .

Pray for Patty Odom , who just had her appendics removed...pray for a quick recovery, (she just started a new job.)

Pray for Debby Rosco and her husband who need strength , and wisdom and guidance to get their life back together and on track. And for her husbands counseling to help him stay clean of drugs.

Pray for Tom English as he has a brain scan. Pray they will be able find and help his health issues. Pray for strength for him and Robin and for any decisions they need to make.

Pray those who have recently been baptized into Christ that they will be blessed and grow in Him. That they will be encouraged and continue to follow the Lord who loves them.

Prayers of thanksgiving and praise to God for answered prayers, for His patient, loving care and watch over us and for the wisdom He will impart to us if we but ask, and for the many blessings we receive from His hand every day.

Sundays:

"**Middles**" - Hey Middle Schoolers! Join Mark and Lesa Brassette in the Middle school classroom (the classroom above the main foyer) for Bible class at 9 am on Sunday mornings.

High Schoolers - Same bat time, same bat classroom!

Wednesdays:

All youth group members are invited to join us in the PiT on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. for dinner and a devotional!

Huddles:

July 31 - 6 to 8 p.m. - At the Roberts' House (2950 Pheasant Run Circle - GJ 81506). Please bring drinks and desserts.

August 7 - NO Huddle

August 14 - 6 to 8 p.m. - At the home of Doug and Ann Clayton!

August 21 - NO Huddle

--> To host a future huddle, contact Lesa Brassette. 640-2243 (text or call) or

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For the Record

July 24, 2016

Attendance	257
Weekly Contributions 7/24/16	\$5,582.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$5,977.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in July

Dane Jennings
 Matt King
 Andrew Kiser
 Isaac Lavadie
 Tyrone Lofton
 Terry Meredith
 Eric Moore
 Steve Neff

Communion Preparation—July

Darlene Rettig

Communion Table 7/31/16

Scott DeLancey

Announcements

July—Leonard Silence

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

Curtis Fleming—Auditorium
 Bobby Heath—103
 Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

John Cooper—Auditorium
 Singing Class—103

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

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

Thursday Morning Bible Classes

Thursday Bible School for Pre-Schoolers—9:30 am—1 pm
 Ladies Bible Class, starts 9:30 am—207

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