



# Real Life News & Notes

*church of Christ of Grand Junction*

*A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers*

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YOUTH NEWS</b></p> <p>Huddle tonight: Join us at 6pm tonight at the Bricker's house for delicious food and sweet fellowship! The Brickers live at 2988 Kia Drive. Boys bring drinks, girls bring desserts!</p> <p>Pit on Wednesday: Please join us at 7pm in the pit for a great meal and some time in worship!</p> <p>Parent meeting: after church on the 11th! It will be a quick meeting but an important one. Don't miss it!</p>

**Memory Verse For August: Hebrews 11:6**

**Without faith it is impossible to please God.**

# Order of Worship

**Call to Worship Assembly**  
**Children's verse— Brian Peacock**  
**Announcements— Curtis Fleming**  
**Song Leader— Bryan Crowe**  
**Meet & Greet**

**Lord's Supper—Bill Wade**  
**Offering—Bill Wade**

**Children's Church**

**Sermon - Doug Clayton**

**Elder's Prayer—David Scheuerman**

**Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in August**

Randy Romkee  
 Ed Seela  
 Richard Sisco  
 Eddie Tinkle  
 Herb Tinkle  
 Chuck Tourney  
 Edgar Treu  
 Dick Truitt

**For the Record**

July 28, 2013	
Attendance	269
Average Attendance, 2nd qtr.	249
Contributions	\$6,283.00
Budget	\$6,208.96

**Communion Preparation—August**

Sue Boyle/Della Turner

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Creative Christian Art Guild will meet Sunday, August 4. Bring your work projects. Ada Marie Vorse will be giving a demo on making greeting cards. See you there.

The quilting ladies will not meet again until August 27 due to some members being out of town.

The Empty Nest will be enjoying The Concert Under the Stars at Lincoln Park on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> that starts at 6:30pm. Come early and bring your own chairs and dinner meal. You can also buy dinner at the park. RSVP to Sherry so we can make sure our reserved spot is big enough. Ladies will be meeting for lunch at Famous Dave's Barb-B-Que on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 am. Please RSVP to Sherry, phone #(970)256-1127.

On Sunday August 25 at 6 PM, we will be having a peaches & ice cream social in the Pit. We just had a wonderful time at the watermelon bust and August 25 will be just as much fun. Everybody is invited. See you there.

**Ministry Leader Needed**

It will be 10 years in August since I began doing the "ladies pages" first as hard copy newsletters and then for the website. I have decided that its time for a me to turn it over to someone else. So I hope to retire from this ministry after I finish the August pages. If anyone (or even more than one wish to go together to work on it) would like to do this for the website, please let me know. I will help you get started if I can and Mark and Lesa are a great help for you. (If you have questions, please see me and I will try to answer them.) Pray about it and Thank You in advance. Lila

We also are in need of volunteers to help with the grounds work. Dick Truitt is becoming overwhelmed. Persons need to be experienced on riding lawn mowers, edgers, and tractor. Please help! Dick is the only grounds keeper to do mowing, edging, weeding, mowing the weed field and keeping the place watered. He does a wonderful job but it is too much for one person. Please see Craig Roberts.

**Help Needed**

Bryce Sanburg was injured in a fall last week and will not be able to take care of his lawn. He needs help with mowing. If you can help him, give him a call.

Continue to pray for the families who have recently lost loved ones. The Austin family, Zant/Williamson family, Crespín family, Lasley family, Larry, (Sanberg's friend) who just lost his wife,

SHANNON RITCHEY...Lila's nephew, has a blocked artery in his leg...probably requiring a bypass...pray for successful surgery for him.

Continued prayers are needed for the following and their families

ALEX BARTHEL...difficulties in pregnancy

EARL DUBOSE...PSP, a progressive neurological disease, fell this week but no serious injuries. Pray for healing of the minor ones he sustained.

MARGIE DAVIS.... Cancer

KALEA VEJRASKA... brain tumor...7 yrs old

VERLYN MATHEWS... health issues ..especially

MARIE BRANSON...continued healing

ERIN JOHNSON...Malignant brain tumor

LANDY BOYLE....shingles

LARRY LUCERO FAMILY...continued healing for Jr

VICKY BIOCIC...Relief from back pain

CAROLYN DEBERRY....continued healing from back surgery.

KATHY DEISTER AND TOM ENGLISH both have not been feeling well this past week. Keep them in your prayers for their healing and comfort in dealing with ongoing health issues.

We still have many traveling, pray for safety for them all.

Continue to pray for our church family ...may we show the love of Christ to each other and the world around us.

All those in the Military and their families...for safety, comfort and for their religious liberties not to be taken away.

Pray for all the leaders of our nation well as the world leaders

BRYCE SANBURG – Recovery from a fall

BILL TIDWELL – Recovery From Knee replacement surgery

When visiting Ann's parents recently in TN we discovered a hole in their yard. This wasn't your average rodent/reptile hole. On the surface it was about 18 inches round. Upon further investigation (on our bellies with a flashlight) we discovered the hole grew very large just under the surface and in some places the ground was only a foot thick on top. It looked very much like the makings of a sink hole, those cavernous traps that look harmless on the surface but without warning swallow cars, houses, and people. (No worries, engineers are checking it out, we think.)

God's first words, written in stone, warn us of the dangers of spiritual sink holes. God calls them "idols." **"You will not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or earth below...you shall not bow down to them or worship them..for I am a jealous God."** (Exodus 20:4-5)

I doubt any of us have golden calves or bronzed statues of chubby, bald, bare bellied men around the house. Yet, the truth is, most Christians have idols. We don't call them idols, or even think of them in such...sinful terms. We have acceptable, *kosher* names for things that as a matter of religious lifestyle routinely trump our loyalty to God, things like: Money, sex, power, security, food, recognition, sports, entertainment, technology, shopping, and recreation. In small ways, every day, we get a rush, a pleasure fix, a high sent directly and subtly from the altar of these persistent gods. In short, enjoyment and pleasure were intended as gifts from God. Yet, when we **look to them** and rely on them for comfort and fulfillment, that's idolatry. And that's just the surface of the sink hole as it slowly but surely grows in darkness.

A philosopher said, **"The opposite of *theism* is not *atheism*, but *idolatry*."** Meaning, we are wired to worship, regardless the god. We become idolaters when we look to any of these idols for a sense of wonder or fulfillment that should come from Jehovah God alone. God is jealous! **God does not allow us to consider him our chief god among all other gods, nor to merely place Him at the top and then retain our other gods by conveniently sliding them further down in rank. God demands we must completely replace all gods with only HIM.**

So, how deep is the hole in your life? Is it a small hole that God's grace and sanctification is filling up as He remains firmly in place as your Lord? Or, is the hole growing ever deeper, a spiritual sink hole that will eventually collapse and swallow you under divided loyalties, forever lost?

This calls for honest reflection especially among Christians who too easily disregard it, thinking this does not apply to us, when in reality it applies most to us. The gods are relentless and subtle. May the fullness of Jehovah God alone be enough for Christians.



# Church of Christ of Grand Junction

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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 our-selves (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!

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

Curtis Fleming—Auditorium  
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207  
Sign Language Class—Room 103

### Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Dane Jennings - “Fruit of the Spirit”—Auditorium  
Women’s Bible 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

## Mesa View Retirement Service Schedule Meets Sundays at 10 AM

Date	Servant Team	Study Text
Aug 4	Bill Tidwell, Wes Yeager	Mark 2:23-3:6
Aug 11	Bob Heath, Darren Mahoney	Mark 3:7-12
Aug 18	Jerry Austin, Scott Delancy	Mark 3:13-19
Aug 25	Hunt Zumwalt, Steve Bagga	Mark 3:20-30
Sept 1	Scott Ferguson, Dave Scheurman	Mark 3:31-35

### Psalm 56:3-4

*When I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?*  
(NIV)