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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Patterson Road church of Christ



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Elder Of Month

Tom Deister

Our Gathering Today



Welcome Guests!

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. Please enjoy the coffee, juice and donuts you will find in the fellowship hall.

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

Feeding on the Word!

Marty Koonce will be sharing with us this morning. One of the Koonce's 4 young men, Tanner, is with us as well. I know we will be encouraged by the message of the ongoing disciple making for Jesus that grows in Rwanda, Africa. Marty will present in class (combined adults) and during our sermon time. We are always glad to see you and hear from you Marty!

HELP!!

As of this writing (Thursday) we have no one to fill in for Children's church this Sunday. This would be a great time for a young couple to step up and fill a need. Contact Jeremy Antwine ASAP before Sunday. Thank you!

Thank you:

To Eddie and his crew (and all of you who brought a dish or dessert and stayed to clean up) for the wonderful Agape meal we shared last Sunday. Fellowship and food...to of God's wonderful gifts!

Love One Another

Memory Verse For August—Psalms 150:6

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!



Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Fire

It's wild fire season out west! Jesus' little brother James begins his letter addressing the blazing infernos through which we must walk from time to time. Is there anyone among us who does not know someone who is in the midst of a season of suffering, a painful trial, a difficult life change or uncertainty in which they are struggling just to hang on and function each day? Our dear big hearted brother Tyron Lofton has a fiery trial related to a recent health issue with potential life altering implications. I just learned of a close friend of ours whose heartbreak was greatly multiplied as she tried to find and reunite with her estranged father. Many in our church are re-learning how to walk again as they tearfully seek to regain their emotional equilibrium in the wake of grief and loss. Some are experiencing extremely painful marriage trials. Some endure the fires of dysfunctional relationships; and on and on the list goes. As God's children we share the perilous experience of **fire walking**, each with a personal and painful twist on our own fiery trial that seeks to discourage and consume us.

As Daniel's three friends were thrown into the furnace stoked "seven times hotter" than normal by the King of Babylon, they replied, "***We do not need to defend ourselves in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace the God we serve is able to save us from it...but EVEN IF HE DOES NOT we will not serve your gods...***" (Daniel 3:16-18). I am humbled and challenged by this bold confession of surrender and trust in God.

James says, "***Perseverance must finish its work so that we may be mature and complete***" (1:4). That means the fire may burn for awhile. Yet, God is not causing the pain and never tempts us (James 1:16-17) but where His children are concerned He will not let the opportunity pass to use any fire, any suffering and trying circumstance for our spiritual well being, our ultimate good (Romans 8:28) as he completes us in Christ. And so we trust, we keep **walking through the fire** knowing the process of our refinement is painful, at times debilitating, and may last for years or a lifetime. **Fire-walking** is not for the faint of heart or timid in faith. It is one of the many crosses Jesus calls us to bear.

It is in the context of **fire** that James reminds us that "**wisdom**" (1:5) is readily available to understand not necessarily "**what**" God is doing, but "**that**" He is doing. Wisdom says God is always at work in the trial and He stands in the fiery furnace with us. Wisdom that is freely given for the trial comes with the simple asking and provides guidance, reassurance and spiritual lenses through which we can process the intense flames. Wisdom instills patience helping us to be still and wait on God through the smoke and fire allowing us to move forward to live on in joy despite the trial (James 1:2-3). This wisdom grants us power and hope as we witness the Lord's Masterful Hand manipulate the flames of our trial to bless us, grow us, sanctify us and make us like Jesus "**who learned obedience through the things that he suffered.**" (Hebrews 5:8).

One of the wisest nuggets of advice I have ever received about walking through fire is: "**Don't try to figure this out, just trust God!**" God is **trust-worthy**. God is good and faithful even as the fires rage!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Belize Mission

Scott & Callie Ferguson, Charlie DeLong, Kelsay Heath and Colton Fortney left August 3 (Friday) on a Mission trip to Belize. Please ask God to bring them home safely to us and that their efforts will be blessed while they are there. They will be returning to the States on August 10 and be home by August 12.

Marty Koonce Visit

We are looking forward to have Marty Koonce from Rwanda doing a presentation during class time in the auditorium and will be speaking during the worship service today.

Area Wide Activities

Area Wide Retreat and Campout, (Labor Day Weekend—August 31—September 3) 22988 Surface Creek Road in Cedaredge. See poster on bulletin boards outside office and fellowship hall for more information.

Creative Christian Art Guild.

There has been a change in the Art Guild Schedule.

Today, the Guild will meet at 1 pm in the fellowship hall and will be working on "Art on Rocks" presented by Kathy Karo. Bring a smooth rock to work on.

On August 19 the Guild will meet at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall and they will be working on handbags and aprons. See Cindi King with questions.

Ty Roberts New Address

AMN Roberts, TY G.R.
53438 Lawrence Ct A132
MCCONNELL AFB, KS 67221-3561

Thank You!

A huge "Thank you" to Kathy Deister for serving as Nursery Director for a while seeing that there were attendants in the nursery on Sunday mornings. She will be stepping down and Stephanie Cooper will be taking over. Please support Stephanie in this endeavor. We recently had 26 wonderful people sign up to help out. We also owe Sharon Riddle a debt of gratitude for serving in the interim searching for and securing a new director.

Items needed for Coffee Can Ministry

3 lb. plastic coffee cans
Travel size deodorant
Chapstick
Nail clippers
Flashlights
Travel size soap (bar or liquid)
Travel size shampoo
Travel size conditioner
Socks

Homeless 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. Servers, check with Pam Hurd for schedule.

Thank You!

I am pleased to announce that 12 people signed up to assist with the mission to transport those who no longer drive! It's very encouraging to see the various needs of our church family being cheerfully met.

On behalf of those who will be able to worship with us, and myself, Thank You!

Jan Antwine

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray that Brenda Austin's visit with her parents will be blessed and her time spent with them will be rewarding. Please pray that God will grant Brenda the wisdom to be a positive influence as she deals with difficult matters concerning her parent/child relationship.

Bob Heath's best friend, Bob Bozman, died Sunday 7/29/18 after his 80th birthday and family reunion. Bob would send his tapes of lesson's as Bozman told him "send any help you can, we have a lot of sinners in Dallas that need to hear about the Lord". Mr. Bozman also provided financial help to this congregation at times. He will be greatly missed by his family and his dear friend, Bob Heath. Pray for their solace and comfort at his loss.

Prayers for those who are traveling, especially for the youth who are going on the mission trip and for Trisha Yeager and those accompanying her to Ireland. Prayer for safety through out their entire time away from home and for much accomplished for the Lords Kingdom during their mission trip.

Prayers for Ryan and Lacy Smith and family as they leave us to move to Ark. Pray for safety and that the things that are involved in moving will go smoothly and they will arrive safely in their new home...and that the adjustment will be easy. Pray for Ryan as he attends school. Pray for God's blessings on them now and always.

Pray for Linda Gallaher who is recovering from a recent fall. Pray for comfort and a quick recovery from her injuries.

Continued prayers for our nation, for repentance and turning back to God for the nation as a whole and especially for the leaders. Pray for godly wisdom for them in all their decisions, words and actions. Also pray for world leaders to also do the will of God.

Pray for all those that are dealing with some kind of illness or on going health problem...for comfort, healing and peace.

Pray for our church family to continue to grow in love and commitment to God and in our lives being transformed to the image of Christ.

Prayers of thanksgiving and praise always and often for our loving God's constant watch and care, guidance and comfort, love and peace...and for answered prayers

Happy Birthday to Hannah Davis & E. Y. Massey

Happy Birthday to E. Y. Massey who turned 100 years young on August 4 and to Hannah Davis who will turn 100 years young on August 8! Let's all wish them HAPPY BIRTHDAY and many best wishes. If you would like to send a card or letter, here are their addresses.

E. Y. Massey
1322 Pinyon Ave
G. J. , CO 81501

Hannah Davis
The Commons #106.
625 27 1/2 Rd.
G. J. CO 81506

God Bless each of you and we hope you have the best birth day ever!!

Your Church Family



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For the Record

July 29, 2018

Attendance	283
Weekly Contributions 7/29/18	\$5,967.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$5,647.00-
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Communion Preparation—August

Sue Boyle, Della Fiske/Turner

Communion Table 8/5/18

Eddie Tinkle

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in August

Bill Barslund
Wes Beaver
Dean Blanck
Michael Blanck
Doyle Bradley
Scott Bradley
Mike Bricker
Lynn Briggs

Announcements—August

August 5—Sandy Harris
Aug. 12, 19, 26—Dean Blanck

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

Scott Ferguson—Auditorium
Bob & Bobby Heath—103
Sara Tourney, Facilitator, Young Professionals—213
Sandra Soria, Sign Language Class—207

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—203
High School—203

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

Doug Clayton—Auditorium
Singing Class—Library

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—In recess for the Summer
Ladies Bible Class, - Will resume in the Fall

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 Small Group meets at 5 PM In Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM