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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

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Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word (the sermon)

*This morning we will be in **Acts chapter 2** looking at some amazed and confused folks involved in a **Question and Answer** session with the disciples. As you recall last time, we were in **Acts 1** and discovered the disciples "waiting" and we were blessed and challenged to invite God into our circumstance as we **wait**. May our hearts be tuned in today as we look at this chapter in a little different way and re-think what is most important, what questions we should be asking, and how we live in response to God's answers.*

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.

Praise!!

Last week we prayed for Melva Wilbanks and her report of a cancerous lump and her having to face treatment and surgery with an uncertain outcome. Melva has been on our hearts and minds all week as she mentally and emotionally adjusted to this news. Melva, thank you for your example of faith and trust in the **Great Physician** as you **waited** in the midst of this storm. Then, a few days ago her oncologist told her she does not have cancer! We rejoice and praise God for the wonderful news!!

Prayer: It may be a co-worker, a person in line at the store, someone wiping away tears in a waiting room. It may be one sitting next to you this morning. It may be someone sitting alone or who has that look of defeat and despair. It may be someone you don't know very well and have even forgotten their name (happens to me all the time) but you see them across the auditorium, you feel the Spirit nudge you and you move towards them and re-introduce yourself. Whoever it may be, find that person, approach them, don't answer your cell phone or allow your private moment to be interrupted. As you look them in the face, **ask them how you might serve them through prayer this week**. Then pray for them . . . all week. In so doing, you cross that bridge from being a taker and a mere spectator who is just "going to church," to a servant, a disciple, an invested member of this community of faith. Reach out, love, take ownership, spread God's wonderful words of life!

"Love One Another"

Memory Verse For August: Hebrews 11:6

"without faith it is impossible to please God"

Hebrews and Faith

“So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised” (Hebrews 10:35,36). Ever feel like giving up? Ever feel like living for God is too difficult? Ever grow weary and be plagued with doubts? Most of us have at some time in our life. The book of Hebrews was written to a group of people thinking about giving up on faith in Jesus. The advice and admonitions given to these people can help us as we struggle with similar thoughts of abandoning our faith.

There are many different words of encouragement given in this letter of encouragement (Hebrews) but I want to mention just three ways the author tries to help these people keep their faith.

Know Who we are following! “In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe” (1:2). Who we follow will determine where we end up. Where do you want to end up in life. Most of us want to go to Heaven. We must follow the one who knows the way. Jesus once said, “I am the way and the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6). This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will” (2:3,4). Few have made such absolute claims and no one has proven them as has Jesus. It’s a no brainer. Know who you are following. Follow the One who is There and who can get you There. Follow Jesus.

Know the reward for following! What will be the ultimate reward from the person, pastime or philosophy we might be following? What does it offer? What’s in it for me? Jesus offers eternal life in the presence of God. Moses “chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.” (25, 26). People of faith listed in Hebrews 11 “admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own...they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them” (11:13-16). Nothing could be better than living forever with God in His Heavenly City prepared for us. See you there someday!

Know the consequences for NOT following!

“We must pay more careful attention therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?” (2:1-3) “If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgement and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God...It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” (10:26, 27, 31) The words “Jesus saves” are meaningful. Jesus saves us from sin and the consequences of sin. Think about it. Don’t give up on faith in Jesus, He is our only hope!

Saved by grace through faith, John Cooper

Important Notices

August 9—Quilting starts up after a break.

August. 21—Peaches and Ice Cream in Pit—6 PM—Scott Ferguson will lead the devotional and Mike Hurd will lead singing.

Announcements

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 1 PM today. They will be making homemade soap and paper. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fun.

Thank You

GJ church family,

Thank you for all the prayers and well wishes. Also, Thank you for taking care of Lucas when he was back in town. He has been taking good care of me here.

With Love, Dorene Matthews-Mother of Lucas Matthews

Special Prayer Request

Sandy and Farrel Harris will be traveling to Mozambique to visit Scott and Lisa. They will leave August 8 and will be gone for 4 weeks. They request prayers for safety in travel, personal safety and good health while away.

Prayer Requests

LAURA WEBB—Special needs daughter of Scott Webb continues to reside in a St. Louis Hospital seriously ill with future to be determined after completion of several critical care tests.

Please keep the following requests in your prayers. Thank you for lifting them up to the Lord. Your prayers really do make a difference.

Please keep the list that was in last weeks bulletin and continue to pray for those with ongoing needs.

Prayers of praise and Thanksgiving.....for answered prayers for Melva Willbanks. They have determined with further checking that she does NOT have thyroid cancer!! God is good!!

Pray for Tom English...he had the brain scan....they are awaiting it to be read and the results. Pray they will get results soon and that they will be of help in treating Tom's health issues. Pray for comfort and peace for Tom and Robin as they await the results.

Pray for Shane Briggs. He will be having a bone marrow transplant when they have found a matching donor. Will be in hospital for a month for that and then 3 months in Denver close to the hospital to see if his body rejects it or not. He has another condition making it more likely too. Pray for the outcome of all the treatment to go well and for it to work without any rejection. Pray for his family as they go through it with him...for strength for him and them and for God's peace for all. The family is very thankful for the prayers that have already been lifted up in Shane's behalf. God is the true source of all healing.

YOUTH NEWS

Huddles:

August 7 - No Huddle

> **August 14** - At the home of Doug & Ann Clayton (617 Devin - GJ 81504) Kids bring drinks or desserts.

August 21 - No Huddle

> **August 28** -At the home of Michael & Kathy Applebee

Parents & Teens: Have you joined our youth facebook page? It's a great place for the latest info on activities and events - "GJ Church of Christ Youth Group"



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For the Record

July 24, 2016

Attendance	257
Weekly Contributions 7/24/16	\$5,507.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$5,398.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

Communion Preparation—August

S. Boyle, D Fiske/Turner

Communion Table 8/7/16

Rick Wilkins

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in August

David Olree
 Brian Peacock
 Dale Pirtle
 Eric Pennal
 Ted Reaves
 Ed Riddle
 Tim Riddle
 Craig Roberts

Announcements

August 7 & 14—Roy Karo
 August 21 & 28—John Cooper

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

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

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 Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

John Cooper—Auditorium
 Singing Class—103

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