



Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Traded

Last week, Austin Jackson, center fielder for the Detroit Tigers, was abruptly removed from a game. It's the top of the 7th, bases loaded, one out, and a 2-2 count when time is called and another Tiger runs out to center field and relieves Austin. Confused, Austin gets to the dugout only to be informed that he no longer plays for the Tigers but has been traded to the Mariners and he needs to leave and catch a plane to Seattle. Despite warm hugs, by his now former coaches and teammates, and getting a standing ovation, Austin said, **"It hurt."** This was where it all started for him as a big leaguer, this team, this stadium, and these fans. Detroit was familiar, comfortable, it was home. Then with the stroke of a pen and a phone call it's over. **We are in first place and need a shut down pitcher more than we need you. We love you buddy. We even like you! But, it's business, so take the jersey off. See ya!**

Austin could have said: **"I quit, find someone else to trade. I have a family. This is not fair. I feel manipulated and I ain't gonna take it!"** Instead, Austin rolled with it. He smiled, counted his blessings, expressed his appreciation for Detroit's part in his young career and shared how fortunate he was just to be able to play ball and be surrounded by loving family and friends. Austin would move forward with grace and class and make the best of an awkward and painful situation.

From time to time all of us experience situations similar to that of Austin Jackson when he walked off the field that sunny July day and suddenly realized his life and future had changed. When this occurs on a small or large scale, like Austin, we are faced with choices: How will we react? How will we handle day to day setbacks and adversity? As people of faith, will we practice what we preach? Will we pause with patience and realize what is truly important in life? Will we look for the good, remain positive and refuse to wallow in self-pity? That is what Jesus calls us to do when life hits us in the face. Yes it hurts, it hurts bad and is often very inconvenient, no argument there! Jesus does not call us to fake religious smiles, he groaned and grimaced too as he embraced the pain and battled through it (**Hebrews 4:15**). He showed us how to react, how to lean into the relentless wind of human struggle and handle life, especially when it is tough. Ridicule, rejection, abuse, unfair accusations, harsh treatment, unjust judgments and condemnation, Jesus experienced it and persevered through it all and prevailed with the calming perspective of heaven's guarantee.

The merciful irony is all who trust in the sacrifice of Jesus have been traded. Jesus calls us from the field of our former losing team. Our previous position and purpose in life has forever changed. We now wear a new uniform, clothed with Christ (**Galatians 3:27**). The Lord of the universe has personally negotiated the terms of the exchange. He purchased us, claimed us, chose us to be on His team and He signed the new contract with his own blood.

And here's the fine print in the trade deal that so many fail to read or often forget: **Jesus' side wins! Our team, despite difficult outings, poor performance, slumps, errors, and regular defeats in the game of life, in the end, when it's over, Jesus' owns the bottom of the 9th! His side always wins!**

Memory Verse For August—Col 1:13

"He has rescued us".

Our Gathering Today

Guests: Thank you for being here! Enjoy the visitors bread and please fill out the card and place it in the collection plate when it comes by. Our Church family will greet you and make you feel welcome this morning. We hope you find our gathering to be an encouragement as you are edified to and challenged in your walk with the Lord this week. If you trust in Jesus Christ for your salvation and remember his sacrifice, we invite you to share communion when it is passed. Please let us know how we might serve you and pray for you this week.

Sermon: This morning the capable **Curtis Fleming** will share a word from the Lord. I know it will be a message that challenges and edifies.

Thank you! Although I have not heard his sermon yet it was reported to me that Scott Ferguson did an awesome job preaching last Sunday. Thank you Scott! Proud of you!

"Love One Another!"

Random Acts of Kindness

I have received many this year, some personal and some from an unknown source. I thank all of you and may God bless each and every-one.

Love, - Darlene Rettig

Creative Christian Art Guild to Meet

The Art Guild will have A Pot-Luck Lunch at the home of Cindi King on Sunday 8/17/14. Bring a dish to share and if you would like to carpool, meet here at the building at 12:15 PM.

Now is a wonderful time to join the Guild. We are learning new skills, enjoying new friends in fellowship and creating new art projects. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Empty Nester Events

Save the dates:

August 21—Ladies Lunch
August 24—Evening under the stars.

More information to come.

Your prayers are requested for the following and are very much appreciated!!

ARLENE ROWLES—She has a displaced shoulder that took her to the ER twice and she has been in extreme pain for a good while. Pray for her healing.

Pray for JUDY TURNER from the Montrose church who has a severely broken ankle. Pray for comfort and quick and complete healing.

MARY CLAYTON as she depart for Rwanda. Pray for safety, wisdom and guidance as she returns to the mission field.

DOUG & ANN CLAYTON—Pray for their safe trip as they enjoy a few days in Tennessee with Ann's parents.

DEBBIE ZORN ...Teddie's sister in law....needs prayers for healing. She has several serious health issues and is in the hospital. Pray for comfort and strength for her and her family. Also pray for travel safety for Teddie and her nephew Robert (Debbie's son) as they travel to Texas to visit her.

DAKOTA...Joe and Debbie Jones grandson. His recent surgery went well. Prayers of thanksgiving for that. Pray for his continued recovery. Pray for the Lord to make it possible for him to be moved to Grand Junction, so he is closer to family.

TALIA STARK...The Turners daughter...pray for her and the medical people working with her...as she has surgery on Friday to determine what is wrong. They can't be sure until they operate so pray that it will be something they can diagnose and treat. Pray for a good outcome for it all and for healing and comfort for her and her family.

Prayers of thanksgiving that Jerimy Gadberry is healing from his recent accident.

Continue to pray for those that are fighting cancer...LuAnn Moore, Kellie Whiting and Janice Ferris and for their families. Also remember those who suffer from MS, Rebecca Samples and Kathy Deister and others.

Continue to pray for the couples expecting babies that all will go well during moms pregnancy and they will have a safe delivery of a healthy baby.

Always remember our Military people and their families in your prayers. It's a sometimes difficult time for them. Pray for them to remain healthy in body, mind and soul and for God to protect them and give them strength for each day.

Also keep our missionaries and families in your prayers....they too are often in dangerous places. Pray for the Lord's continued protection and guidance and blessings for them and for many to be brought to the Lord through their efforts.

Pray for our elders and their families, and others serving in various ways in our church family. Pray for the Lord to guide them and give them wisdom from above as they make decisions about the future of our family here, and our outreach to the community and the world. Pray for them to be guided to the youth minister that God would send here. Pray for blessings on a daily basis as they lead us in God's paths.

Continue to pray for those who Satan has enslaved with any kind of addiction. May they ask for God's help in overcoming and not rely on their own strength.



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For the Record

Aug. 3, 2014

Attendance	257
Average Attendance, 2nd qtr..	234
Contributions	\$7,986.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—August

Sue Boyle, Della Fiske/Turner

Communion Table 8/10/14

Nolan Grigsby

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in August

Mark Brassette
Mike Bricker
Lynn Briggs
Dave Bussert
Tony Clayton
Lane Coale
Shaun Collazo
David Cooper

Announcements

Scott Ferguson—August
Curtis Fleming— September
Ron Wilson—October

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Dane Jennings—Auditorium
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Scott Ferguson—Auditorium

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 at Mesa View Retirement Center Starts At 10 A.M.

Aug 10	Jerry Austin, Scott Delancy	Lk.15:8-10
Aug 17	John Cooper, Dave Scheurman	Lk. 15:11-32
Aug 24	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Mt. 18:23-25
Aug 31	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Mt. 20:1-6
Sept 7	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Mt. 21:28-32

Visitors welcome.

2 Timothy 1: 8—10 NIV

“So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me, his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Jesus Christ before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”