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# Real Life News & Notes

*church of Christ of Grand Junction*

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

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## **Back to School!**

For many this will be "Back to School" week. Many others will follow soon. The phrase "back to school" can have a broader meaning of let's go back and relearn some things or maybe even learn some new things. Last Sunday and this coming Sunday and then for two other Sundays in September the church in Montrose has asked me to do my series on "Islam". They are learning new things about one of the fastest growing religions in the world. The church in Gunnison is also interested in having me come there to do the same series.

We learn new things so that we can be prepared for new challenges. As stated above, sometimes a part of learning new things is relearning the basics. For example, in regards to Islam and Christianity, why do we believe the Bible and not the Koran? Why do we believe Jesus is God's final prophet and not Mohammed? With the Ft. Hood trial going on and the recent embassy closings it seems imperative that we Christians know something about Islam and the challenges it presents to us.

Going "back to school" can be a positive, refreshing, exciting time of growth for all of us. Relearning and/or reviewing our basic beliefs is good for us, for our children and for our churches. It is easy to become complacent and not think about the true reason for our lives. It is easy to get away from knowing where to turn for true answers. It is easy to get away from the main mission of the church - evangelization. "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect," (1 Peter 3:15)

Never stop learning, John Cooper

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

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

## Our Gathering

### **Sermon: God's Irony: Story! Romans 8:28**

We are in a series studying God's glorious ironies together. We considered the **Irony of Numbers**: Despite the odds, God is always the majority. Last week we studied the **Irony of Strength**: God uses our weakness and thorns to manifest his power. When we are weak, He is strong.

Today we will look at the **Irony of Story: All things work together for good to those who love God. What does the story of your life look like today? How will your story progress and end? Have you entered God's story and allowed him to author the chapters and conclusion?**

May our time together this morning be an encouragement as we follow ever closer to Jesus.

Find a guest in our midst today and greet them with Jesus' love!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We are collecting change** for Mountain States Children's home again this year. The coin cans can be found in the foyer. Please place your extra change in the cans and return them to the church office by November 3rd. We encourage everyone to participate in this project. The cans are being distributed through many of the churches in Colorado and the goal is to raise \$48,000 for Mountain States Children's Home. If you have any questions please contact Chuck Tourney.

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

**The Empty Nesters** 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.

**The August Missions Meeting** will be held on Tuesday August 13th at 7 PM. Mary Ann Rayside has volunteered to host this month's meeting. Her home is at 585 1/2 Grand Cascade. If you need a map let me know. E-mail me at [blanckmd@acsol.net](mailto:blanckmd@acsol.net)—Dean

**Chelsea Kobylarz will be serving as an American Sign Language** (ASL) interpreter at St. Peter's Anglican School in Orange Walk, Belize. She will participate in this mission through August of 2014. Please join her in room 103 right after services today for a short presentation on the work she will be doing there. Many of you know Chelsea through her years of participation in Bible Bowl and as a sign language interpreter for our church. Additional information can also be found at [vmmissions.org](http://vmmissions.org).

**Promotion Sunday** - For cradle roll through middle school students who will be moving up to the next classes, we will start the process on Sunday August 18 at the end of class. I will come around and show those moving up to their new classes. Then Sunday August 25 they will go directly to their new classes. It is important that they go to the old classes on August 18 so children can have a chance to say "thank you" to teachers and make a smooth transition. A big thank you! To all the teachers for sharing your faith with our children.

**Deborah Urbin** needs help moving from her apartment this Saturday morning to a house on Gunnison Ave. Please be at 959 Northern Way #3 at 9am Saturday. Bring your pick up truck. She does not have a lot of things but it will take several pick-up loads.

**Erin Johnson** died late Monday night of a very aggressive form of cancer. Erin is the daughter of Stewart and Clydene Johnson who visited here from Salem, Missouri several weeks ago when Erin was diagnosed. Erin leaves an 11 yr old daughter. Please keep this family in prayer.

**Thank You!** For the beautiful flowers, and for helping to make the memorial for Vicky so inspiring! - In Christian Love,  
*The family of Vicky Lasley*

**We are changing the format of the bulletin** to keep the congregation better informed and up to date. You will notice that the "Order of Worship" has been removed and Doug Clayton will use this space to give an overview of the upcoming sermons. However, we will continue to notify the communion spokesman on his assigned day. Today it is **Steve Neff**. Information that was previously in the Order of Worship is now located on Page 4 except for song lists and songs will be announced during assembly. If you have any suggestions, see Bryan Crowe.

**Larry Ball** will be celebrating his 80th birthday with a come and go reception Saturday August 17th 2—4:30 in the reception hall. Please, no gifts. Cards are OK. Snacks will be served.

Please remember all of these and their families in your daily prayers. They are very grateful for your taking time to prayer for them and many have expressed their thanksgiving for all your prayers, now and in the past.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the new brother and sisters in Christ, Lance and Melissa Richardson and Falesha Berry. Pray for God's blessings as they serve Him.

MASSEY family.... Comfort in the loss of E.Y. and Cecelia's son Gene .  
 BILL TIDWELL.... Pray for a quick and complete recovery from knee replacement surgery.  
 MARIE BRANSON..... she is at hospice, pray for comfort for her and her family.  
 JAMES DEAN....Myasthenia Gravis...for them to find a treatment that will work for him.  
 MARGIE DAVIS....cancer , comfort and peace.  
 JOE WADDELL....(Smith/Briggs neighbor) pancreatic cancer, pray the treatment will work and for comfort.  
 EARL DUBOSE...PSP, a progressive neurological disease, for comfort and strength for he and his family.  
 SHANNON RITCHEY.....waiting treatment to be decided for blocked artery in leg. (He is also a dialysis patient)  
 KALEA VEJASKA... brain tumor...7 yrs old  
 VERLYN MATHEWS...Health issues, espexially bone problems  
 AMBER - Breast Cancer  
 VINCENT PARRA... osteosarcoma.  
 TOM DECKER.. esophageal cancer.  
 ERIN JOHNSON's FAMILY—Erin succumbed to a brain tumor last week. She leaves behind an 11 year old daughter. Keep the family in your prayers  
 LANDY BOYLE....continued healing from shingles  
 VICKY BIOCIC...Relief from back pain.  
 MARVIN TRUMBO & FAMILY—For comfort and peace over the loss of his uncle last week.  
 VERLYN MATHEWS & FAMILY-Brian, 33 year old son of Verlyn & Theresa, died suddenly in his sleep last week. Services are pending. Keep the bereaved in your prayers.

Pray for those who are shut in, that they may be comfortable and have God's peace.

Continue to pray for our church family ....May we live our lives so God is glorified in all we do and say.

All those in the Military and their families... For safety and for comfort for them and their families while they are separated and in harms way. May they be allowed to practice and share their Christianity.

Pray for all the leaders of our nation well as the world leaders .. as we are instructed in God's word...that we may live quiet and peaceful lives.

**Thank You!**

Thank you for all the cards, words of encouragement and scriptures shared with Jerry and I through a difficult time—the passing of Brenda's Mother. I looked forward daily to Jerry reading to me your beautiful cards which were so comforting, All the prayers offered on behalf of our family gave us strength to face another day and to trust in God to care for us. Words cannot express the love and gratitude we have for our church family. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

*The Austin Family*

*Are you a parent of a fussy baby or a baby whose tummy hurts all the time? Is your baby teething?*

Come join me in an infant message class, where you will learn how to make your baby more comfortable during their difficult times. You will also start creating a bond with your child that will make them feel loved, valued, and respected.



When: August 18

August 25

September 1

September 8

September 15

From 3:00 to 4:15 p.m at the Grand Junction Church of Christ  
 2893 Patterson Rd.

Please Bring:

- Towel or baby blanket
- Pillow to sit on
- Yourself and your baby



To reserve a spot and have any questions please call:

- Alicia Tinkle
- (970) 210-8638

*The purpose of the International Association of Infant Massage is to promote nurturing touch and communication through training, education and research so that parents, caregivers and children are loved, valued and respected throughout the world community.*



# Church of Christ of Grand Junction

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### For the Record

August 4, 2013

Attendance	265
Average Attendance, 2nd qtr.	249
Contributions	\$7,476.00
Budget	\$6,208.96

### Communion Preparation—August

Sue Boyle/Della Turner

### 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

## COME WORSHIP WITH US

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

Curtis Fleming	Auditorium
Young Adult (Under 30)	Room 207
Sign Language Class	Room 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 Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Dane Jennings - "Fruit of the Spirit"	Auditorium
Women's Bible 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

## Sunday morning worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Date	Servant Team	Study Text
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 Scheuerman	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)