



Real Life News & Notes

church of Christ of Grand Junction

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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The Importance of Listening

A "general rule" in getting along better with others is called "the golden rule." It is found in Jesus' "sermon on the mount" (Matthew 7:12)- "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you,..." The importance of this "rule" is given in the last part of the verse-"for this sums up the Law and the Prophets".

One thing that most of us want is to be listened to. So if we want others to listen to us, we should listen to them. James 1:19 - The first phrase in this verse is "Everyone should be quick to listen." Are you a good listener? What does it mean to be a good listener? Should we listen to everything everyone says? This is getting complicated.

Here are some general rules on listening. 1. Be open, inviting, attentive, and patient as you listen. 2. Try and let people finish talking before you interrupt or question. 3. Think before you answer, if there even needs to be an answer. 4. Filter what you have heard- "Why is this person telling me this?" "What do they want from me?" "What do they need from me?" "Is what they have said true?" Proverbs 26:20 says "Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down."

Every conversation is different. We need wisdom from above to know what our response should be. "Be quick to listen, slow to speak..." There is so much more we could say about listening but we may be tired of listening already. Let us strive to be good listeners: sympathetic, discerning, patient and loving.

Trying to be a good listener, John Cooper

Youth Schedule

Huddle tonight: Join us at **6pm** tonight at **Eddie and Vicky Tinkle's** home, which is at 298 28 1/2 Road. Bring your bibles! And get excited for delicious food and sweet fellowship.

Wednesday night: Be sure not to miss out on a time of worship up in the high school room, every Wednesday night at 7pm.

Junior high lunch next week! Where will we go after church a week from today? It's still a mystery. You won't want to miss it!

Memory Verse For August: Hebrews 11:6

Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Our Gathering Today

I hope last week's lesson on **God's Glorious Irony of Story** gave you hope and strength, knowing God is not finished with you. As dark and painfully "pregnant" as life sometimes is, God is working, always renewing and restoring bringing about joyous delivery! The promise of Romans 8:28 is for all those who love God and live a called out life for His purpose.

Today we will study together the **Irony of Preaching**, the means by which God has chosen to share his gospel. God's methods are simple, straight forward and convicting. But sadly, to those who will not receive it, it becomes foolishness. But to those who have been saved it is the power of God!

Remember, if you miss a sermon, log on to our web site and listen at your convenience. grandjunction-church.org.

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 Empty Nesters will be enjoying The Concert Under the Stars at Lincoln Park this evening 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 23rd 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.

Promotion Sunday - For cradle roll through middle school students who will be moving up to the next classes, we will start the process today at the end of class. Sharon Riddle 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.

All ladies attending the Women of Faith conference Sept. 6th & 7th, there will be a VERY IMPORTANT meeting August 25th immediately after services in Room 103.

We are rejoicing that several have recently decided to obey the gospel or have renewed their commitment to the Lord and became members of our church family. Recent baptisms are:

Lance & Melissa Richardson
456 Bing St. Unit A
G.J. CO 81504
Ph: 970-773-3139

Falisha Berry
2915 Orchard Ave. #G-25
G.J. CO 81504
Ph: 623-5586

Last Sunday Rick Holtsclaw renewed his commitment to Christ. At this time, Rick's address & phone number are not available. Welcome! Your decision inspires and encourages all of us.

A large garnet broach was thought to be lost in the parking lot on Monday of last week at the funeral of Marie Branson. If you have found it, please contact Mo Bloemsna at 589-1194 or stop by the church office. The lady is broken hearted as it is a family heirloom belonging to her late mother.

Daran Mahoney has an electric organ, bench and sheet music to give away to someone who will enjoy it. It belonged to his grandfather and is in excellent condition. If you are interested, give Daran a call.

Bryan Crowe has a hospital bed to give away. If you are interested, contact Bryan.

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.

Pray for all those who have lost loved one recently. The Massey, Lasley, Cornett, Mathews, Johnson, Trumbo, Branson, & Yeager families.

Give thanks to God for our new sister in Christ, Lisa Blanck. Pray for God to bless her as she strives to serve him.

TEDDY GOODNER.....pray for good results in the tests she is having this week.

JOHN AKERS...he is having tests this week, pray for good results.

LORI AND MATT (her son) Jan Nelsons friend. Matt has a tumor on his pituitary ...and some other health issues... Pray for them to be able to treat his problems. They are very thankful for the people and treatment they received at the Mayo Clinic.

BILL TIDWELL.... In rehab, pray for complete recovery.

MARGIE DAVIS....pray for her comfort as she deals with cancer.

JOE WADDELL....(Smith/Briggs neighbor) pancreatic cancer, pray the treatment will work and for comfort for him and his family.

EARL DUBOSE...continue to pray for him and his

KALEA VEJRASKA... brain tumor...7 yrs old , for comfort and healing

AMBER... pray for her as she deals with breast cancer.

VINCENT PARRA... osteosarcoma.

TOM DECKER.. esophageal cancer. Pray for those who are shut in, that they will know they are loved by God and us! Pray for our church family That we will be the salt and light to the world around us.

DAVID JUSTUS—(Brother of Jimmye Tidwell) Suffering from an attack of Bell's Palsy with partial, temporary paralysis of his eye and face. Pray that he recovers fully.

VERLYN MATHEWS - Pray he recovers from several health issues and that he and Theresa can find comfort & peace in their faith and love of God..

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 nations leaders that they will lead in a way that God can bless them and our nation.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16 NKJV

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, WITH THANKSGIVING, let your requests be known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6,7

As the angry mob stormed the garden to arrest him that Thursday night, Jesus asked, "**Who is it that you want?**" The religious posse of chief priests and temple guards must have been confused as they rushed in with torches and weapons to find and finally silence this pretender, this false messiah. Instead of finding a panicked fugitive attempting escape they discovered a still, composed, calm Rabbi. The answer to Jesus' question was quite obvious, to him anyway, because "**He knew what was about to happen**" (John 18:4). This is so Jesus, to use his own arrest, impending torture and gruesome death as a teachable moment, to ask a perpetually probing question.

Indeed, for whom was the mob looking? More importantly, for whom are you looking? Who is it that you want? What kind of Messiah do you desire? What kind of Savior do you hope to find: One whom you can conveniently define, a predictable prophet, a pious pawn whom you can carve and make in your own religious image? Maybe you are looking for an entertainer who will give you salvation in a slogan or on a bumper sticker, a comfortable place to worship and a conversion that allows you to bring all of your idols along in a back pack or electronic device.

The harsh reality of modern Christianity is that too many wander into the garden of Gethsemane and don't recognize the Son of God! Are we looking for a cool Jesus with blonde hair, blue sash, and a miracle who will make no demands and always give us faith in a nice, neat, one hour worship experience? If that is the Jesus you seek you will not find him in Scripture, washing feet, sleeping on the roadside, telling "foolish" stories about sheep and seeds, getting slapped and mocked, nor on a cross, or in a borrowed tomb.

Which Ken Barbie version of the incarnation do you insist upon? Do you want magic show Jesus, attractive Jesus, enabling Jesus, easy Jesus, materialistic Jesus, or perhaps you will settle for convenient Jesus? How many times a day do we make God in our own image instead of allowing Heaven's Carpenter to remake us into His image? It's painful to be molded and carved on. **It hurts!** **Discipleship** is an agonizing process of allowing the Holy Spirit to scalpel out the malignant cancer of "**me**" and daily die to self. Yet, this journey of constant heart surgery is the good life, the best of all paths we could ever choose; to persist, to love, to abide in peace as the world rushes into the Gethsemane of our heart demanding to know if Jesus is here, or should they look elsewhere for the Son of God.

May we understand the path to kingdom glory leads to a cross and may we only desire and always choose the real Jesus, suffering servant Jesus, man of sorrows Jesus, rejected Jesus, crucified Jesus, resurrected Jesus!

So, as He makes eye contact, Jesus asks you, "**Who is it that you want, me or another?**"



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For the Record

August 4, 2013

Attendance	260
Average Attendance, 2nd qtr.	249
Contributions	\$5,961.00
Budget	\$6,208.96

Communion Preparation—August

Sue Boyle/Della Turner

Communion Table 8/18/13

Scott Hendricks

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

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 18
Aug 25
Sept 1

Jerry Austin, Scott Delancy
Hunt Zumwalt, Steve Bagga
Scott Ferguson, Dave Scheuerman

Mark 3:13-19
Mark 3:20-30
Mark 3:31-35

Psalm 95 :7(NIV)

"For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care."