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Real Life News & Notes *Patterson Road church of Christ*

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Our Gathering Today

THE BOLDNESS OF
UNSCHOOLED,
ORDINARY MEN

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Feeding on the Word (the sermon)

Boldness! As the gospel spreads, Peter and John get thrown in jail, and challenged and scolded by the religious establishment. Will these folks ever learn? Will we ever learn...? We will walk through this story and face the difficult reminders that sometimes church and religion are not always the same as faith and faithfulness, despite what self-appointed religious police say. We will be blessed by Peter and John's boldness and choosing what God requires over what men require and choosing to suffer instead of giving in to threats. **See you in Acts 4 in a few!**

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.

Discipleship Prompts

New Brother: Jordan Lemons, we are proud of you and we know that your mom and grandma are too. And, **Grandma Jean Hollinger** is rejoicing in heaven with the angels at your baptism!

Challenge: Find a CMU student and take them to lunch! Discover the name of someone you don't know this morning at church.

Homework: Read Acts chapter 5 for next week and ask "What do I learn about God, others and myself from this chapter? And, **How do I obey what I have read?**

"Love One Another"

Memory Verse For August: Hebrews 11:6

"without faith it is impossible to please God"

What “Good” is Suffering?

Paul once wrote, “In fact everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,” (II Tim 2:12). David wrote, “Many are the woes of the wicked” (Psa. 32:10). So it seems everyone, good or evil will suffer. Now obviously suffering comes in many different forms and for many different reasons. Can any “good” come from suffering? Before answering that, a couple of observations are necessary.

Atheists say that the existence of suffering and evil prove that God does not exist. In fact it proves the opposite. If evil is real there must be an objective standard by which we can make a moral judgement about something truly evil. There has to be an objective, real standard of Good by which we can identify Evil. Only an absolute moral standard can show us what true evil really is. An absolute moral standard has origins in an absolute entity of Good, which one of the attributes of God. For evil to be real, God has to be or we could not know or pronounce something is evil.

Besides, how does it help us to postulate the proposition that “if evil exists, God does not”. First, it is a self-contradictory proposition as shown above. Any self-contradictory proposition is false. But go ahead and say God does not exist because of the reality of evil. How does that help? Evil is still real and now has no explanation. Theists admit that evil is real. For the Theist evil does have an explanation and a solution. Mankind has gone against an absolute moral standard (sinned) and God the giver of that standard has allowed His own Son to receive the punishment that any offense to a perfect standard demands. God’s Goodness and Justice are maintained through the loving and gracious sacrifice of Jesus.

Back to the question above, “Can any ‘good’ come from suffering?” Let me share some possibilities.

Suffering forces us to think about the purpose, brevity and end results of life! Why do bad things happen? What happens when I die? We need to find out about these “great questions” and then place proper priorities in our lives. Jesus once said, “What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? (Matt. 6:26) Is this life and it’s miseries and disappointments all there is? No! God has something better in store for us.

Suffering causes us to humbly submit to God, our only hope! Paul suffered greatly from a “thorn in his flesh”. He begged God three times for it to be taken from him. But God said to him, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Paul continues, “Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardship, in persecutions, in difficulties. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**” (II Cor. 12:9,10) We can be at our best when we are experiencing our worst if we are driven to God because of it.

Suffering causes us to identify with and appreciate what Jesus did for us! “To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ‘He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.’ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.” (I Peter 2:21-24)

Suffering helps us look heavenward. This world is not our home. It is a fallen, sin soaked place. It can be a place filled with pain, loneliness and sadness. Heaven is the reward for those who have put God first. The hero’s of faith 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. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, 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”. (Heb. 11:13-16) When we are down, we need to look up. God is there waiting to bring us home!

John Cooper

Important Notices

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

Sunday September 4—Bob Heath begins a class on Revelation. He states it will be lessons that will make you see that Revelation is not so mysterious.

Sanburg Care Calendar

A Care Calendar has been set up for Bryce and Jeannette Sanburg.

The ID number is: 240351
Security code—1700.

Empty Nesters News

The Empty Nesters are meeting on August 27th at Sherwood Park to attend "An Evening Under the Stars," a performance by the Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra. Bring lawn chairs and any food items. If you want to buy food at the park, they start selling Brats at 5:30 PM and the concert starts at 6:30 pm. The concert is free.

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will begin on Thursday, September 8 at 9:30 in room 103. We will be studying Beth Moore's "So Long Insecurity". If you plan to attend, please sign up on the S2S bulletin board so we can order you a book.

To Our Church Family

There is simply no words to express our heartfelt thanks you have extended toward our family during this time of tragic loss. Please know we greatly appreciated your prayers, calls and cards. We are so blessed to be in this body of believers and are so thankful for your friendship and support,
Our love, Richard & Peg Sisco, Madelyn, Dakota & Sabree.

Dear Church Family.

It was a blessing to be with you during the celebration of Joel and Destine's marriage. Many thanks for the use of the building and the pit and all that involved—kitchen, chairs, tables, wedding decorations, helping hands, willing hearts and the golf cart! Walking around the building, I felt it wrap it's arms around me and say "welcome, I missed you." I know that it actually was the presence of good Christian hearts. Thank you for being such a loved part of our lives and such a strong foundation for Joel and Destine. God bless.

Love from Arkansas—Rowena & Marvin Trumbo

Prayers of thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Potter twins!! Pray for Reece to soon be able to go home with His sister! And for mom and dad and the family as they raise these little ones.

Pray for Tuttie Delancey's cousin who is in ICU in Tennessee. Pray for his healing and comfort.

Pray for those in Louisiana who are affected by the floods. Especially for Mark Brassette's sister and family who are in the flood area. Pray for them and the others that are victims of the flood waters.
Also pray for the victims of the fires and extreme heat both in Colorado and other states.

Pray for Thelma Davis's friend in Ca, Carol who is having heart issues. Pray for healing and comfort for her and for her family.

Matt King had someone who requested prayers for a lady who was severely burned. Pray for her comfort and healing. She will have a long treatment and recovery period I am sure and will need prayers for some time for healing and also for comfort as burn treatments are painful.

Tim Riddle has requested prayers for wisdom to develop better relationships with God and all others in his life. and wisdom to recognize God's will for their life, especially for work. Please remember Tim in your prayers and ask for God to grant him the wisdom in the areas he feels he needs.

Pray for our latest member of the Lord's family, Jordan, as he begins his journey with God. Pray for him to grow closer to God and walk with him throughout his life. The angels are rejoicing as are we for this important decision he has made!

Continue to pray for Tom and Robin English, Bryce and Jeannette Sanburg, David Moore, Bob Tucker and Shane Briggs

Prayers for Johnna Connell as she settles into her new home in Texas.

Prayers of thanksgiving to our loving God for answered prayers and for His abiding presence with each of us. Give Him the honor and praise and thanksgiving that is truly His alone.

Pray for Tuttie Delancey's 17 yr old cousin. He is in ICU in Tennessee with a blood clot in his lung. Pray they will be able to dissolve it and for his healing. Also for comfort for him in the process. Pray for strength for his family.

Please continue to pray for Melody Haight's neighbor, Lou Andre, who has lung cancer and it apparently is spreading. He is home from the hospital but is not doing well. Pray for his comfort and strength and for healing if it's the Lord's will.

YOUTH NEWS

Huddles:
August 21 - no Huddle

September 3 - no Huddle

August 28 - 6-8 pm at the Home of Michael and Kathy Applebee (454 Chatfield Ln - GJ 81504) Invite a friend and bring \$3 if you can to help cover pizza!



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For the Record

August 14, 2016

Attendance	235
Weekly Contributions 8/14/16	\$4,922.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$5,846.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

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

Communion Preparation—August

S. Boyle, D Fiske/Turner

Communion Table 8/21/16

Bo Hill

Announcements

August 21—Bob Heath

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

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

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

John Cooper—Auditorium
 Singing Class—103

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 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