



# Real Life News & Notes

*church of Christ of Grand Junction*

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

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## Real Life

Often someone will ask about the title of our bulletin- "Real Life". The title has two meanings to me. First, our bulletin contains information about events and activities that are really happening in real life. People get sick and need prayers, people die and need comfort, people get married and want to share their happy day, people have birthdays and anniversaries, and so on and so forth. Also, our church family has times for special events and activities. We have requests for things and we plan for things. So, this bulletin informs us of real people, real happenings-real life.

Second, this bulletin is about finding "real life" in Jesus. In John 10:10 Jesus said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." In Greek there are two words that I am aware of for our English word "life". "Bios" refers to things that are physically alive. We get the word "biology"-the study of life, from "bios" and "logos" (word, study). The other word is "zoe". John, in his gospel, uses this word to describe what "real life" really is. Finding God, peace, purpose, joy, fullness, love, eternity-is really living! 1:4- "In Him (Jesus) was life..." 3:16- "whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." 6:33- "For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." We are really living when we are living in and for Jesus! How is your life? Are you alive (bios) but not really living (zoe)? Find Jesus and live!

Really living, John

## Youth Schedule

**No huddle tonight:** We've started our every other week huddle schedule, so make sure you make good use of this time and do something constructive! Tonight you should come to the **ice cream social at 6pm in the pit!**

**Pit on Wednesday:** Fall is on its way but we are still enjoying meeting together in the pit on Wednesday nights! Please join us at **7pm** for dinner and a devo!

**Looking to help out around the church?** There are people in need who could use help with things like mowing, cleaning, etc. If you would like to find a way to help, contact Brian!

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

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

## Our Gathering Today

**Guests:** If you are a guest today we welcome you with open hearts and arms. We are a loving group of flawed but forgiven Christians who seek to be more and more like Jesus everyday. Join us on our journey!

**Sermon:** Today, Scott Ferguson and I will be co-preaching and we are excited about the topic: "**Freedom of Forgiving!**" We have been working on it together all week and it is our prayer that the words God speaks through us will fall on open and soft hearts and we will come to understand better the liberating power of not only being forgiven, but of forgiving. May we be blessed and encouraged by our Gathering this morning!

**New Members:** Go to our website and look at our Church Orientation Info. Click "**About**" and then "**What we Believe.**"

**Listen on our web page to any sermons you missed: [grandjunctionchurch.org](http://grandjunctionchurch.org)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We are collecting change** for Mountain States Children's home again this year. Please place your extra change in the cans and return them to the church office by November 3rd. If you have any questions please contact Chuck Tourney.

**Today 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** - Children being promoted today will go directly to their new classes. Congratulations to the kids for their faithfulness and 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 today immediately after services in Room 103.

### Thank You

To all of you who prepared and served the lovely lunch for Marie Branson's memorial service. It was yummy, lovely, thoughtful and so appreciated. Our sincere thank you!  
*Susan & Ed Branson*

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Our family would like to thank you for all your love and support given at the loss of our mother. Also, for the love and care extended to her over the years. Thank You.  
*The family of Marie Branson*

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Thank you for the cards, food, and encouragement during the loss of our son, Brian Mathews. It was very much appreciated—*Verlyn & Theresa Mathews & Family*

### Sunday Schedule & Song List Brian Peacock—Song Leader

Lord Reign In Me

**Children's verse**

**Announcements**

**Meet and greet**

Lord Reign In Me

Christ For The World We Sing (#626)

10,000 Reasons

A Shield About Me

**The Lord's Supper**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (#48)

**Offering**

Listen To Our Hearts (#810)

**Children dismissed**

I Am Resolved (#948)

**Sermon**

Salvation Belongs To Our God

**Shepherd's blessing**

### Wednesday p.m. Women's Bible Study

The class will begin on Sept. 18 in Room 103. The women will continue their study of women of the Bible. The lesson on Sept. 18 will be taken from 1st Samuel 1:1-7, a look at Peninnah. All women are invited to participate. Shirlene Caraway will lead the study.

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

Please pray for the VEJRASKA family in the loss of their 7 yr old daughter Kalea to a brain tumor. Continue to pray for the other families that have lost loved ones in the past few weeks.

LORENE TOURNEY....Chuck's mom...broke her arm in a fall, pray for complete healing for her and for comfort as it heals.

TEDDY GOODNER.....pray for the treatment decisions she will be making soon. She is thanking God for answering prayer, that it was not cancer.

JOHN AKERS...Pray for comfort and a successful procedure on his esophagus , it was to be on Wed of this past week.

LORI AND MATT (her son) Jan Nelsons friend. Continue to pray for Matt that they will be able to treat and help his health issues and the tumor on his thyroid

BILL TIDWELL.... pray for complete recovery.

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

JOE WADDELL....(Smith/Briggs neighbor) pancreatic cancer, continue to pray the treatment will work and for comfort for him and his family. They are very thankful for our prayers...and our concern.

EARL DUBOSE... and his family need our continued prayers as the disease progresses and many decisions have to be made. Pray for strength and peace for him and the family.

MARTIN FAMILY...friends of Wade's ....Sage, yr old, is undergoing a kidney transplant...her 10 yr old brother has already had one..pray for a successful surgery for her and for strength, peace and comfort for her and the whole family....and healing and recovery for her

AMBER... battling breast cancer

VINCENT PARRA... osteosarcoma.

TOM DECKER.. esophageal cancer.

VERLYN MATHEWS...pray for his recovery from several health issues...and for peace for them in the loss of Brian.

Pray for the fire fighters, there are many fires burning in a number of places.

Pray for their safety and for their success in putting the fires out. Pray also for the victims of the fires...who either lost loved ones or homes and property.

Pray for all the students of all grades and college as they return to classrooms.(as well as for their parents) Pray for the teachers and others that will be impacting their lives...may what they are taught be in accordance with God's will. For God to watch over them and keep them all safe .

Pray for our church family ....that all we do, say or even think will bring glory to God and help and comfort to others, both physical and spiritual. For us to always put God first in our lives ...all day, every day.

Pray for a special blessing on those serving in the military....for safety and strength, for comfort and that their religious rights will not be taken away.( which is slowly happening in many circumstances) Also for their families as they wait for their loved ones return home.

Continue to pray for our nation, for its leaders and for leaders around the world. Pray they will rule in a way that would allow us to live peaceful and secure lives. Pray for all the leaders of our nations leaders that they will lead in a way that God can bless them and our nation. Our prayers are important for the future of 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

Many think it a divine right to have all our questions answered. The media demands answers regardless the consequences: ***The people have a right to know!*** Even followers of Jesus can get trapped in the paralyzing cycle of always needing an answer.

An interesting discussion occurs in Mark 11. Jesus had been going about his kingdom business of healing, teaching, and otherwise attempting to change the long held erroneous views about God and His kingdom. These bold acts did not set well with the religious establishment so they asked Jesus, "**Who gave you the authority to do this.**" Jesus responds, "**Ok, I'll play, but first let me ask you a question. Was John's baptism from Heaven or men?**" Either way the Jews replied would place them in an awkward position. They knew they were trapped and tried to weasel out by giving a non-answer, "**We don't know.**" And you've got to love Jesus' response: "**Fine, then neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.**" In other words, "**You won't answer me, I won't answer you!**"

There are times and reasons we don't get the answers for our life struggle, job choice, family problem, relationship issue, theological, or life questions. Yes, we want solutions. We want answers. We want the truth and often want it now! Jesus might be implying what Colonel Jessup said in that classic re-run, *A Few Good Men*: "**You can't handle the truth!**"

Jesus wants us to trust him today, this moment. He knows we are at our best as humans when we live a life of conviction despite hardship, a life of trust when instinct screams otherwise, a life of faith, service and love absent the answers we feel we need to resolve our pressing, personal mystery before moving on with life. May the depth of our trust usurp the desire for complete understanding, full disclosure, and immediate answers (**Proverbs 3:5**).

Remember, Jesus is constantly mentoring us to become like him, the perfect human. What might we learn by Jesus saying, "**You are going to have to live without that answer right now.**" We know God will bring about good from the struggle, the challenge. Jesus knows that some answers could be harmful (like knowing the future or the ever elusive "Why?"). Jesus diagnoses our greatest needs and allows us to wrestle with the unanswered question in order to build trust and dependence upon God. The quest for answers and truth is a noble pursuit. Yet Jesus realizes that an unanswered question, instead of frustrating us, should actually coach us into magnify the glorious mystery of God in our hearts as it generates a wonder and awe that will equip us for whatever challenges we face right now.

May it be enough that we can "**Be still and know that he is God.**"(Psalm 46:10). May we persist in living at the speed of God and perhaps we will be blessed with some answers along the way.



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### For the Record

August 4, 2013

Attendance	255
Average Attendance, 2nd qtr.	249
Contributions	\$5,982.00
Budget	\$6,208.96

### Communion Preparation—August

Sue Boyle/Della Turner

### Communion Table 8/25/13

Scott Bradley

### 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

Aug 25	Jerry Austin, Scott Delancy	Mark 3:13-19
Sept 1	Scott Ferguson, Dave Scheurman	Mark 3:31-35
Sept 8	Bobby Heath, Dane Jennings	Mark 4:1-20
Sept 15	Chuck Tourney, Bud Treu	Mark 4:21-25
Sept 22	Bill Tidwell, Wes Yeager	Mark 4:26-34
Sept 29	Bob Heath, Daran Mahoney	Mark 4:35-41
Oct 6	Jerry Austin, Scott Delancy	Mark 5:1-20
Oct 13	Hunt Zumwalt, Steve Bagga	Mark 5:21-43
Oct 20	Scott Ferguson, Dave Scheurman	Mark 6:1-6
Oct 27	Bobby Heath, Dane Jennings	Mark 6:7-13

### Psalm 95 :7 ( NIV)

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