

SEPT. 1, 2013



Real Life News & Notes

church of Christ of Grand Junction

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Big Day Coming! - Sunday, September 29

Hard to believe it is September already. At the end of this month we have a really big day planned for our congregation. I would ask that you begin praying, planning and inviting others to attend on Sunday, September 29. John Clayton, former atheist, now a Christian and a defender of faith in God will be with us. He will be delivering four talks on the topic "Does God Exist". Plans are for him to speak to the adult Bible classes, preach during the morning worship hour and then share two more talks in the afternoon (at approximately 1 and 2 p.m.- depending on how long it takes for us to eat and clean up). Some of you will remember John from several years ago in what was one of our best attended outreach efforts in recent memory. He will be delivering different lectures from what he did last time so you won't want to miss any of them. You might also recall that John married one of our members Cynthia (Gift) who will be with him this time.

Between the morning and afternoon sessions we are planning a pork and chicken BBQ for our agape Sunday celebration. At this time we will also be honoring all the new members of our congregation from this last year. All who attend the meal are asked to bring a side dish to share with others. This will be a great time of faith building and fellowship. I am excited about what God is doing through us and for this opportunity for us to grow in the faith and to learn how better to share our faith!

God bless you, John Cooper

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Memory Verse For September 1 John 5:4

This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

Our Gathering Today

Sermon: This morning we will begin a mini-series on "self-control." I was asked to teach a Wed. class on this topic as a part of our summer "Fruit of the Spirit" series," but we ran out of Wednesdays. So instead, I will expand my notes and lead us through a study together on what God has to say about it. I hope this will challenge, convict and inspire us to live "missionally" (see Sips from the well article this week).

Guests: Thank you for being here this morning! Please greet a guest and/or discover someone's name you don't know. It doesn't matter that they have been attending for 30 years and you don't know them...apparently they don't know you either! **If you are a guest we welcome you!**

I am proud of this church family and blessed to be a small part of what God is doing in and through us.

See grandjunctionchurch.org for bulletin, announcements, events, sermons and other helpful info!

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.

Thank You

Larry Ball gives a grateful thanks for all the cards and well wishes during his 80th birthday celebration.

To my church family for the prayers, encouragement and the ones who took the time to visit me in the hospital and Larchwood recovering from my knee surgery. I truly thank you. As for the quilt from the quilting ladies, thank you from the bottom of my heart. I had many compliments as to the great workmanship and beauty put into making it. Again I thank all of you and may God bless each and every one of you.—*Love, Bill Tidwell*

EEM Special Contribution

The date for the special contribution for EEM (Eastern European Missions) is Sunday October the 6th. Also, Doug Clayton is going on a mission trip to Singapore next February to help Brandi and Penny Kendall at the Sunset International Bible Institute. Anyone who would like to help Doug financially with this trip can do so by placing a check in the collection plate on Sunday morning during the coming months and designating it for Doug Clayton - Singapore.

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.

Adult Bible Class

Bob Heath will start a bible study on Wednesday evenings on Sept. 4th. The study will be on Jesus miracle and parables.

Homeless Meal

We will not be serving the homeless meal at Homeward Bound tomorrow evening due to it being Labor day. Instead, we have provided the funds for the shelter to purchase and serve it themselves.

Abilene Christian University Homecoming

Bobby Heath will be taking the van to ACU on Oct. 17—20 for Homecoming as well as a stop-over at Lubbock Christian. If you are interested in taking this trip, see Bobby Heath ASAP for details.

Order of Worship—9/1/13

All Hail King Jesus #178

Kids Vs / Announcements / Greeting Time

All Hail King Jesus Reprise

Call to Worship: Lane

On Zion's Glorious Summit #227
 Let God Arise Screen
 Great Is Thy Faithfulness #57
 Here In This Place Screen
 How Deep The Father's Love Screen

Communion

Low In The Grave #344
 (Vs 1-3 then chorus)

Offering (Wonderful Merciful Savior) Screen

Dismiss Children's Church

Days of Elijah Screen

Message: Doug

O Heart Bowed Down With Sorrow #932

Shepherd's Blessing and Dismissal

Special Prayer Requests

Sips From The Well—Doug Clayton

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Continue to pray for all of the families that have lost loved ones recently...for God's comfort and peace.

GAVIN WHITLOCK...pray for him as he was diagnosed with advanced cancer.

Pray for Melissa Richardson's uncle VERNON CHESNUTT who has had a stroke.

Pray for healing and comfort. RUBY MORRILL...pray for her comfort and peace and for the decisions that will be made as to her future care. She is in Family Health West in Fruita.

CAROLYN DEBERRY...pray for continued healing and for peace and comfort. Pray for the Eastern European Missions as we prepare to send a contribution to them for Bibles. Pray that through this mission many will be led to Christ.

Also be in prayer about the mission that Doug is considering for next year in Singapore. Pray for God's will to be done.

Pray for traveling safety for those on the road. Especially at this time the CARAWAYS who are on vacation and SANDI GUS-TAFSON who is going to Italy and Switzerland.

Also continue to pray for healing and comfort for the following as they are still recovering from their health issues

LORENE TOURNEY...broken arm

TEDDY GOODNER...lung problems

JOHN AKERS...procedure on esophagus

BILL TIDWELL...complete recovery from surgery

Lori and MATT (her son) Jan Nelsons friend...tumor on his thyroid

JOE WADDELL...(Smith/Briggs neighbor) pancreatic cancer

EARL DUBOSE...(Shelda Briggs father) progressive neurological disease

MARTIN FAMILY...friends of Wade's continued healing for Sage and the family...kidney transplants. They are praising God that things are going well.

AMBER... battling breast cancer.

VINCENT PARRA... osteosarcoma.

VERLYN MATHEWS... healing of his many health issues.

VICKY BIOCIC – Recent Back surgery. Pray that she has freedom from pain and that her healing will be speedy.

Pray for the FIRE FIGHTERS... Pray for their safety and for their success in putting the fires out. Pray also for the victims of the fires.

LOU OLREE—She is in Community Hospital. Dr's are not sure what is wrong at this time. Keep her in your prayers that it is not serious.

Pray for the leaders to come to know God. Pray for Divine guidance for us and our leaders.

Give praise and thanksgiving to God for the much needed rains that he has sent recently.

Pray for our missionaries. They are listed on the back of the birthday insert in the bulletin. Keep them before the Lord.

Add Chelsea to the list as she goes on her mission of signing.

Also pray for the missionaries that are serving in areas where their life and safety are in danger. For the persecuted church around the world.

Pray for our newest Christians, who have been baptized in recent months...pray that they won't let the devil discourage them, ask God to protect them from the evil one...and encourage them.

The word "missional" has become a common religious buzzword. Its one thing to stick a phrase on a letterhead or marquee and hope by some miracle a church actually becomes **that**. *It's quite another matter for each individual disciple of Christ to live life with deliberate intent to bring the kingdom of heaven to earth in everything they do, every day.* Christopher Wright said it like this: **"It is not so much that God has a mission for his church in the world, but that God has a church for his mission in the world."**

Christian churches have long defined our mission as "To seek and save the lost." That's a noble and even *Jesus sounding* phrase. However, it's ironic that most churches have leaned toward doing just the opposite. Instead of being churches that "Go and be, seek and save," too many have become exclusive, protective institutions that beckon, "Come and see. Come and experience. Come and do it correctly."

When **we become the mission**, our focus turns outward and we join God in what He is doing in the world, now! For too long Western churches have subscribed (erroneously IMO) to the Enlightenment mindset that all things are pointing exclusively and only to a post-resurrection existence composed of disembodied spirits (us) who go to place far, far away called "Heaven" and participate in some kind of eternal church service. **Doesn't sound much like heaven to me!** And the assumption has been that this "Heaven" has no connection to what we experience on earth and what God is doing on earth right now. Consequently, we excuse ourselves from **being** and **doing today** as we wait for that *yonder* home in the sky completely removed from earth. If we can catch a glimpse of what Jesus saw as he continually sought to bring heaven and earth together (Matt. 6:10) we may realize the implications of the resurrection are far broader and more glorious than we imagined.

When Jesus broke free from the grave he had accomplished much more than defeating death. The Lamb's victory over the tomb is a call to his followers to act now, on earth. **Every gesture of compassion, child rescued, water well purified, marriage transformed, truth told, 2nd mile traveled, judgment withheld, grace extended, is revealing itself as the way it was always intended to be on earth and will be again after the resurrection.**

Each incident of truth, goodness, and love, right now, no matter how small, is a piece of Jehovah's majestic redeeming puzzle gradually bringing heaven and earth ever closer together until that day when He wonderfully restores all things and unites heaven and earth in a real place; not where disembodied spirits float around on clouds playing harps, but where the redeemed actually live again (just like Jesus did) in resurrected, glorified, imperishable bodies (**I Cor. 15**), inhabiting a **"new heaven-earth home"** (**2 Peter 3:13**), enjoying a perfected and restored condition beyond our wildest imagination. Now there's a reason to live missionally!



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For the Record

August 25, 2013

Attendance	264
Average Attendance, 2nd qtr.	249
Contributions	\$5,692.00
Budget	\$6,208.96

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in September

Marvin Trumbo
A.J. Urbina
Vince Urbina
Dan Vorse
Parish Williams
Rick Wilkins
Scott Webb
Jeff Yeager

Communion Preparation—September

Susan Towles

Communion Table 9/1/13 Frank Lucero

Announcements: Ron Wilson

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

Curtis Fleming—Auditorium
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207
Sign Language Class—Room 103

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Bob Heath—Jesus Miracles & Parables—Auditorium
Shirlene Caraway—(Starts Sept. 18)-----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 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

Sept 1	Scott Ferguson, Dave Scheuerman	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.”