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

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Our Gathering Today



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Elder of Month

Rick Wilkins

Feeding on the Word (the sermon)

Fixing our eyes on Jesus! This morning **Curtis Fleming** will preach for us. His text will be **Hebrews 12:2**. We are blessed with an abundance of capable preachers and I am thankful that some of them can fill in for me from time to time. Curtis and Keri are valuable parts of our church family and serve as one of our Youth Deacon couples. As you know, they, along with Lesa and Mark Brassette and Sheri and Bobby Heath are currently very prayerfully busy as they head up our Youth Minister search process and fill the gaps working with our teen ministry right now. Keep them in your prayers. I know you will be blessed By God's message through Curtis' this morning!

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.

Friendly and Hospitable: I am very thankful that so many of you are always on the lookout for new faces and especially college age kids who may be away from home. Just this week I heard one of our youth ministry grads who went off to college, attended a very large church and no one spoke to or greeted them and it broke their heart. Of course this can happen to us as sometime guests or newcomers might slip in and out or through the cracks but let's continue to do all we can to be welcoming, hospitable, and **step away from our seat and circle of familiar faces to find and recognize those new among us each week**. Share the love, feel the fellowship! Proud of you church!

Oops

Last Sunday in my ***Sips from the well*** article reminding us of 4 things our Shepherds need to hear (I am praying for you and your family. I trust you. I am excited about and invested in our future), the last one was accidentally omitted in the printing process. Here it is...

"Thank you! Those two words can change a day, alter an attitude, turn a frown into a smile, infuse light and hope, lighten a load and bring joy to anyone, and especially an elder. We know from experience that it is hard to be critical when we are thankful and expressing gratitude to God and others. Make it a habit to thank a shepherd for their love of the flock and their spiritual leadership as they guard our souls!"

May God's favor be upon us as we honor him, love each other and graciously consider our Shepherds."

"Love One Another"

Memory Verse For September: Hebrews 11:6

"anyone who comes to God must believe that he exists"

Labor Day

Labor Day. A federal Holiday since 1894. I remember well when it was officially instituted. Not really, I am not that old. But it has been around a long time. As I understand it, this day is to celebrate labor and honor the American worker. I guess labor Unions had something to do with it becoming a Holiday. Anyway, somewhat ironically, Labor Day is a day when many people don't work.

The Bible has much to say about the value of labor. In fact, even before the Fall, Adam and Eve had the blessing of labor. "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it" Genesis 2:15. Though after the Fall it seems things got a whole lot harder, work is itself is not necessarily a curse and it can even be a blessing. How so you ask?

What are some positive aspects to work?

Work can bring satisfaction and fulfillment. "I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil-this is the gift of God" (Ecclesiastes 3:12, 13).

Work can benefit us directly. God said to Adam, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden:" (Genesis 2:16). Ever had a garden or orchard? How nice it is to eat fresh vegetables or fruit from your own efforts.

Work can benefit others as well. Paul wrote to Timothy, "Those who have believing masters are not to show less respect for them because they are brothers. Instead, they are to serve them even better, because those who benefit from their service are believers, and dear to them." (I Timothy 6:2).

Work can bring unity and togetherness. I heard a saying, "a kicking mule can't pull and a pulling mule can't kick." What kind of mule are we? The exiles who returned to Jerusalem from captivity worked together to rebuild Jerusalem's walls. "So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart" Nehemiah 4:6. They all benefited from their labor together.

Work brings eternal rewards. "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free" (Ephesians 6:7,8).

So let's truly celebrate the blessings of labor. Thank God that He gave us constructive, worthwhile things to involve ourselves in while we are here on earth. Ultimately may all our work be for Him.

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that you labor in the Lord is not in vain" (I Corinthians 15:58)

A co-laborer in the kingdom, John Cooper

Important Notices

"Help! We are looking for volunteers for greeting and information sharing. We need help greeting, showing, and telling newcomers about the Grand Junction Church of Christ. We are looking for people who have been here long enough to know where the bathrooms are. If you meet the qualifications please contact Bob or Susan Howard or Roy or Cathy Karo"

More information to follow.

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.

New Adult Bible Classes Start in September

Sunday, September 4—Bob Heath in Room 103, on Revelation.

Auditorium—Wes Yeager on Authority of Bible.

Bill Wade will start a class in October and Vince Urbina will start in November. Subject matter is not available at this time.

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will meet today in the fellowship hall at 1 PM. Kathy Karo will be doing a demonstration on making "Nature Critturs" out of "Natures materials". Everyone is invited.

Christmas Play Auditions

Be part of Stars in the Christmas Eve Sky – a one act Christmas play set in the Stellar Departure Department of heaven. We need back stage crew and actors of all ages. Auditions will be at 4 pm Sunday, September 11, in the auditorium. The performances will be the first two weekends in December. More information is available at the desk or see Kathy Applebee.

Pray for **Ron Wilson** as he has had surgery for more skin cancer. Pray the surgery will be successful in removing the cancer. Pray for comfort, strength and peace for Ron and his family.

Pray for **Mary Clayton** as she is off to Spain to teach and study. Pray for her safety in travels and while she is there. Pray for God to watch over and bless her during her time there.

Pray for comfort and peace for the **family of Bryce Sanburg** who left us for his heavenly home this past week. He will be greatly missed by all.

Thanksgiving for safe travel for **Sandy and Farrel Harris** in their travels to Mozambique and home.

Pray for **Tiffany Antwine** who has been hospitalized with a blood clot in her lungs. Pray for the clot to be dissolved without any complications. Pray for her comfort and strength and peace for her family!

Pray for **Trisha Yeager** as she heads off to school. Pray for safety in travel as she and her mom drive to Oregon soon. Pray for her as she adjusts to working and studying. Pray for God to bless her each day with the needs of the day.

Pray for **Megan Bricker** as she travels to and from Glasgow, Scotland. Pray for safety in travel and while there. And for God to bless, guide and protect her while she is away. Pray for her family while she is far away from them!

Pray for **Kyle Morgan and Tiffany** as they work through the struggles they are experiencing in their lives. Pray for them to allow God to guide them and help them work out the difficulties.

Continued prayers for Karl Antwine's Aunt **Ella Franzitta** as she has cancer. Pray for her comfort and peace and for her family.

Continued prayers for **Shane Briggs** as he continues to struggle with MDS acute leukemia. God has been with him through this difficult time because of your prayers. He is about through the first phase of treatment...but has a long road ahead, as they never know what the next day will bring. We are thankful the blood numbers are coming up. Pray if he can have a bone marrow transplant that they will find a match and his body will not reject it.

Pray for **Tom and Robin English** as they deal with Tom's health issues. Also for their daughter Christy who was diagnosed with Hashimoto disease.

Pray for our church family here that we all will be the ambassadors for Christ that God wants us to be.

Prayers of thanksgiving to our loving God who answers prayers and watches over us.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

September 4 - No Huddle

September 11 - At the home of John & Holly Cooper (2376 S. San Miguel Dr. - GJ 81507) Bring a friend and kids bring drinks or desserts!

September 18 - No Huddle

September 25 - At the Fortneys' - This is in Whitewater. We will be taking the church van for those who need a ride! More details next week.

Middles Lunch Munch

Sunday, **September 18**, after morning worship, the Middles are making a lunch run to the mall food court. Bring some lunch money. We are taking the van and we'll return to the building around 1. See the Brassettes with questions.

Wanna host a Huddle? Holler at Les@Brassette.com!



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For the Record

August 28, 2016

Attendance	239
Weekly Contributions 8/28/16	\$4,061.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$5,380.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

Communion Preparation—September

Susan Towles

Communion Table 9/4/16

Matt King

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in September

Matt Bruens
 Ryan Fleming
 Colton Fortney
 Kaydin Gerber
 Alex Hoffman
 Jordan Lemons
 Ty Roberts
 James Soria
 Luke Urbin
 Jaimen Wright
 Keagan Wright

Announcements

September 4—Mike Hurd

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

Wes Yeager Auditorium
 Bob Heath 103
 Young Adult (Under 30) Room 207

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 Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

John Cooper Auditorium
 Singing 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

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