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# Real Life News & Notes

## *Patterson Road church of Christ*

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

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### Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

#### Valuable

Chipotle restaurant uses their paper bags and cups as billboards for positive and inspiring messages. Their premise comes in the form of a question: **“Must a cup or a bag suffer an existence that is limited to just one humble purpose, defined merely by its simple function?”** In other words, *a bag can do more than just hold stuff!* The following brown bag parable found its way to my kitchen counter recently (edited slightly):

The legend tells of a man who carried water every day to his village using two large buckets tied on either end of a piece of wood, which he placed across his shoulders. One of the buckets was quite old and was full of tiny cracks and every time the man came back from the well half the water in the old bucket was lost. For two years the man made the same journey. The younger bucket, always confident he was up to the task as he perched on the other side of the beam always returned to the man’s house full of water, with seldom a drop lost. The older bucket, even though he knew his cracks were the result of long years of hard work, was ashamed and sad that it could now only return to the man’s house less than half full.

So ashamed was the old bucket that one day while the man was preparing to fill it up with water from the well decided to speak to the man. *“I wish to apologize dear sir, due to my age and cracks you are only able to return with half the water you fill me with, and thus quench only half the thirst awaiting you in your house.”* The man replied to the old bucket, *“When we go back be sure to take a careful look at the path.”* The old bucket did as the man asked and noticed many plants and flowers growing along his side of the path.

*“Do you see how much more beautiful your side of the road is?”* The man replied. *“I knew you had cracks, but I decided to take advantage of them so I planted seeds along that side of the pathway and you faithfully watered them for me each day. I’ve picked dozens of beautiful flowers to decorate my house, and my wife and children have lettuce, carrots, and melons to eat. If it were not for your cracks I could never have blessed by family like this.”*

**“God’s power is made perfect in our weakness!” (2 Corinthians 12:9)** We all have cracks and flaws and yet if we are willing to allow God to carry us along the pathway of faith each day He will use our weaknesses to adorn, bless and benefit his kingdom. In the body of Christ we are all valuable. We all have something to offer because the Holy Spirit works in spite of our inadequacies. We are reminded by abundant grace to never underestimate God’s ability to beautifully and purposefully use us in ways we seldom notice or comprehend. Despite our cracks, we may very well be unknowingly watering God’s garden. **Are you daily open to God using you as he pleases? What will that look like in you today?**

Memory Verse For September— James 4: 10

‘Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up’.

## ***Our Gathering Today***

### **Feeding on the Word!**

*This morning we continue in our **Jesus Encounters** study as we walk through the **Miracles in Mark's Gospel**. As Jesus is teaching in a house, the roof suddenly gives way and a paralyzed man is lowered inside. Jesus is at his best as he not only again demonstrates his power and authority, but ups the stakes significantly as he makes an implicit yet not so subtle claim about who He is really is. Crazy, wonderful story! See you in **Mark chapter 2** in a few minutes!*

### **Welcome Guests!** (Guest WiFi is available)

Thank you for being here this morning! We trust you will be blessed and encouraged by our simple Christ centered gathering. We have a Kid friendly/age appropriate program during the assembly **for kids from 3 years to 3rd grade** (we dismiss them just before the sermon). We also have a staffed nursery for younger ones, and a private "cry/nursing" room with an audio feed at the back of the auditorium behind the glass.

Please let us get to know you!

*[If you would like to know more about us go to [grandjunctionchurch.org](http://grandjunctionchurch.org) and click on the "About" tab and then "What we believe."]*

### **Acts of Service...The Face of Jesus**

**Thank you!! To our Communion prep people** who get here early for a month of Sundays and with loving hands and hearts prepare the emblems of bread and juice to be shared together in our assembly. People also clean and put away the trays afterward. It can be too easy to take for granted those little gifts we routinely receive from others. Yet, if it came time for the **Lord's Supper** and there was no bread and wine in the trays we would all look about and suddenly be reminded of the obvious... *Wow, it actually takes people with servant hearts to deliberately make a choice, adjust their schedule, plan, sign up, show up early, and do those little "Angel deeds" that bless the body on a regular basis. Thank you!! God knows your names and so do we, but this week the Angels shall remain anonymous :-)*

## ***'Love One Another!'***

### **New Members Event**

LADIES! S2S will have an event for all women to meet new members on September 22 at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. We're encouraging anyone new to the congregation to get to know us. It will be a great way for women in ministries looking for help to get new members involved. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to help, contact Karen Wade, Glenda Scheuerman or Jenna Hill.

### **Adult Bible Class Starts Sunday September 6**

Bob Heath begins an adult class on September 6 in the auditorium. Title of a 13 part series of lessons is "Getting To Know God Better".

### **Ladies Bible Class Starts**

LADIES. New Bible class starting September 10 at 9:30 in room 207. We will be doing a workbook study on "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World". To get a workbook before the first class, there is a sign-up sheet on the S2S bulletin board. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Bible Class Begins on Sept. 13**

Ron Wilson begins a Bible Class in Room 103 on September 13. Title is "A Second Look At The Second Coming".

### **Adult Wednesday Evening Class**

David Scheuerman will be continuing the Wednesday evening class with a series of video's on "The Promised Land".

### **Creative Christian Art Guild**

The Guild will meet today at 1 PM. There will be a demo on wire weaving for jewelry. And on September 10, after Ladies Bible Class the Guild will go to lunch together and on to Angelos to make jewelry.

### **Special Prayer Request**

Charlotte Bowhay had knee replacement surgery last week. Pray for her quick recovery.

### **Life Groups Meeting**

There will be a training and orientation for all life groups leaders on Sunday, September 20 in Room 202. See John Cooper for details or if you cannot attend.

### **Life Groups Update**

Just a reminder that our shepherds are encouraging all of us to get involved with a Life Group this Fall. They have asked me to organize and coordinate this program so I am asking you for your help and participation. These groups are a great way to get to know others in our congregation and also a place that you can ask your friends to a non-threatening, enjoyable home group Bible study. Presently, we still need group leaders and host homes. Groups can decide on the subject matter for their Bible study, the monthly schedule and make-up of the group meetings. Please see me if you would like to lead a group or host a group. Thanks for your help, John Cooper

### **Saipan Typhoon Relief Update**

Thank you so much for your help with sending funds to the church of Christ on Saipan as they recover from several recent powerful typhoons. Individuals from our congregation sent \$ 2,220. so far. Praise God. Below are some words of thanks from the Saipan church relayed through Lodi Park, one of the ladies who attends this church.

### **Great Thanks**

Hi, I received the check you sent thru Boyet. Thanks alot for the generosity and thoughtfulness. Now, we are still holding up on the current status of Saipan but we are moving forward. Some parts of Saipan has stoplights on and power.hope it get to normal soon. Fema, red cross and local government are helping the residents who are most affected..we also received food assistance from food stamps office...gasoline distribution is normal..water comes daily for an hour...we are so thankful... Best regards and thanks again. Loida

The Saipan church of christ received all the assistance from Guam and Colorado. They will meet this coming week to discuss how to disburse the said fund to all affected members. All brethren from Saipan would like to extend their thanks to all for the financial support. God bless, loida

## Special Prayer Requests

Thank you for your continuing support of all those who have requests for prayers. It is really important for us all to pray for one another. God hears and answers, so your prayers are very important....and appreciated by all.

Pray for Curtis Fleming's brother Billy, who has colon cancer. Pray for comfort, and healing for him. And for comfort and peace for his family. Pray for the doctors and those taking care of him, that they will make right decisions as to treatments and they will do what is best for him.

Pray for a friend of Bob Howard's, A.D. , who has lung cancer. Pray for his healing and comfort and for his family also. Pray for wisdom for the medical people who are taking care of him so their decisions will be the right ones.

Pray for the Treu's daughter who has breast cancer. Pray for healing, and comfort. Pray that those who are taking care of her will do the things that will be best for her healing.

Pray for Macy Fleming and the group that are traveling to Uruguay for the semester. Pray for safety while traveling there and back, and for safety and protection while they are there. Pray it will be a good experience and much good will come from it....for them and others. Pray for the families while they are away.

Pray for Ella Peterson, the aunt of Jean Delancey. She fell and is in hospital and will be there for at least 3 weeks. She is 86 years old and is severely injured.

Pray for the man and wife that had a motorcycle accident and who Rick and Jill stopped to help until the ambulance arrived. Pray their injuries were not serious or life threatening and for healing for them....and comfort for their family.

Pray for travel safety for all those who are going away to school....and for the families as they take them and return. Give them all safety and peace. Also pray for those who have visited us lately from various places, that they too, will have safe trips back to their homes. Thanksgiving that they stopped and worshiped with us while they were here.

Thanksgiving for the two young people who were recently baptized and became a part of our family and for Cliff Deister who has joined the family here. Pray for God's blessings and guidance will be with them all....and that we will be supportive of them in whatever way we can.

Continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones recently. The Heath family, Deister/Spoering families/Briggs family/ and others you may know of.

Continue to pray for Tina Hernandez for a complete recovery from surgery for thyroid cancer., also for Jan Antwine's mother Marilyn Thomas as she recovers from her recent hip replacement surgery.

Continue to pray for Terry and Jeannie Meredith as Terry deals with heart problems., Kyle Beaver in his ongoing battle with diverticulitis.Pray for continue healing for him, pray for Reese Norton for a quick and complete recovery from recent surgery.

Continue to pray for Clarissa Tofel's father, Chas Mancil, who is fighting cancer, pray for healing and comfort for him and peace for his family. Also continue to pray for Bryce and Jeannette Sanburg as they deal with Parkinson's and other health issues. Pray for comfort and peace for them. Also remember the ones in our family who are fighting on going battles with MS or other types of diseases that are on going. Give them strength and comfort to deal with them on a day to day basis....and also for their families. Pray for continued improvement for Chuck Tourney as he recovers from his accident and the after effects.

Always pray for our military people and their families. For their safety and guidance, for their safe return from places where they are in harms way. And for the missionaries and families. For the success of their missions and for strength and wisdom as they bring the word of God to those in many dangerous places in our world today. Pray for safety for them.

Pray for the students going back to school....of all ages and grades.....pray for the teachers and administrators of the schools....that the students may be taught the things that the Lord would have them teach, and not worldly indoctrination as is taught in some places. Pray for safety for them all, and keep them safe from any kind of terrorist, foreign or domestic. Pray that our children will grow to be servants of the Lord. Pray for all those associated with the schools in any way...from driving buses to serving food and everything in between.

Pray for our church family here and for the Lord's church around the world. May we always walk in His light and bring glory to His name, as we seek to bring others to Him and the salvation that is found no where else but in him.

Pray for those who are fighting the devastating fires, and for the victims of those fires, those whose homes are destroyed or in danger of being destroyed. Pray for their safety and strength to keep on going, though many are exhausted.

Pray for those who are suffering with diseases that are not always apparent, but are just as serious as illnesses that are easily seen. ....Depression, Anxiety disorder, Panic disorder, PTSD and other types of illnesses. Or addictions to anything. Pray they can be diagnosed and treated, pray they will overcome the illness and find peace in God. Pray they will always look to God for help as they deal with these things and will find the answer in the Lord.

Raise prayers of Thanksgiving for God's love, mercy and grace which he lavishly gives to us all. Praise and Honor give to his name and recognize the blessings we receive from His hand on a daily basis.

## YOUTH NEWS

### PIT Every Wednesday Night

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM we will meet in the PIT. Every Wednesday students experience a combination of worship, games, teaching, and interaction with a dedicated small group of peers. Our goal is to create an environment where students are encouraged to make wise choices and positively influence their friends.

### Huddles

Youth Group huddles are held every other week on Sunday night. They will start at 6:00 PM and end at 8:00 PM. Huddles are a chance for our youth to build relationships with other Christians, worship our Lord and Savior, eat food and center our body, mind, heart and soul on Jesus.

September 13th: Sorias' house  
2892 Hermosa Ct. Grand Junction, CO 81506

September 27th : Jan Nelson's house the grandparents of Alex and Zoe Hoffman.

### Summit County Lock-in

Sunday, September 6th 12:00 PM we will travel to Summit County to have a lock-in with the CCYC churches. All students are invited and must pay Matt \$5 for breakfast and dinner. I need a couple drivers and chaperones; please call, text or email me if you can help. Students will need \$15 to eat on the road. We will stop for lunch on the way there and back. Please make sure your student brings a Bible, sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, and clothes. There will be no showers or mattresses available. We will return at 3 PM Monday.



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## For the Record

August 30, 2015

Attendance	310
Contributions	\$4,681.43
Budget	\$6,098.00

## Communion Preparation—September

Susan Towles

## Communion Table 9/6

Bill Barslund

## Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in September

Ray Gehrett  
Mark Gomez  
Nolan Grigsby  
Sandy Harris  
Leonard Harvey  
Kit Hatfield  
Bob Heath  
Bobby Heath

## Announcements

Sept.—Scott Ferguson  
Oct.—Dean Blanck  
Nov.—Ron Wilson

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

Bob Heath—Auditorium  
Tom Deister, Gracious Living—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 Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

David Scheurman—Auditorium  
Ladies Class—202  
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

## Sunday Morning Worship at Mesa View Retirement Center Starts At 10 A.M.

Sept. 6	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Acts 19:11-22
Sep 13	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Acts 19:23-41
Sep 20	Bill Barslund, Scott Delancey	Acts 20:1-6
Sep 27	Bill Tidwell, David Olree	Acts 20:7-12

1 Peter 1: 13—16 NIV

*"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed." As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy because I am holy."*