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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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Elder Of Month

Curtis Fleming

Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word!

This morning [Charlie DeLong](#) (our Youth minister) will preach. Charlie will continue in *Dr. Luke's gospel* and take you to [Luke 15](#) where a selfish son runs away and lives the wild life, a father welcomes him home and throws a party, and an older brother...well...you will find out! (Thank you Charlie!)

Welcome Guests!

Thank you for being with us this morning!
(Please help yourself to coffee, juice, and donuts.)

May you be spiritually fed and encouraged this morning by our simple gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share communion, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. We dismiss by about 11:30.

**View our web site at grandjunctionchurch.org and Face Book page *Church of Christ of Grand Junction* to discover a little more about us.

Faith prompts:

- **Find** one of our *college students* and take them to lunch today!!
- **Pray** for good and light to prevail in the midst of yet another devastating hurricane. Despite the ongoing pain and suffering in this fallen world God is relentlessly at work in all things to bring about good. *Let's be a part of the good that God is doing! (Some in our church family have offered to open their homes as a place of cost-free refuge to displaced families should they find their way up to Colorado...The heart of Jesus!)*
- **Pray** for another wonderful year of *Thursday School*, where each week little hearts are taught about God one letter of the alphabet at a time :-)!

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For September—Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”.

These Crazy Teens...

Let's start the way all youth ministry articles should begin, with a quote from a Greek economist about teenagers: "They only care about frivolous things. When I was a boy, we were taught to be discreet and respectful of elders, but the present youth are exceedingly... impatient of restraint." Many of you reading this are likely happily nodding your head in agreement. But here's the thing I didn't yet mention: That Greek economist is a man named Hesiod who died 650 years before Jesus was born and was a contemporary of the same Homer who wrote The Iliad and The Odyssey. The idea that teenagers these days are somehow different – or worse – isn't a new one. For pretty much as long as we have recorded history, every generation of adults has had those who complained about teenagers. The truth is, teenagers probably haven't changed as much as many want to believe. Instead, it's the world around teenagers that's changing so radically. It's a world that – by any statistical measure – has left today's teenagers more overworked and under slept than any generation of teenagers in history; and it absolutely changes the message they need to hear from their church family

Here's a fun statistic.

The average high school student reports doing three hours of homework a night. That's nearly twice as much as teenagers reported doing 15 years ago (back when I was a teenager). The largest change we've seen in teenagers is directly attributable to the world that adults have built for them. They practice more, train more, rehearse more, and study more than ever before – almost always at the behest of the adults around them. The most significant change in the teenage world is that the adults surrounding it expect teenagers to be bigger, stronger, faster, smarter, better rehearsed, and more trained than ever before. For the most part, they're doing pretty well navigating this difficult, new world. They're getting most of their homework done, nailing auditions, and making football teams even though it's literally harder to do those things than ever before. Yes, I know it's frustrating "church" seems to often get the short stick. Yes, I wish they would learn to put their relationship with Jesus ahead of their obsession with being the first-chair trombone or the starting goalie or the Valedictorian. And we'll get to all that in a little bit, but first, let's talk about sleep.

Physiologically, adolescents require a lot of sleep. It's not uncommon for a 16-year-old to actually require more sleep than a pre-adolescent 12-year-old. Many teenagers can need 8-10 hours of sleep a night. They're not getting it. What do you suppose happens when teenagers are loaded with historic levels of stress and pressure, are chronically under slept, and turn to caffeine at younger and younger ages to deal with it? Every expected outcome. Depression. Panic attacks. Anti-social behavior. Cutting. Suicide. Today's teenagers are more exhausted – physiologically, mentally, and emotionally – than any generation before them, and even though they're trying their best, it's taking a very real toll.

In the middle of all of this teenage stress and commitment is an unbelievable opportunity for the church to reach these teens if we'll just stop to realize that it's there. Every teacher wants teenagers to study more. Every coach wants teenagers to practice more. Every director wants teenagers to rehearse more. But Jesus said this:

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." -Matthew 11:28-30

Yes, we want our students to be more committed. Yes, we want their attendance to be more steady. Yes, we want them to sign up for retreats and mission trips and summer camps and service projects. But if we look at this generation of teenagers – who are tired and broken and flat-out exhausted – and we don't tell them that Jesus offers rest, we've failed to share the full story and especially the part of it that they so desperately need to hear.

While every other adult voice in a teenager's life presses for more and more and more and more, the call of Jesus for the weary is to enter into the presence of Jesus and to rest. Now, more than ever, this generation needs to hear and see and feel the message of Matthew 11:28 from their church family. Everything else in the world is trying to wear them out, but the promise of Jesus is rest.

adapted from a blog post by Aaron Helman

Charlie DeLong

From the Womens Ministry:

Mark your calendars for September 30 for a Gal's Lunch. Details to follow.

Attention all men.

Skeet shoot and BBQ October 7th at 10:30. We will be out 25 road on the left hand side of the road. No cost. Clay pigeons and 12 gauge ammo provided. Please bring guns if you have one. Sign up sheet located in the foyer. See Dave or Bo if you have questions.

Hurricane Harvey Relief Supplies

Impact Houston Church of Christ is set up to serve those adversely affected by Hurricane Harvey. They are especially in need of pillows, towels, sheets, blankets and school supplies but can also use other hygiene items and cleaning supplies. To save on shipping costs, we have their physical address and they are glad to accept shipments from online orders such as through Amazon or Walmart. Simply place an order as usual but ship to:

Impact Houston
(ATTN: Hurricane Relief)
1704 Weber St.
Houston, TX 77007.

Lesla Brassette can answer questions about this.

"Bread for Visitors" Ministry

Della Fiske-Turner would like to have 5-6 more ladies sign up for this ministry. Over the years, some have moved away or passed away and others are unable to help as this time. With Della bringing 4 loaves each week, she would need only ask the others on the list to bring loaves once a year. Contact Della at 243-9580 or just let her know before or after services. Thanks to all of those who have been faithful list members and have helped over the years.

Youth Upcoming Events and Activities:

THIS SUNDAY September 10th – The Huddle at the DeLong's will actually take place at the Gunnison shelter at Canyon View Park (just around the corner from the DeLong's). We would like to have all of our parents and family members join us as well! We'll bring the burgers and drinks, guys bring chips and girls bring desserts. We'll have a special parents vs. teens competition (don't worry parents, nothing too crazy!) so bring your A game!

September – We're starting HS and MS Hangouts in September. See specific dates below.

September 30th – Hike at Mt. Garfield. The air show will be taking place this day, so we will try to coincide our hike to be able to view some of the action. More details will come next week!

October – Corn maze. Exact dates and more details to follow.

PIT:

7pm on Wednesdays. Come hungry, feed the body and the spirit, and leave filled.

**We need parents' help with PIT. Please ask me how you can get involved!

Hangouts:

September 10th – HS Hangout
September 24th – MS Hangout

Sunday Morning Bible Study:

Join us in room 202 as we dig into the gospel of Luke on Sunday mornings

Please keep the following request for prayer in your personal daily prayers. They are so appreciated and make such a difference. Thank You and God bless you and those you prayer for.

Please pray for Bob Tucker. They are finding that the cancer may have spread, please pray for them to be able to get it all and that the treatments will work. Pray for comfort for him during this difficult time of diagnosis and treatment.

Pray for Tom and Robin English. Tom should be at home again by the time you read this. Pray for his comfort and strength, Pray for Robin for wisdom and strength as she cares for him and for her healing and comfort of some health issues also.

Pray for all of the college students we are blessed to have with us for this year. Pray they will feel at home here and God will bless them with His grace, peace and wisdom.

Pray for all the Bible class teachers and the upcoming small groups as they get started. Pray for much good to come of these groups.

Pray for the leader of North Korea to understand the consequences of his actions for everyone, including him and his country. Pray he will not do anything foolish and there will be no aggressive military action on his part, nor will any be necessary from anyone else.

Pray for all those who are suffering the effects of the hurricanes that have hit and are in progress in the south east and the islands. Pray for safety and relief for them, and for the relief workers of all kinds and from all places that are there helping. Pray for comfort and strength for them as they try to cope, cleanup and start over.

Pray for our nation, and our leaders. May they lead as God would have them to. Pray for guidance for them, from the President through all of those in positions where decisions are being made for the people of our country. May they be guided to the right ones for all.

Pray for our church family. May we be the kind of church that Jesus had in mind when he began it so long ago. Pray we will love one another so all will know we belong to Him...and may we bring honor and glory to His name in all things.

Continued prayers for those with ongoing health issues..some are doing better but all are still needing prayers.
Dale Pirtle, Debra Trahern, Sandi Fairbanks, David, Mike, Joe, Robin, Sandi, LouAnn Moore, Linda Klassin, Frank Palmisano, Theresa Mathews, Shane Briggs, Randy Brebec, Ron Wilson, Les Reiner, Verlyn Mathews, baby Axel Winch and parents.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the many answered prayers God has blessed us with in the past. Give Him the glory and thanksgiving that is due Him. Thank Him that His mercies truly are new every morning.

Youth Group Corner

TONIGHT - All family huddle (parents and siblings are invited too!) at 6pm at the Gunnison Shelter in Canyon View Park. We'll have hamburgers and drinks, guys bring chips and girls bring desserts. Join us for fun and fellowship!

HS Hangout – Today after services. See Charlie for details.

September 24th – Huddle @ the Camp's

September 30th – Hike at Mt. Garfield. See Charlie for details.

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For the Record

September 3, 2017

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| Attendance | 265 |
| Weekly Contributions 8/27/17 | \$8,005.00 |
| Contribution 4 week average | \$6,044.25 |
| Weekly Budget | \$6,521.00 |

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in September

Michael Blanck
 Scott Boyle
 Scott Bradley
 Mike Bricker
 Lynn Briggs
 Shiloh Briggs
 Matt Bruens
 Mike Burkes

Communion Preparation—September

Susan Towles

Communion Table 9/10/17

Bill Wade

Announcements—September

Doyle Bradley

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

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| Bob Heath | Auditorium |
| None | 103 |
| Michael Applebee | 207 |

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

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| Doug Clayton | Auditorium |
| Singing Class | 103 |

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

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| Cradle Roll—Birth to 2 | Nursery |
| 2 & 4 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

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| 2 & 5 yr. old | 104 |
| Kindergarten 1st & 2nd | 205 |
| 1st thru 5th Grade | 208 |
| All teens meet in | 203 |

Thursday Morning Bible Classes

Thursday Bible School resumes September 7, 2017ulletin

Ladies Bible Class, - 9:30 AM Rm. 103

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