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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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Elder of Month

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Digesting the Bread of Life

Back in Acts today! When we last checked the early church was rapidly growing in spite of persecution and old guard opposition. A hard lesson on deep honesty and pure motive was learned at the expense of Ananias and Sapphira. The early disciples and apostles were performing miracles and teaching new life in the name of Jesus the Christ the resurrected Messiah. **Today we see some growing pains, wise delegation of work, and the bold faith of Stephen who becomes the first martyr in the church. See you in Acts 6-7!**

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.

Church Family News Change

Announcements: Thank you for being patient with our attempts to be more efficient as we dispense church news and important family information. We need your help and cooperation in keeping our **verbal announcements to a minimum** on Sundays. **If you have last minute cards or notes please do not give them to the "announcer."** Instead, give them to Jimmye and she will put them in the bulletin and/or email to all church members the following week. In addition, the Tech booth is trying to work out a way to loop the **announcements on the screen** during donut time.

If it is an urgent matter of prayer or time critical then we certainly want to be flexible and have those items verbally announced or **handled by our Shepherds at the end of service.**

Jimmye will email out a list of announcements to all church members on Fridays. (Be sure the church office has your email address.) Thank you for your patience and cooperation!!

"Love One Another"

Memory Verse For September: Hebrews 11:6

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

Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

Less

“Dear Father, when the history of faith is written, let my name be forgotten. I pray that everything I do points to you, every footprint I leave moves people closer to you, and that the closer I lead people to you, the less they see and think of me.” – Patrick Mead

Jesus’ cousin John the Baptist was hard to ignore in his strange wardrobe and booming voice. He was getting unwanted attention for who he was not. People thought he might be the promised Messiah or Elijah back from the grave. John quickly settled the matter by pointing to Jesus and saying ***“This is not about me! I am just a voice, a messenger, letting you know the Son of God is over there. You see Him?! He must increase. I must decrease!” (John 3:30).***

Isn't that the problem often plaguing and preventing Faith from blooming in hearts; people getting in the way of others seeing Jesus, obstructing the beautiful, perfect view of the Savior because we make better doors than windows? Too often we have become more and Jesus has become less. What we want, what we say, what we think, what we do can easily overshadow or conceal Jesus. Yet, as we graciously and joyfully become less in ourselves Jesus becomes more alive in us. Understanding this would relieve the world of immense pressure as many tend toward being needy, seeking attention, craving the credit, demanding rights, being the object instead of the reflection. Our egos would not be so easily bruised or our feelings so quickly hurt if we would willingly ***decrease*** so Jesus could ***increase***.

As a long time football official I can tell you that we “zebras” would rather not be noticed. It’s always our goal to be invisible and incidental to the greater story of the game. Officials worth their whistle hope players, coaches and fans leave the game barely remembering the striped shirts were even there.

There is no shortage of “me” slogans and “selfie” expressions these days. Imagine a world where people, especially Christians, simply point the camera at Jesus and adopt the mantra of John the Baptist, ***“He must become greater, I must become less.”*** My image must become ***less***. My agenda must become ***less***. My wants must become ***less***. My pride must become ***less***. My preaching must become ***less***. My feelings must become ***less***. My opinions must become ***less***. My possessions must become ***less***. My worry must become ***less***. My life must become ***less*** as I am absorbed into the greater, the *more*, of Jesus living in me.

May ***less*** be our passion. May surrender be our glory. May Jesus be our fullness. May all that we do, say, and think, and all the footprints we leave point to Jesus the Lamb of God, the Author and Perfector of our faith. ***“He must become more, I must become less.”***

Budget Matters

Budget deadlines are approaching and we still haven't received all of the worksheets with your requests for the coming year. If you received a package or a Ministry Description worksheet, please get them in to the office as soon as possible even if you are not asking for funding. We do not want to leave any ministry behind and we hope to have an approved budget by early October so that you may go full steam ahead with your 2017 ministry plans.

Thank you

We received word that Karl Antwine's aunt, Ella Faye Franzitta died. Thank you for all your prayers for her and her family. Karl's cousin, David remains in the hospital after his car accident. Please pray for his recovery. Thank You-Karl Antwine and family.

Dinners for Eight

A kickoff potluck is planned for Saturday, October 1st at 6 PM here at the church. It will be a mystery supper with Kathy Applebee. Since October, November and December are so busy you will have 3 months to do your first dinner. New comers, new Christians and oldies are invited to join. For questions, see Darlene Rettig—970-523-1289

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.

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"

Please keep the following in your prayers and thank you from those who benefit from you doing this. thank you and God bless.

Della Bingham asks for prayers for her friend, David 28, who has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Please prayer for Kara Challenberger , Darlene Rettig's grand daughter in law...who has been diagnoses with Mohl Melanoma. She has several of them. She will be undergoing treatment soon in Little Rock, Ark , pray that it will be successful and for strength and comfort for her as she undergoes it. Pray for peace for her family. Pray that they will get it all and she will be cancer free.

Continue to pray for Ron Wilson as he deals with Melanoma . Pray the treatment will be successful in getting rid of this cancer. Pray for comfort and strength....and for his family's peace of mind.

Prayers of thanksgiving that Tiffany Antwine is recovering well.

Continue to pray for Shane Briggs as he continues his battle with leukemia. Also continue to pray for Tom English and Robin.

Continue to pray for those that are working to find a youth minister for our family here. Pray for guidance for them and for God to send the right person to us.

Prayers of thanksgiving always to our God and Father, who loves and cares for us. For the holy Spirit who lives in us and is our comforter, guide and help in all things. For Jesus, our Savior who died that we might live. For the many blessings we receive from God's hands every day

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

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. The Brassettes will be taking the church van for those who need a ride! Plan to be at the building by 5:30.

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

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.



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For the Record

September 4, 2016

Attendance	238
Weekly Contributions 8/4/16	\$9,047.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$5,798.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

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

Communion Preparation—September

Susan Towles

Communion Table 9/11/16

Ed Riddle

Announcements

John Cooper

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

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

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

John Cooper Auditorium
 Singing Class 103

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 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