



Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Dealing With Doubts

Ever have doubts about God? Ever wonder why there was so much evil in the world? Ever question the meaning of life? We all have doubts about important and relevant things in our lives. Even one of Jesus' disciples Thomas wanted proof of Jesus resurrection. Interestingly, Jesus did not chide Thomas for wondering, he offered proof of his reality, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing." (John 20:27)

Faith is based on evidence, on certainty (Heb. 11:1), not on fantasy or empty hopes. We search for reality, for facts that can give us a firm foundation. John Clayton, a former atheist, will be here, Lord willing, on Sunday, September 29 to share information with us that convinced Him of God's reality and that can help us deal with our doubts. It is okay to be skeptical, as Thomas was, as long as we are sincerely and diligently searching for truth. When we find it we must embrace it and live for it. Some people may not want to expend the energy to search for truth and they may not have the gumption to change when they find it. Truth can change our lives for the better.

We have some beautiful brochures available in the lobby for us to share with people around us who may be dealing with doubts. Let's invite them to this faith building, doubt alleviating, hope producing seminar. Following is the schedule and title of John Clayton's talks for Sunday, September 29. Be there, "be not unbelieving, but believing".

See you there, John Cooper

- 9- "The New Atheism, the New Science, and Faith"
- 10:15- "What Kind of Faith do you Have?"
- 12- Potluck fellowship meal
- 1:15- "Jurassic Park and Genesis"
- 2- "Evolution's Proof of Inspiration"

Order of Worship 9/15/2013

Here I am to Worship Screen

Children's Vs.

Announcements:

Greeting:

Here I am to Worship (Reprise) Screen

Call to Worship: Lane

Holy, Holy, Holy	47	Women 1 st vs, Men 2 nd vs
Great Are You Lord	Screen	
Lord Reign in Me	Screen	
Highest Place	152,	Men 1 st , Women 2 nd , all 3 rd vs
Nailed to the Cross	361	

Communion:

One Day	353	Vs 4&5, repeat Chorus
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Offering:

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus	276	
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Children's Church

His Grace Reaches Me	113	
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Sermon:

A Hill Called Mt. Calvary	373	
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Shepherd's Blessing:

Dismissal Hymn: The Lord Bless You and Keep You 710

Memory Verse For September 1 John 5:4

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

Our Gathering Today

Sermon: Today we finish our 3 part series on Self Control, that ever challenging fruit of the Holy Spirit. The last two sermons have focused on "**Broken Walls**" and "**Make Every Effort.**" Today we will conclude with "**Just say NO!**" from Titus chapter 2. I hope you have your Bibles today as we feast together on God's word!

New and recent members: If you have been attending for a while please consider formerly making us your church family. Let me or one of our elders know. All who have been recently baptized or placed membership in the past 18 months or so, we will honor you at our 5th Sunday "Agape" Meal this month in conjunction with John Clayton (no relation to me) speaking on "Does God Exist?" (***Eddie is cookin' chicken and pig!***)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are collecting tain 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.

EEM Special Contribution

The date for the special contribution for EEM (Eastern European Missions) is Sunday October the 6th.

Singapore Mission Trip

Doug Clayton is going on a mission trip to Singapore next February to help Brandi and Penny Kendall at the Sunset International Bible Institute. It is calculated that the trip will require a \$4,000.00 budget for airfare, meals and lodging for a 14 day mission. During his stay, Doug will be teaching 40 hours a week. 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. Any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated.

EMPTY NESTERS September Activity

Tour CDOT's Hanging Lake Tunnel facility in Glenwood Springs on Sept. 28. Meet at 8:00 AM in Church parking lot. We will arrange to take the Church van. \$5 for fuel per couple. We will have lunch following the tour at a place to be decided. RSVP to Bryan and Sherry Crowe Ph 256-1127 or Richard and Peg Sisco Ph 523-9854

Soul Care Providers Meeting

September 18th at 6:00 pm in the middle school room. We will discuss new handouts and new business. Please make every effort to be there.

Next Year's Women of Faith Conference

All ladies wanting to attend the Women of Faith Conference next year, there will be a **very important meeting** on Sept. 22 right after service in Room 103. There is an urgent deadline we must meet. If you are unsure, please attend the meeting anyway or talk to someone who attended this year.

JOHN CLAYTON SEMINAR—Sept. 29

John Clayton will be delivering 4 talks on Sept. 29 on the topic "Does God Exist". He will speak first to the adult bible classes starting at 9 AM, preach during morning assembly and two more talks after lunch.

Speaking of lunch, during this time, we will be honoring our newest members (those recently placing membership and baptisms.) who will go first in line. Eddie Tinkle will prepare barbeque chicken and pork. Everyone else is asked to bring side dishes and desserts to share.

Mr. Clayton's lectures will be different than what we have heard and it will be a great time for faith building, fellowship and getting acquainted.

Eye Glasses For India

Chester Ault is going back to India in December. He is collecting used prescription eyeglasses for the widows, orphans and less fortunate people who cannot afford them. He made arrangements with an optometrist who will fit the glasses without charge to the recipients. Please give Robin English your eyeglass donations. Chester will be here in November to give us an update on his mission work and to collect the glasses. Thank you! And God bless you for your kindness.

Also, a pair of glasses was placed in a box in the foyer and they seem to be misplaced. If you have seen a pair of bi-focals in a case, please check with Robin.

Creative Christian Arts & Crafts Guild

The Guild will meet today at 1 PM at the home of Cindy King. We will start off Fall with a Potluck lunch. Bring a dish and a camera. Also, the demo will be "Wire Wrap Jewelry" so bring something to wrap such as a stone, glass, or sea shell. Everyone is welcome so invite a friend. See Cindy for details.

Clothing Drive

Our clothing drive dates are fast approaching. The dates for collecting are October 14—October 25. The dates for give-away are October 31—November 2. Again this year, we are going to need lots of help to get this great ministry accomplished.

We will have a short meeting in Room 103, right after the morning service, on September 22. All the ones that would like to be a part of this great work—no matter how much or how little time you can help—WE NEED YOU!!!

Special Prayer Requests

Sips From The Well—Doug Clayton

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Please remember the two Cedaredge football players who were overcome by carbon monoxide last week. They are in Children's Hospital, Denver in critical condition. Unfortunately, Reid Gates, the third victim, died last week. Remember his family in prayer and the small community of Cedaredge. The town is suffering over this tragedy.

VICKIE BIOCIC—She was recovering from recent back surgery when it was discovered she had a slipped disc which they hope will heal on its own. She has been in re-hab and suffering from intense pain. Pray all goes well and she will be on the road to recovery very soon.

ROSE BRANSON-Sister of Marie. Keep Rose in your prayers for a smooth transition into Mesa View Assisted Living in October

CAROLYN DEBERRY—Underwent surgery on her knee last week because of an infection. Pray she recovers quickly.

GAVIN WHITROCK....cancer,for comfort and peace

VERNON CHESNUTT.....recovery from stroke

RUBY MORRILL...comfort and peace,decisions for care

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

MARGIE DAVIS... cancer...pray for her comfort and peace

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

EARL DUBOSE...(Shelda Briggs father) progressive neurological disease. Now under hospice care.

AMBER... battling breast cancer

VINCENT PARRA... osteosarcoma.

TOM DECKER.. esophageal cancer.

DAVID JUSTUS...Jimmy's brother... complete recovery from Bells Palsy Pray for our church family May our lives reflect our Lord

Pray for the various ministries of our church family and ask God to

guide those leading and participating, that they may accomplish God's will and work.

Pray for the missionaries around the world and for the persecuted church in the areas where being a Christian can be a very dangerous thing.

Continue to pray for our military people and their families, for safety and strong faith to endure.

Pray for Divine wisdom for our nation's and the world leaders. May the decisions that are being made at this time be in God's will so that people can live a quiet, peaceful life wherever they live and the long term consequences will be good not bad for all.

TINA MINARD....Melody Haight's sister.....pray

RICH & MARY MENDENHALL....she is having surgery to remove precancerous conditions in the cervix.next week...pray for successful surgery, that it wont be found anyplace else and for her healing and recovery. Rich is also having some health

The anniversary of the 9/11 attacks are this week... lets pray for our nation, for protection for God's people all over the world and for people to turn back to the Lord in large numbers in our nation. Pray for protection for those serving in dangerous places, both Military and Missionaries or civilian work.Pray for decisions that leaders are making to be those that will allow us to live our lives in quiet and peace as we serve HIm. Pray for Christians in those places where they are severely persecuted and killed

Greetings Church Family. This week you get a reprieve from my theological ramblings, at least the written ones.

The Daily Sentinel will be placing a 250 word description of area churches on their web site for one year. They have asked us to participate. Since it's "our" church (actually it's Jesus' church, but you know what I mean), I am asking for your feedback. Below is a draft (**in bold print**) and if you have input and suggestions Email me at:

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The Grand Junction Church of Christ is a warm and welcoming group of imperfect (but forgiven) baptized believers doing our best to live for Jesus, grow in grace and love, and reflect Christ in a spirit of service and compassion to our community. We have several ministries and outreach efforts that allow us to be a relevant influence: Teen ministry, empty nesters, young adults, college age, jail/police chaplain involvement, free peer counseling, home life groups, quilting, serving homeless, domestic and foreign mission efforts, children's hour (during worship), and benevolence programs to help the needy in our community.

The Grand Junction Church of Christ (also known as the "Patterson Road Church of Christ") has been at our current location at 2893 Patterson Road since 1983. We are a Christ centered, Bible believing group of Jesus followers who are affiliated with other Churches of Christ in America and world-wide. Despite that connection each congregation is independent and free to practice their faith and structure its worship without a rule making headquarters or governing board to set standards or impose doctrinal positions statements.

Our Sunday Bible classes (adults, teens, children of all ages) meet at 9-9:45. Then we enjoy an informal time of fellowship with donuts, coffee and juice before moving into our worship hour at 10:10.

We welcome any and all, broken or whole, regardless of previous or no church background to experience the grace and salvation that only Jesus provides. Join us on our faith journey as we learn, grow, love, and serve as a family of faith.

Our web site: grandjunctionchurch.org



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For the Record

Sept. 8, 2013

Attendance	231
Average Attendance, 2nd qtr.	249
Contributions	\$4,966.00
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 9/15/13

Eddie Tinkle

Announcements: Ron Wilson

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

Bill Wade—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 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.”