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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!

Continuing in our **Dr. Luke** series we look at an engaging story of Jesus as a boy. What in the world does a 12 year old Jewish lad have to offer? See you in **Luke chapter 2** in a little bit! (Thank you **Charlie** for preaching for me last week, I heard it was an awesome lesson on finding lost things!!)

*I will be having a hernia repaired this week so **Bobby Heath** will preach for me next Sunday. Bring your seat belts!! :-)*

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. . .

- **Pray for light** in the midst of darkness. Another school shooting this past week. This one near Spokane, WA. One teen dead, 3 others wounded. Lives changed forever. Unspeakable grief and trauma. **Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

- The lost art of **confession**...Confess a sin(s) this week. When was the last time you did that in a specific way, seriously? Is there some sin weighing on you (large or small) and you have just kind of let it linger without dealing with it or verbalizing it to God and, if need be, to others. **Confession allows God to lift the burden from your soul. (1 John 1:9).**

- **Find** one or more of our **college students** and take them to lunch today!!

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For September—Genesis 1:1

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

Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

But

Last weekend while hunting on the Uncompahgre we experienced several awe-inspiring sunsets over the La Sal Mt. range on the western horizon. Nameless colors, cotton candy clouds mingled with the fading glow, isolated rain storms hanging like heavenly sheets. I think it must bring a smile to the Father's face when we simply look up in wonder and exclaim, "WOW!" as the heavens declare the unexplainable glory of God.

At times biblical concepts like grace, faith, forgiveness, love and others are a bit like God's majestic sunsets, a little too much for us to comprehend. Instead of just saying WOW, we feel the need to dissect and explain, inserting disclaimers along the way diluting the power and beauty of God's wondrous declarations. Some things are just **too good to be true** and so we conveniently rephrase God's word with a footnote in the form of a "but."

Are we guilty of **butting** the grace out of grace? **Butting** the forgiven out of forgiveness? **Butting** the Spirit out of working in ways we do not understand? **Butting** the saved out of salvation?

Have you ever heard or spoken any of these unbiblical "buts? (My hand is raised...Guilty!) "Grace, BUT not grace only." "The Spirit works, BUT only through the written word." (...whatever that man made phrase means). "We are forgiven, BUT..." "God loves us, "BUT."

"But" does appear in scripture along with such themes but not in the **restrictive** way we often use it, **rather in a magnifying way**. Consider these biblical uses of the word:

- *We were by nature children of wrath. **BUT** God who is rich in mercy...made us alive* (Ephesians 2:4).
- *Christ came to save sinners of whom I am the worst. **BUT** for that very reason I was shown mercy* (I Tim. 1:16)
- *We don't know how to pray as we should, **BUT** the Spirit makes intercession for us* (Romans 8:26)
- *We lived in anger and envy hating one another, **BUT** the kindness and love of God appeared* (Titus 3:3, 4).
- *If you O God kept a record of sin who could stand? **BUT** with You there is forgiveness.* (Psalm 130:3-4)
- *I do not concern myself with things too wonderful for me. **But** I have stilled and quieted my soul* (Psalm 131:1-2)

The Bible does not use the word "grace" in the way we often do. Instead of saying "Grace **but**," the Bible says "**But** grace!" "**But** mercy!" "**But** God!" "**But** thanks be to God!"

Instead of explaining away the beautiful sunset we stand in awe and praise. When it comes to the unimaginable concepts of God let's be careful lest we diminish them by adding our restrictive "but." **Rather, may we simply accept the undeserved gifts of God in awe and wonder, allowing them to move us to honor our amazing Redeemer through heartfelt obedience and praise!**

Remember, **but** by the grace of God there go !! 😊

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will meet today at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jan Antwine will be doing a short talk on "using denim material". Bring your projects that are fabric related. See Cindi King with questions.

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.

Baby Shower

Please join us for a Diaper and Gift Card baby shower for Lacy Smith on October 7th at 11:00 am at Ann Clayton's home. The Clayton's address is 617 Devin Drive. Lacy is having a boy. If you are interested in helping, contact Nancy Clayton.

Baby Shower

Christina Terraglia Lucero will be having a baby shower October 8th at 3 pm. Contact Beth Smith or Lydia Zobel (9706924137) for more details.

Ministry Leaders

Reminder to all Ministry Leaders:

Meeting with the Financial Oversight Committee on September 21 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall for Ministry Presentations and discussion of 2018 Budget needs.

Coffee Can Ministry Needs

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| Kleenex packets | Deodorant (Travel size) |
| Plastic rain ponchos | Chapstick |
| Socks (Adult) | Flashlights/Batteries |
| Knit gloves | Cocoa packets |
| Knit hats | Tea Bags |
| Band Aids | Sanitizer Wipes packets |

Please keep the following in your daily prayers. Your prayers are important to them and the families and they do make a huge difference. Thank you and God bless.

Please pray for Barbara Akers, a former member here, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will begin treatment the 29th with surgery and then perhaps radiation. Pray for her comfort and peace as she begins the battle against the disease.

Continue to pray for Dave Olree. He has been dismissed from the hospital, pray that the treatment worked and that the blood clots are gone and will not return.

We still have a list of people with various ongoing issues, many with cancer..... so please keep praying for them and their families. Some have shown improvement and prayers of thanksgiving for those answers, but all are still in need of prayers for continued healing.

Tom and Robin English, Dale Pirtle, Frank Palmisano, Verlyn and Theresa Mathews, Ron Wilson, Shane Briggs, Randy Brebec, Les Reiner, LouAnn Moore, Linda Klassin, Sandi, Robin, Joe, David and Debra Trahern.

Pray for our nation, our President and those who are making decisions that will affect our nation and all of us. Pray for them to seek God's wisdom and make decisions that will be the right ones for all, not just their own interests. Pray we as a nation will repent of the many things done that offend God, that He might heal our nation. Pray also for world leaders.

Pray for all the victims of the storms that have devastated so many places recently. Pray for those who are their helping. Pray for comfort, strength and peace for all involved and safety as they begin the clean up and rebuilding of their lives.

Pray for us as a church family. That others know we are Christians by our love, for one another and for others. And that Christ's love be displayed in all the various ways that we are given opportunities to show it.

Prayers of Thanksgiving to our loving God, for his mercies that are new every morning and His love that never ceases, and His abiding presence. also for the many prayers He has answered for us.

Youth Group Corner

No huddle tonight!

September 24 - at Alex Camp's house

October 8 - at the Tourneys' house

October 22 - at the Flemings' house

We have huddle hosts scheduled through the rest of 2017! Thanks for how you love.



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For the Record

September 10, 2017

Attendance	302
Weekly Contributions 9/10/17	\$6,785.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,256.50
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 9/17/17

Mark Brassette

Announcements—September

Doyle Bradley

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

Bob Heath	Auditorium
None	103
Michael Applebee	207

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

Doug Clayton	Auditorium
Singing Class	103

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

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

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, 2017

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