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Real Life News & Notes *Patterson Road church of Christ*

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Our Gathering Today



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Elder of Month

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Digesting the Bread of Life (the sermon)

I am constantly fascinated by the events in the book of Acts as Luke records the growth and path of the first Christians. This morning we discover faith lessons and challenges as the gospel originally spread from its Jerusalem roots. We are shown the contrast between Simon, a magician and sorcerer, whose motivation was misplaced, and an Ethiopian whose heart was touched by truth. Philip is the main vessel of the gospel in chapter 8 and he allows himself to be literally and miraculously transported (in Star Trek like fashion) by the Holy Spirit to different locations to share the message of Jesus. **Meet you in Acts 8 in a few minutes!**

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.

Family Notes

A special welcome to **Charlie and Kristen DeLong** who are here this weekend from Idaho Falls interviewing for our Youth Ministry position.

Look around and notice that person or family who is not here this morning. Send them a quick text and let them know they were missed and ask if there is anything they need or that you can pray for them about this week!

Be slow and safe! As it gets darker sooner please be careful as you leave the parking lot on Wednesday nights. There are a lot of people of all ages and sizes roaming about out there.

"Love One Another"

Memory Verse For September: Hebrews 11:6

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

Seven Ingredients for Happiness

Last Sunday night we hosted the "Youth Huddle" at our home. Dave and Glenda Scheuerman helped us with providing and serving the meal. Had about 19 kids and 8 adults. A happy time for all. For the devotional I shared a list of "Seven Ingredients for Happiness". Let me share these now with you as I am sure we all desire happiness in our lives. And "happiness" is something God wants us to experience as well. Paul wrote, "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, *who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*" (I Timothy 6:17).

So here they are..."Seven Ingredients for Happiness"

1. **Seek, find and follow truth.** Jesus once said, "you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free" (John 8:32). It is impossible to find happiness in falsehood for long. We want truth in our relationships, purchases, religion and politics. If we follow lies or have people lie to us we can be devastated when we find out the truth. Truth, though difficult sometimes to find, and a challenge to follow is essential to lasting happiness.
2. **Give your best.** Whether it be in our marriages, at our jobs, in school or in parenting or any other aspect of our lives, we are happiest when we do our best. Halfhearted or slipshod efforts don't get the results we want or give the satisfaction we desire. My Dad used to say, "any job worth doing is worth doing right!" Especially is this true in our relationship to God. Jesus said we should love God with **all** of our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk. 12:29-31).
3. **Ask for help/help others.** Asking for help requires humility and courage but to do most things right... we need help from others. Jesus said, "Ask and you will receive..." (Matt. 7:7). Paul wrote, "Carry each other's burdens, in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2). What a blessing to have others to help us when we need it and to give help when others need it. Both bring happiness.
4. **Be a team player.** On the gym wall of one of our middle schools in the valley the word "**TEAM**" was/is painted vertically. From the letters of that word other words were written horizontally and they were/are "**T**ogether **E**veryone **A**ccomplishes **M**ore". When we work together as a "team" we accomplish more and enjoy more. One of the elders in the church where I grew up would often say, "Many hands make light work." It says of the early church (God's team) "They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts" (Acts 2:46).
5. **Forgive.** People won't always be good team members. Our enemies will mistreat us, even our loved ones let us down. We have to do what the root meaning of the word "forgive" is... "let go!" Holding on to all the wrongs done against us weighs us down and steals our joy. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Eph. 4:32)
6. **Be thankful.** Being grateful for all we have keeps us from being unhappy about all that we don't have. As a nation we are blessed far above what most in the world know. Instead of being thankful sometimes all we want is more. Paul wrote, "give thanks in all circumstances" (I Thess. 5:18). Kids, thank your parents for your clothes, your bed, your food, your phone, etc., etc., etc. You will be happier and they will wonder what's going on.
7. **Have hope.** Hope brings happiness. Hope that things will get better or that I will get better... or both. With God on our side we cannot ultimately fail. We will have failures but we will not be a failure. "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade-kept in heaven for you..." (I Pet. 1:3,4)

Don't worry, be happy! John Cooper

Important Announcements

The Sunday morning Bible Class that has been meeting in Room 103 has outgrown that room and is moving to the front left hand section of the auditorium today. If it is convenient, when seating, please fill up all front rows first so everyone will be able to hear.

Greeting Cards For Signing

Cards of encouragement are out front in the foyer, please sign and send a kind word! These are for our college students who are out of town or out of the country. If you are aware that someone's missing from the list, please contact Ada Marie with their information.

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild meeting has been cancelled for today. See you on October 2.

Youth Minister Candidate Visits:

Charlie DeLong and his wife Kristen are visiting this weekend with their daughter Oakley. Charlie is interviewing for our youth minister position. His resume' is included with the bulletin and his answers to our questionnaire can be found on the youth bulletin board outside of Doug's office. Charlie will share a brief thought before communion today and still has a luncheon, an elders' meeting and a congregational event tonight. (See below.) Please welcome this sweet family with open arms.

Congregation Devotional Tonight

Charlie DeLong and his family will join us tonight for a congregational devotional at 6:00 p.m. to be followed by a fellowship. Please bring a dessert to share and stay and visit with Charlie, Kristen, and Oakley!

Special Contribution Scheduled

We will have a special contribution for Eastern European Missions on Sunday October 9th for the Bible Project in Eastern Europe that EEM is involved in.

Life Groups

Please sign up in the foyer if you want to participate in the Life Group program. See John Cooper with questions.

A brother who worships in Olathe has been diagnosed with mesothelioma and is not doing well. His name is Larry Barksdale. Snub and Eileen Liles and Kurt and Julie Kissner are asking for prayers for Larry Barksdale and his wife Becky. There has been no plan of treatment established yet. Thank you!

Allen Turner has had Carpal Tunnel surgery. Keep him in prayer for speedy recovery.

Please continue to pray for Della Bingham's friend David who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Pray for strength and healing...and for the right treatment be given and for it to be successful. Pray for comfort for him and his family.

Pray for Kara Challenberger who has Melanoma. Pray for the treatments to be successful and they will be able to get it all. Pray for healing for her and for strength and comfort for her and her family.

Also continue to pray for Ron Wilson who is also being treated for Melanoma. Again pray for healing for him and for strength and comfort for him and his family.

Continue to pray for Shane Briggs as he starts a 5 day treatment with a different chemo to prepare for bone marrow transplant on Sept 19. Pray his system will allow them to do the transplant perhaps next month. Pray for strength and comfort for him and his family and healing for him.

Continue prayers for the search for a youth minister for our family here to be successful....pray for guidance for those doing the search and that God will send the right one to us.

Pray for God's will to be done in the upcoming election. Pray for our nation to return to the God who blessed it in the beginning. Pray for guidance for all who are in places of authority and decision making.

Pray for our elders and ministers as they serve the Lord by serving us. Pray for guidance and wisdom from above for them and pray we will be a blessing to them in their work and not a burden.

Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently. For those who are incarcerated, for those suffering various kinds of addictions, or mental illnesses, for those having financial difficulties, pray for those who are single parents, pray for those with ongoing illnesses, those needing uplifting in any way. Pray we will be a blessing and encouragement to all of them.

Remember prayers of thanksgiving always to our loving God who watches over us and guides, comforts and protects us. Give Him the praise and honor and glory that He alone deserves.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

> **September 25** - 6-8 pm at the Fortneys' - 3175 Desert Rd. - Whitewater 81527 - Bring drinks and desserts. The Brassettes are taking the van for any who'd like a ride. Please be at the building at 5:30. We will return at 8:30 for parents to pick up.

> **October 9** - at the Fergusons'

> **October 23** - Needs a host!

If you'd like to host a huddle, please contact Lesa Brassette (Lesa@Brassette.com or 640-2243)

Middles Lunch Munch TODAY!

Calling all middle schoolers! Meet at the front doors right after morning worship to go to lunch. Bring a little lunch money (for the food court at the mall). We are taking the van and will return around 1 p.m.

Tonight:

Join us for a congregation devotional with youth minister candidate Charlie Delong and his family. We'll have a devo followed by a fellowship. Bring desserts.



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For the Record

September 11, 2016

Attendance	221
Weekly Contributions 9/11/16	\$5,081.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$5,838.00
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 9/18/16

Dean Blanck

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