



Real Life News & Notes

Patterson Road church of Christ

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

Outreach Minister

John Cooper
Home: 241-4075
Cell: 216-5782

jscooper1952@bresnan.net

Visitation Minister

Hunt Zumwalt
Cell: 210-8960

hmzumwalt@bresnan.net

Preaching Minister

Doug Clayton
Home: 523-1654
Cell: 201-3470

dclayton12@aol.com

Church Office

Office: 970-245-4210
Fax: 970-245-4211

jtiddwell@bresnan.net

Web: grandjunctionchurch.org

Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Secrets

Our daughter's situation in Rwanda caused me to ponder my heavenly Father doing things covertly (**Deuteronomy 29:29**). As the Holy Spirit (not chance or fate) would have it, I came across a Christian book review a few days ago describing how growth begins in secret...we will come back to that.

But first, in related news: Mary was recently told her long term visa was rejected and to buy a plane ticket home. However, the missionaries met this past Monday with immigration officials to file an appeal. The appeal process can take from 60-90 days. God only knows (literally) where the paperwork goes for that amount of time...into a desk drawer, a secret closet, behind a file cabinet, in a dusty pile of low priority papers in a hut out back, or perhaps it is shipped to the island of misfit toys for sorting and reclamation. Regardless, who would have thought that government red tape and the wheels of bureaucracy slowly, apathetically grinding away behind the scenes could be a hidden blessing? While this appeal process slowly plays out, Mary remains in Africa teaching her nine preschoolers (only two of whom speak English), continuing her mission adventure and living life as decisions out of her control are considered. Hopefully, by the time this appeal process is finished it will be Christmas... and then time for another long appeal. Through it all Mary resides in God's peace with whatever transpires.

Another concealed blessing in this appeal delay is the care package Ann and I sent last week. A small box that will get to Rwanda in 6-8 business days and, we are told, will then likely sit in aforementioned closet or on the island of misfit toys for 6-10 weeks before someone takes notice, opens it, confiscates what they like, reseals it, and decides it might need to be pushed on down the road to its intended recipient. So, I was at least hoping Mary would be detained long enough to get her pilfered goodie package. But I digress...

Back to God doing things in secret: Did you know that resurrection begins in secret? It was in a dark tomb sealed against the eyes of the world that Jesus Christ sat up on that cold rock slab on a Sunday morning, placed his new feet on the ground and walked out and away from death, forever, for us. **New life starts in the dark, in secret, where nobody sees what is going on.** When a seed is in the ground gestation is taking place beyond our vision. When a baby is in the womb it develops unseen. While we wonder if Heaven has forgotten or removed our crisis to a secluded cave to be dealt with later, God's greatest work, his resurrection and restoration work, is being accomplished for us, in us, behind the stone.

We can take hope and comfort knowing that right now God's seed is secretly germinating in us, in that dark place, under the surface, in our circumstance. Through the compost (**nastiness made rich and fertile!**) of our experience a new life, a new hope, a fresh start blossoms as we are empowered to burst forth as glorious creations bearing fresh spiritual fruit. **It all starts in secret!**

What Jehovah God may be accomplishing in secret for us, for Mary, for all who trust in hidden seeds growing in darkness, is beyond our vision and greatest expectations. **Be still. Trust. Pray. Water. Wait. Rejoice. Live! God's got this!**

Memory Verse For September: Romans 8:37

"we are more than conquerors"

Our Gathering Today

Guests:

We welcome you and trust you will let us get to know you. I am often asked "What kind of church is this?" My response is usually along these lines: **"We are a Christ centered, Bible believing family of imperfect people made perfect by the blood of Jesus. We trust in grace to save us and try to honor God each day by our obedient hearts."** You will find our folks friendly and our worship assembly to be fairly simple as we pray together, sing together, take the Lord's supper together, and open God's word together. Enjoy the guest bread and please fill out the attached card and place it in the collection plate when it comes by. We hope you find our gathering to be an encouragement as you are edified and challenged in your walk with the Lord this week. As fellow baptized believers in Christ we invite you to share communion when it is passed and reflect on our Lord's life, death, resurrection and perfect sacrifice for our sins.

Sermon:

What do Hebrews 5:11-14 and the Parable of the Sower have in common? Well, this morning we will discover they are connected by a challenge to move from the crib to the cross, a lesson in spiritual growth not only for new Christians but for all of us.

Life Groups:

Come on! Go ahead! Step out of that comfort zone or box of routine and give it a try! A great **"Acts 2:42-47, Outside of the church building"** fellowship and worship experience where we really get to know each other better, build relationships, get deeper into the Word, and interact on a level beyond that trite **"How ya doing today?"** as we pass through the church lobby on a Sunday morning. Information is being broadcast, see **Bill Wade** or **John Cooper** for more details. We need leaders (men/women/couples) and participants.

"Love One Another!"

Help Needed

On October 4th, we are planning a yard cleanup day at our new house. The cleanup and fence building will begin around 10am. Our new address is 3140 Dublin Way 81504. Directions from the church are: go east on Patterson until you get to the light at 31 1/2 rd. Turn left on 31 1/2 rd. Take your second left onto Dublin Way. Our house is the first little drive on the right for our group of houses. There is ample parking on Dublin away but no parking on the private drive in front of the house. Beverages will be provided.

Thanks!

Abbey Antwine

Notice:

To Students interested in Christian Universities Bobby & Sheri Heath & Bob Heath will be going to Homecoming at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas the weekend of October 10. There will be a football game, parade, a tour of the University and many other fun activities. If you would like to go along for the trip, See Bobby Heath.

Fox Family Address:

Address for Brandon, Michele Fox & family is:

631 Stonegate Drive
Grand Junction, CO 81504

The Foxes are the newest members of our church family and we are so encouraged by the addition.

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Guild will meet Sunday (Sept. 21) at 1 PM. Glenda Scheuerman will be demonstrating artwork using alcohol ink. A \$1.00 donation will help cover the cost of materials she will be providing. Also, Glenda says wear old clothing or bring an apron and an old, small ratty paint brush.

Plans for Ladies Luncheon

Get ready for a Ladies Luncheon Saturday October 18. If you would like to volunteer to help, see Karen Wade or Glenda Scheuerman. Sign up sheet is in the foyer. More details to follow later.

Della Bingham's friend DANIELLE STONE is home awaiting the results of the biopsy on her brain tumor, and then the treatment will be determined. Please pray for it to be benign and treatable. Pray for her healing and comfort and for her 5 children and family members. Pray God's strength and peace for them.

Please keep the following prayer requests in your prayers. Thank You and God bless!

ARLENE ROWLES and other shutins and JOHN CAMPER who are dealing with pain, illnesses or aging issues.

Della's brother, ED FISKE, is recovering and doing much better, continue to pray for a complete recovery for him. He still has a ways to go but they are thankful for answered prayers.

Please continue to pray for our Military and their families. Pray for those that are in harms way for protection and guidance. Pray for them to keep God close at all times.

Continued prayers for the missionaries who also are often in dangerous situations...and their families. Pray for God to protect them and give them strength to carry his word to the lost. Pray for those they come in contact with to have open hearts and minds to the Message of Hope.

Pray for our church family here. Pray we will be about our Fathers business as He would have us be. Pray for guidance for our leaders in all that they have to decide. Pray for guidance in the search for a youth minister.

Continue to pray for comfort and peace for those who have recently lost loved ones.

Give thanksgiving and praise to God for His love and care and for all the prayers He has answered. May we glorify His name in all we do and say!!

RICHARD JONES—Pray that God will intervene in his life and give him peace and comfort in His presence.

Youth News

Huddle

Tonight we will meet at Eddie and Vicky Tinkle's home. Their address is 298 28 1/2 Rd. Join us at 6:00pm for a delicious meal, singing and devotional. Youth are asked to bring drinks or dessert.



Patterson Road church of Christ

2893 Patterson Road
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Phone: 970-245-4210
Web: grandjunctionchurch.org

For the Record

Sept. 14, 2014

Attendance	264
Average Attendance, 2nd qtr..	234
Contributions	\$6,714.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—September

Susan Towles

Communion Table 9/21/1414

Bobby Heath

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in September

Bryan Crowe
Tom Deister
Josh DeLancey
Lonnie DeLancey
Scott DeLancey
Preston Dixon
David Downey
Tom English

Announcements

Curtis Fleming— September
Ron Wilson—October
Scott Ferguson—November

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Ron Wilson	—Think, Pray, Act	—Auditorium
Bob Heath	—Salvation	—103
Young Adult (Under 30)		—Room 207

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

John Cooper — Auditorium

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

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

2 & 4 yr. old	—104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd	—205
3rd thru 5th Grade	—208
All teens meet in	—203

Sunday Morning Worship at Mesa View Retirement Center Starts At 10 A.M.

Sept 21	Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence
Sept 28	John Cooper, Dave Scheuerman
Oct 5	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt
Oct 12	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd
Oct 19	Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey
Oct 26	Bill Tidwell, David Olree
Nov 2	Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence
Nov 9	John Cooper, Dave Scheuerman
Nov 16	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt
Nov 23	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd
Nov 30	Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey
Dec 7	Bill Tidwell, David Olree
Dec 14	Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence
Dec 21	John Cooper, Dave Scheuerman
Dec 28	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt

Mt. 22:1-14
Mt. 25:1-13
Mk.13:32-37
Luke 7:36-50
Luke 10:25-37
Luke 11:5-13
Luke 12:13-21
Luke 13:6-9
Luke 14:7-14
Luke 17:11-19
Luke 16:1-10
Luke 18:1-8
Luke 18: 9-14
Luke 19:11-27
Acts 1:1-11

Visitors welcome.