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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



Our Gathering

Today



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Elder Of Month

Curtis Fleming

Feeding on the Word!

This morning [Bobby Heath](#) will preach for us. Bobby is one of our Youth deacons. He and Sheri and their sweet girls have been an integral part of our church family and youth ministry for many years. When I think of the Heaths I think of many things but most obvious is their [hospitality in the name of Jesus](#). Their home has always been a sanctuary and their door always open for gatherings and friends, strangers, teens and weary travelers just passing through always find a place to "crash" for a night. We are blessed to have Bobby speak for us this morning. I know we will be encouraged!

(Thank you all for your prayers and well wishes as I am slowly but surely on the mend from surgery...doug)

- We just found out that Scott Harris will be in town next weekend (October 1st) and will preach and share their work and discipleship training in Mozambique.

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.

The Face and Hands of Jesus!!

Our church family has long had the reputation of stepping up and meeting needs in the name of Jesus through ***prayer, encouragement, service, presence, and financial contributions in times of crisis***. Many of you gave to the relief and aid of the recent hurricane victims via on-line donations and then last Sunday our humble and generous church family donated over \$12,000.00 and counting to be sent in the name of Christ to relieve suffering. May God's blessings and gifts fall like rain upon you all as you continue to be the hands of Jesus in our hurting world!

**** 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”.



From The Shepherd's Pen

Over the past month, we have witnessed some staggering natural disasters. The numbers associated with these events are mind numbing:

- **Hurricane Harvey** – 83 confirmed fatalities, at least 30,000 people displaced, thousands of homes/ businesses flooded; estimated direct economic losses of between 70 to 200 Billion dollars.
- **Hurricane Irma** – 101 confirmed fatalities, approximately 25% of all homes in Florida uninhabitable, estimated direct economic losses of between 68 and 150 Billion dollars.
- **Wildfires** in California, Washington, Utah, Montana, Oregon, Idaho (and others) – unconfirmed numbers of fatalities
- **Earthquake** in Pijijiapan Mexico – at least 102 fatalities, more than 300 injured.
- **Earthquake** in Raboso Mexico – at least 225 fatalities, more than 800 injured.

And they keep coming. As I write this, it is being reported that Hurricane Maria is responsible for at least 12 deaths as it barrels through the Caribbean Islands. The storm swept over Puerto Rico on Wednesday morning, knocking out power to the entire island, and decimating the landscape. They have not announced confirmed fatalities yet.

There are millions of people who have been severely impacted by these events and are in great need. The needs include the basic necessities of life: food, water, and shelter. I understand in Houston and other areas of southeast Texas some people are still living in temporary shelters and having to depend on assistance for every meal they have.

Last Sunday, this church took up a special collection to put towards disaster relief. We collected \$12,267.34 and counting. That is awesome considering there was little notice given and a short time to plan ahead. I also understand several people gave after the Sunday collection, so the total has surely grown. The elders decided to add to the amount above from an elder controlled fund that will allow this church to send a \$15,000 donation to the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort based in Nashville, Tennessee. If you would like more information on this organization, I encourage you to visit their website: <http://disasterrelieffort.org/>

Giving to those in need is something that is clearly exemplified in scripture. In the Old Testament, farmers were not allowed to glean their fields after the harvest, reap to the very corners of the field, or to gather the fallen fruit of the vineyard. The excess of the fields and vineyards was to be left for the poor and the strangers. (Lev. 19:9-10). In the New Testament, we have the example of Paul securing a collection for the poor in the church at Jerusalem. Paul encourages the church at Corinth to complete the collection they have been working on for a year. Paul notes that the Corinthians were the first to desire to contribute to the relief effort, and then Paul challenges them to *"now finish doing it also; that just as there was the readiness to desire it, so there may be also the completion of it by your ability. For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what a man has, not according to what he does not have."* 2 Corinthians 8:11-12.

I wonder if Paul had to encourage the Corinthian church to complete the collection that they had been so eager to participate in earlier because they thought what they gave wouldn't make a difference. Maybe they believed that what they were able to give would only be a drop in the bucket of what was needed. If that is the way you feel about our relief contribution, let me remind you of a well-known modern day parable:

One morning an elderly man was walking on a nearly deserted beach. He came upon a boy surrounded by thousands and thousands of starfish. As eagerly as he could, the youngster was picking them up and throwing them back into the ocean. Puzzled, the older man looked at the young boy and asked, "Little boy, what are you doing?" The youth responded without looking up, "I'm trying to save these starfish, sir." The old man chuckled aloud, and queried, "Son, there are thousands of starfish and only one of you. What difference can you make?" Holding a starfish in his hand, the boy turned to the man and, gently tossing the starfish into the water, said, "It will make a difference to that one!"

Church, let's not lose our desire to help those in need. Let's make a difference to that one!

Curtis Fleming

Life Groups

4 NEW LIFE GROUPS are now forming to start in October. Sign up sheets are in the foyer and on the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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 |

Youth Group Corner

This Sunday:

Middle School Hangout. Bring money to eat out (probably the mall) and plan on hanging out at the DeLong's until Huddle.

Huddle at the Camp's at 6pm

Coming Soon:

September 30th – Hike at Mt. Garfield. See Charlie for details

October 1st – High School Hangout

Snub and Eileen Liles and Kurt and Julie Kissner would like to ask for prayers for Zach and Kresta StJean who lost a baby this week.

Prayer of thanksgiving that Doug's surgery went well , pray that he will heal quickly and completely.

Pray for Kathy Diteman for a diagnosis as to the cause of her anemia. Pray for comfort for her and that they will find and be able to treat whatever the cause is.

Pray for Zach and Kresta St Jean who lost their baby last week. Pray for comfort and God's peace for them, and strength to deal with their loss.

Pray for Barb Akers as she has surgery and begins radiation on the 29 for breast cancer. Pray for comfort, peace and complete healing for her and that she will be cancer free after treatment is completed.

Pray for the victims of the various horrific storms that have hit so many recently and continue to come. For those in the paths of fires in a number of places. For those victims of the earthquake in Mexico. Pray for those who are there to assist and give aide in many ways to these places. Pray God's comfort, peace and strength for all, and safety from disease and injury in their clean up and rebuilding process.

Pray for our country, the President and leaders and all who are in the decision making process. Pray they will be guided to make the right decisions for the nation and the people. Pray the hatred and violence will cease and people will start to think coherently and logically once again. Make godly principles be brought back in our nation once more. Pray for safety for the President and others as they go about their duties.

Pray for our church family to be the kind of servants that God wants and needs to bring His message to a world that is in desperate need of God's forgiveness and healing. Pray that we can be instruments of His to help spread His love and grace to all.

Remember to continue to pray for those who have ongoing health issues for healing, strength and comfort and for their families peace. Tom and Robin English, Dale Pirtle, Frank Palmisano, Verlyn and Theresa Mathews, Ron Wilson, Shane Briggs, Randy Brebec, Les Reiner, LouAnn Moore, Linda Klassan, Sandi , Robin, Joe, David , Debra Trahern, Scott Hendricks, & Bob Tucker.

And don't forget prayers of Thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for all the answered prayers, and blessings of every kind that He has given us on a daily basis. Prayers of praise , honor and thanksgiving, bringing glory to His name.

Huddles

Tonight: At Alex Camp's House (459 Chatfield Ln - GJ 81504) Invite a friend and bring \$3 each for pizza. Devo, dinner, and fun!

October 8 - at the Tourneys'

October 22 - at the Flemings'

November 12 - at the Franklins'



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For the Record

September 17, 2017

Attendance	273
Weekly Contributions 9/17/17	\$5,608.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,114.75
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 9/24/17

Nolan Grigsby

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