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Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Autograph

Last week we went to Denver to visit my son and his wife on his birthday and attend a Colorado Rockies game. When we got to the stadium I discovered a Rockies player, the older Brother of a friend of mine who pitched for the minor league Grand Junction Rockies, had left us complimentary tickets behind home plate; an awesome gift arranged by two Brothers! I went over to the bullpen to thank the older Brother for the tickets and when I arrived he was kneeling and praying along with two other players (One of those brief but perfect moments in time). I happily waited as they finished talking with God and then yelled down to the older Brother. He looked up and smiled. I told him who I was and thanked him for the tickets. He thanked me for taking his little brother fishing and looking out for him this summer. His younger Brother had earlier gifted me with an autographed baseball which I had brought to the game. The older Brother graciously signed it too and tossed it back up to me. We briefly exchanged small talk and God's blessings and then he went back to work throwing a ball 98 mph and I went back to my seat.

An autograph is a **validation** of one's identity, "**This is my name. This is who I am.**" What the autograph does not and cannot tell is a player's story. Behind the signature is an entire life with family, friends, struggles, hopes, hobbies, relationships, flaws, favorite foods, dreams, love, an entire uniquely created person and personality represented by a few ink strokes on a ball.

This bullpen encounter reminded me about another older Brother, one who hung on a cross and signed his name in blood validating the greatest love story ever told. When Jesus was suspended on the cross a coarse name plate hung over his head. Someone had sarcastically scribbled, "**This is Jesus, King of the Jews.**" The detached writer likely gave little thought to the bloodied and beaten body that hung below; his family, his teaching, the love, the gentleness, the compassion, the miracles, the sacrifice, the death, the sinless person behind the story of God's relentless desire to redeem all humanity. An autograph can reveal only so much.

I have an autograph from Johnny Bench, the Hall of Fame catcher of the Cincinnati Reds. I met him once, very briefly, as I refueled his chartered airplane at 5 AM while working my way through Lipscomb University many years ago. I can honestly say I value my "Brothers" autographed ball much more than Johnny Bench's autograph. You see, I don't know anything about Mr. Bench except that he was a remarkably talented baseball player. I do know something about the "Brothers." I have spent time with one of them. I know the lives they represent. I know a little about their family, their values, we share a college *alma mater* and roots in Tennessee. I know most of all that the "Brothers" are people of deep and sincere faith in Jesus and because of that we are brothers in Christ, bonded forever as divine siblings because of the authentic blood stained autograph of the Son of God.

As I walked back from the bullpen to my seat last Friday night I smiled as I looked at the baseball. The older Brother had written his name just under his younger Brother's name. And just below, as part of his signature, validating who he is, was the simple but profound testimony of a Brother's faith in Jesus, "Matt. 6:33." **The perfect autograph!**

Memory Verse For September— James 4: 10

'Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up'.

Our Gathering Today

Feeding on the Word!

Jesus Encounters #6 (Miracles in Mark). After an miraculous interlude/delay Jesus continues to the house of a synagogue ruler whose daughter has just died. Too late? What can we learn from the people surrounding this event and from the desperate dad, a Jew named Jairus, as they encounter Jesus? See you in **Mark Chapter 5:35-43!**

Welcome Guests! (Guest WiFi is available)

Thank you for being here this morning! We trust you will be blessed and encouraged by our simple Christ centered gathering. We have a Kid friendly/age appropriate program during the assembly **for kids from 3 years to 3rd grade** (we dismiss them just before the sermon). We also have a staffed nursery for younger ones, and a private "cry/nursing" room with an audio feed at the back of the auditorium behind the glass.

Please let us get to know you!

[If you would like to know more about us go to grandjunctionchurch.org and click on the "About" tab and then "What we believe."]

Acts of Service...The Face of Jesus

*Thanks so much **Deborah Urbin** who with great care and thought has wonderfully created with her own hand a special canvass containing God's word to be seen, shared, and enjoyed by our church family. If you look up front you will see it. Deborah has recently endured a back injury and will not be able to return to work until November. Please give her a call and see how we might serve her and her children (Faith and Luke). **Thank you Deborah !***

Love One Another!

Life Group News.

Hunt Zumwalt's Life Group will begin meeting on Sunday evening at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. The study material will be Clint Deister's book "That You May Know Him", 95 names and titles God gave to Jesus.

Thank You

Amey Moore has sent a thank you note (and a financial gift) to our church family that you can read in the foyer. She has recently gone through a divorce and other trauma relating to that situation. Please keep Amey and her family (son Ben and daughter Jessica) in prayer.

Homeless Shelter Meal October 5

The Youth Group will be in charge of providing and serving the evening meal at the Homeless Shelter on North Ave. on Monday October 5. Lasagna Trays will not be distributed next Sunday and regular preparers and servers get a day off. Compliments of Matt and his sweet youth group. Thank you!.

Lost & Found

Someone left a large black and green bag in the foyer last week which is now in the office for safe keeping. The bag appears to be a child's bag with a child's bible inside bearing the name "Wendy Eller". Stop by the office if you wish to claim it.

Life Group Leaders

If you are interested in joining a Life Group and are in need of further information before you decide, here is a list of the leaders and their phone numbers. Also, their addresses are listed on the sign-up sheets in the foyer.

1. Gabe Wilkiins-----216-8918
2. Audric Franklin-----216-1292
3. Matt Lee-----214-554-1253
4. Bryan Crowe-----778-7900
5. Bob Howard-----819-4395
6. Ron Wilson-----433-4868
7. Roy Karo-----549-1989
8. Hunt Zumwalt-----210-8960

Other groups may be added if the need arises.

Please sign up in the foyer with the Life Group of your choice. Classes start October 4 and leaders are working hard to give us an encouraging, inspirational experience. As soon as all the information is gathered on each of these life groups, it will be posted on page 4 of the Bulletin.

Request to the Leaders: Get your information into the office as soon as possible on meeting places, study subject and scheduling of your group. Many are not ready to sign up until that information is available.

Special Prayer Requests

Please continue your prayers for the requests we have received. In last weeks bulletin (which is also on the website) there was a list of ongoing prayer requests for those who have health issues that they deal with each day. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. Updates will be upcoming as we receive them.

Also there are prayers needed continually for our military, missionaries, the church worldwide, our church family here, for law enforcement and firemen and first responders, schools, and our nation and its leaders, and the world leaders.....so keep them all in your prayers.

TYLER KELLER—The young man who was seriously injured in a car accident on Douglas Pass last winter. Tyrone Lofton reports that he will undergo more surgery soon to remove a cyst on his spine. Tyler is still paralyzed but has a wonderful attitude and high hopes that one day he will walk again. Also, Tyler's little dog that was rescued by Tyrone at the site of the accident now has a litter of puppies.

DONNA DELANCEY – She is now at home after a time in the hospital. She feels better but is still in need of prayer.

MANDY – Daughter of Roy & Kathy Karo. She lives in Ft. Collins and is suffering from Lupus and Shingles but is beginning to feel much better.

Prayer of thanks for the daughter of Ed & Wanda Treu. Her breast cancer has been arrested.

CHARLES WOFFORD – Friend of Ron & Kay Wilson. Has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Please pray for Delancey family. Jean and Donna are both having health problems at present. Pray for healing and comfort for them.

Please pray for Bridget Beavers brother in law, who was diagnosed with prostate cancer, and there are some complications because of the medication he takes. Pray for healing and comfort for him and his family. He is only 40 yr old.

Kyle Beaver is doing much better, prayers of thanksgiving for his improvement.

JORDAN LEMONS—Suffered a concussion in a bicycle accident and spent a day in the hospital last week. Pray for his quick recovery.

JEAN DELANCEY—Pray healing of her injured foot and ribs
Jenny Bowman—Mother of Tuttle DeLancey. Recently had surgery to have a stint put in. Pray for quick recovery.

Always remember to give God thanksgiving and praise for His loving care and watch over us.and his answer to our prayers.

Keep John Cooper in your prayers as he travels to Italy to work with the church there. Pray for his safety, and for wisdom for him as he works with those there. Pray for his success in doing what the Lord needs done in that place and the people be blessed by his efforts there.

Pray for the safe return of Samantha Mendenhall to her family. She disappeared Sept 6 and no has seen or heard from her since. Pray she is safe and will be found soon. Pray for her family as they wait for some word of her. She is Rich and Mary Mendenhall's granddaughter, their son Randy's daughter.

Pray for the new classes that have started or are about to start, and for those conducting these classes. Pray for the life groups and those involved, that are about to begin. Pray much good will be brought to many from these groups.

Continue to pray for all of those with ongoing issues that we have had on our list earlier. They will be updated and listed again periodically. Also continue prayers for all those in the military, the missionaries, law enforcement, firemen, first responders.....also students and teachers, leaders of our nation and world leaders, the candidates for the upcoming elections, and our church family here. We must be diligent in prayer if we wish to make a difference in our community, nation and world.

Prayers of thanksgiving for all the answered prayers.....thanksgiving and praise to our God who cares and listens and sustains because He loves us and we are His children.

YOUTH NEWS

Huddles

Youth Group huddles are held every other week on Sunday night. They will start at 6:00 PM and end at 8:00 PM.

September 27th: Tonight we will huddle at Jan Nelson's house, 183 29 Rd. Grand Junction 81503, the grandparent of Alex and Zoe Hoffman. Students are asked to bring Drinks and Desserts.

ACU Homecoming

October 14-18 Students who are interested in a christian college or attending ACU are invited to join Bobby and Sheri Heath as they travel to ACU. Please talk with Bobby or Sheri if you are interested.

PIT Every Wednesday Night

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM we will meet in the PIT. Every Wednesday students experience a combination of worship, games, teaching, and interaction with a dedicated small group of peers. **Please bring 20 of your favorite snack to fill College Care Packages.**

Mark 10:43-45

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

God Bless, Matt Lee



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For the Record

Sept. 20, 2015

Attendance	291
Contributions	\$5,265.00
Budget	\$6,098.00

Communion Preparation—September

Susan Towles

Communion Table 9/27

Curtis Fleming

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in September

Ray Gehrett
Mark Gomez
Nolan Grigsby
Sandy Harris
Leonard Harvey
Kit Hatfield
Bob Heath
Bobby Heath

Announcements

Sept.—Scott Ferguson
Oct.—Dean Blanck
Nov.—Ron Wilson

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

Bob Heath	Auditorium
Ron Wilson	103
Young Adult (Under 30)	Room 207

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

David Scheuerman	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—1 pm
Ladies Bible Class, starts 9:30 am	207

Sunday Morning Worship at Mesa View Retirement Center

Sep 27

Bill Tidwell, David Olree

Acts 20:7-12

Last day for scheduling Sunday Morning Worship Service at Mesa View by Patterson Road COC.

(Rides to church on Sundays will be provided for any Mesa View resident that would like to attend at 2893 Patterson Road).

1 Peter 1: 13—16 NIV

"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed." As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy because I am holy."