



Real Life News & Notes

church of Christ of Grand Junction

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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What Difference Does "Faith" Make?

What difference does "faith" make? Does it matter if you have "faith"? How does having "faith" affect our daily lives? These are really important questions and they really do have a bearing on how we live. Let's consider a few of the ramifications of having faith.

One of the first considerations is what or who do we have faith in. All people have faith in some thing or some one. Some have faith in money, others have faith in armaments, some have faith in our political system and politicians, some have faith in science and education, etc. It is important to place our faith in something that is real, reliable, helpful and lasting.

Faith in God is real. There is no other explanation for the origin and order of our universe. Paul declares in Romans 1:20- "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse." Denying the existence of God causes one to live under delusion that somehow everything we see has no explanation, no purpose, no meaning. How can anyone make good choices when they are living with inaccurate, false information? Atheism leads to bad choices because it is built on a denial of observable proof of supernatural origin for the universe.

Faith in God is helpful- God gives us hope for the future, guidance in the present and forgiveness for our past. Suicide is a major problem in Mesa County. Several recent articles in the paper indicate no one really knows why people take their own lives. Certainly every case is different but some overarching reasons should be considered - People take their own lives when they have no hope, when they are overcome with guilt, when they feel abandoned, overwhelmed and alone, when they see no positive future or when their possessions or relationships disappoint them (Namely, they give up faith). Faith in the Real God of Creation will help everyone deal with these deadly perils. Christians do have hope, help, forgiveness, and loving caring relationships. Even death cannot conquer us since Jesus conquered it. Through "faith" we are victorious people. It does make a difference to have faith!!!

Keep the faith-enjoy life! John Cooper

Memory Verse For September 1 John 5:4

This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

Our Gathering Today

John Clayton will be delivering 4 talks today on the topic “Does God Exist”. He will speak first to the adult bible classes starting at 9 AM, preach during morning assembly and two more talks after lunch.

During lunch time,, we will be honoring our newest members (those recently placing membership and baptisms.) who will go first in line.

Mr. Clayton’s lectures will be different than what we have heard and it will be a great time for faith building, fellowship and getting acquainted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EEM Special Contribution

The date for the special contribution for EEM (Eastern European Missions) is Sunday October the 6th.

Singapore Mission Trip

Doug Clayton is going on a mission trip to Singapore next February to help Brandi and Penny Kendall at the Sunset International Bible Institute. It is calculated that the trip will require a \$4,000.00 budget for airfare, meals and lodging for a 14 day mission. During his stay, Doug will be teaching 40 hours a week. Anyone who would like to help Doug financially with this trip can do so by placing a check in the collection plate on Sunday morning during the coming months and designating it for Doug Clayton - Singapore. Any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Eye Glasses For India

Chester Ault is going back to India in December. He is collecting used prescription eyeglasses for the widows, orphans and less fortunate people who cannot afford them. He made arrangements with an optometrist who will fit the glasses without charge to the recipients. Please give Robin English your eyeglass donations. Chester will be here in November to give us an update on his mission work and to collect the glasses. Thank you! And God bless you for your kindness.

Clothing Drive

Our clothing drive dates are fast approaching. The dates for collecting are October 14—October 25. The dates for give-away are October 31—November 2. Again this year, we are going to need lots of help to get this great ministry accomplished.

In addition, Mike Hurd is in charge of “set-up” for the clothing drive and he is asking for lots of help on Saturday, October 12 to set up clothing racks.

Ladies Bunco Night

It returns - Thursday, October 10, from 6 to 9 pm in the fellowship hall! Bring a card table if you can, a finger food to share, and invite a friend to join us! It's an easy dice game with no experience necessary! Direct questions to Lesa Brassette.

Order of Worship September 29, - Sunday

Call to Worship - #266 – “Majesty”,

Children’s verse

Announcements

Greeting

#266 – “Majesty”

Call to Worship: Lane

#3 – “Hallelujah Praise Jehovah”

Screen – “How Great Is Our God”

#100 - 101 – “Holy Ground”

#344 – “Low In The Grave He Lay”

Communion

Offering: #155 - “Highest Place”

Dismiss children to Children’s Church

Screen – “Shout To The Lord”

Lesson

#276 – “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Shepherd’s Blessing

#527 – “He Touched Me” (*Baptism or need due to response*)

Homeless Shelter Needs

The Homeward Bound Homeless Shelter is in need of a regular dinner volunteer for the first Sunday of each month beginning with October 6. The other night in which we need a dinner volunteer is October 23rd. If you are interested, contact Sherry Verdieck, Volunteer Coordinator at the shelter on North Ave. — 256-9424.

Please remember the following in your daily prayers.

The family of Shannon Ritchey (Lila’s nephew, age 45) in his sudden death. Pray for Lila and Lynn. She had a very sudden medical event, and the doctors are running tests to try and diagnose the problem.

VICKIE BIOCIC.....pray for relief from severe back pain and also for recovery from pneumonia. Pray for her comfort and peace. She is still in St Mary’s hospital.

GARY WALLACE, friend of Jan Nelson....has extensive brain cancer and has been given only a short time to live. Pray for peace and comfort for him and his family.

GAVIN WHITROCK.... Late stage cancer, Pray for comfort and peace

SONIA GREEN.....complete recovery from brain surgery.

VERNON CHESNUTT.....recovery from stroke

MARGIE DAVIS... cancer... continue to pray for her comfort and peace

EARL DUBOSE... (Shelia Briggs father) progressive neurological disease under hospice care.

AMBER... breast cancer.

VINCENT PARRA... osteosarcoma.

TOM DECKER... esophageal cancer.

DAVID JUSTUS...Jimmy’s brother... complete recovery from Bell’s Palsy Thanksgiving for being in a loving, active body of Christ.

Pray for the seminar with John Clayton to be successful and for many of those who are seeking God’s truth to be here and be blessed by his speaking.

Pray the various ministries we are engaged in are instrumental in bringing souls to Christ and each other closer together with Him.

Pray for guidance for our elders, ministers and all those who are leading or teaching.

Pray for missionaries around the world...for safety, guidance and protection...that God’s word may reach many.

Pray for all the families affected by the terrorist takeover of the mall in Kenya.

Pray that all those responsible will be brought to justice and any other evil plots of Al Qaeda to be thrown into confusion and not be allowed to harm any innocent people

Pray for the safety of our missionaries and their families, wherever they serve around the world.

Pray for the victims of the flood in eastern Colorado, as well as those in New Mexico and other areas that recently have had floods.

Pray for strength and comfort and reliance on God for all involved... including those who are responding in any way and providing help.

Continue to pray for the military and families.

Pray for safety and for them to keep their faith in difficult situations and danger, and families as they are left to wait for their return.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

James 5:16 NKJV

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, WITH THANKSGIVING, let your requests be known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6, 7

“New To Our Family” Orientation class

We praise God that our church family continues to grow in love, grace, service, faith and unity. We have also been blessed to see God’s increase in numbers. Some have moved here and joined us from other Churches of Christ. Others, having wandered away from Faith over the years, have re-committed their lives to Jesus and joined our family. Many are new to faith and have been recently baptized into Christ and are a part of our church family now. We have been blessed by those who have come to us, already walking in faith, from other church backgrounds. And, some are consistent visitors and we hope you will join us soon! **We praise God for all of you and welcome you into our midst!**

Because our leadership wants to be deliberate about communicating and keeping all of the “sheep” in the pasture without losing even one, we want to do a better job of making all, particularly those new in faith, feel welcome, integrated, invested and active members of this body of Christ.

As an initial step in that process of welcoming and communicating with our newer members we will be offering an **Orientation class** soon for all of you. The class will likely be either a half day class on a Saturday morning, or we might spread it out over a few Sunday mornings during our 9AM class time...still deciding what will work best for all. The class will briefly touch on: **Our Core beliefs** (God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, the Bible, salvation, etc.), our **church structure** (elders, deacons, ministry leaders, etc.), our church **vision and mission focus**, and giving some background behind some of our **worship practices** that may be new to some and perhaps unique within churches of Christ.

The most important part of the class will be to encourage all of you, our new members, to become active servants in any area you may choose. We want you to move from feeling like an “outsider and new,” to feeling like an “insider,” taking ownership of your church family as you participate in reaching out, serving and welcoming others to our family of faith as we grow, serve and remain relevant to our culture.

You will be hearing more about this in the upcoming weeks. If you are a new member within the past 18 months or so (If you got to go first in the food line at our Agape meal! ;-), then please plan to participate in this orientation class. Also, let me (Doug) know if you have any specifics you would like covered in the class and what time frame would work best for you.

“...In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” (Romans 12:5)



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For the Record

Sept. 22 2013

Attendance	254
Average Attendance, 2nd qtr.	249
Contributions	\$5,946.00
Budget	\$6,208.96

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in September

Marvin Trumbo
A.J. Urbina
Vince Urbina
Dan Vorse
Parish Williams
Rick Wilkins
Scott Webb
Jeff Yeager

Communion Preparation—September

Susan Towles

Communion Table 9/29/13

Chuck Tourney

Announcements: Ron Wilson

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

Bill Wade—Auditorium
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207
Sign Language Class—Room 103

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Bob Heath—Jesus Miracles & Parables—Auditorium
Shirlene Caraway—(Starts Sept. 18)—103

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

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

Sunday morning worship begins at 10:15 AM

Mesa View Retirement Service Schedule Meets Sundays at 10 AM

Sept 29	Bob Heath, Daran Mahoney	Mark 4:35-41
Oct 6	Jerry Austin, Scott Delancy	Mark 5:1-20
Oct 13	Hunt Zumwalt, Steve Bagga	Mark 5:21-43
Oct 20	Scott Ferguson, Dave Scheurman	Mark 6:1-6
Oct 27	Bobby Heath, Dane Jennings	Mark 6:7-13

Psalm 95 :7 (NIV)

“For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.”