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Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Glory

I doubt I am alone in having wrestled with the apparent dilemma of God's impeccable character alongside those not so complimentary images of His jealousy and desire to be worshiped? If I am jealous or seeking worship I am shallow, arrogant, narcissistic, vain, and self-centered. Why is it, on the one hand, appropriate for God to demand we worship only him and yet on the other hand it is cosmically condemning if you and I reflect that same disposition of desiring worship? How would you like a sermon to end with that question? *Won't you come while we stand and sing... See ya next week!*

It's not sufficient to say, "**Hush, go back to your Cool Aide stand of naive theology and stop asking ridiculous questions.**" That approach never worked for me and in an ever increasing age of honest inquiry, especially among young adults, about God and things spiritual, no question is off limits. Our heavenly Father welcomes each and every sincere query and who knows; in the process perhaps we will discover yet another glorious layer of the manifold mystery that is God.

Without presenting pages of evidence let's make at least three assumptions: **First**, God made us to be worshipful creatures. That means we have as an innate part of our created package, along with our gifts of volition and capacity for love, a desire and a need to express praise and adoration. This is true whether we admit it, realize it or understand it. Our worship is going to go somewhere! **Second**, the Bible makes a very strong argument that God has always and is always seeking our ultimate good, our eternal best interest, our eventual salvation and reconciliation to Him. God has worked tirelessly from creation to fashion us as reflections of His **glory**. **Third**, God is no novice. Despite making us good and like himself, he knew every moment of eternity's interlude of "time" would be occupied in saving us from ourselves. Since He made us He intricately and precisely knows our nature, our propensity, our weakness and our capacity not only for good but to completely distort and ruin ourselves along with His perfect creation. (**Prosecution exhibit A:** The Garden, the pride, the choice, the fall, the ongoing disaster of our post Eden sin.)

Add this phrase to the equation: "**Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely.**" The Lord knows our worship will go somewhere and the tragic life results of it going everywhere besides God is painfully obvious. The answer to the apparent divine dilemma is found in the **absolute absence of God's ability to be corrupted** by praise, pride, power, adulation, attention, applause, or...worship. **God's very nature, His glory, uniquely qualifies him and him alone in the entire universe to handle worship.** God's desire and acceptance of our worship is completely without pride or pretense.

Desiring and demanding that God be our singular focus of worship is not an accusation against Jehovah's character but the ultimate altruistic act. God knows humans cannot handle praise for long and it is for our ultimate and eternal restoration that our unavoidable expressions of worship are directed away from self and ultimate self-destruction and toward their only proper object, God.

All worship, all honor, all glory in the hands of Jehovah God is pristine, incorruptible, and worthy. **He alone can handle it. This is God's glory!** And one day, when we receive our glorified bodies (I Cor. 15:51-53, Phil. 3:21), we will be fully **God's glory** as well.

Memory Verse For October—Romans 8:28

"in all things God works for the good"

Our Gathering Today

Guests

Welcome! We are blessed to have you in our midst today. Please enjoy the guest bread and fill out the attached card and place it in the collection plate when it comes by. We want you to feel welcome and not "pushed or pressured" in any way as you get to know us. You will find our worship assembly fairly simple and without a lot of "horns and whistles." We invite you to participate in our Gathering time of singing, praying, partaking of the Lord's supper and opening God's word. May you be blessed, challenged and encouraged by being here today.

Sermon

The Glory of God is.... This morning we will look at **God's glory** and try to come to a better understanding and sense of who Jehovah is and how his mysterious and amazing awesomeness (is that a word?) works on our eternal behalf. If you have your Bibles mark them at **Exodus chapter 3 and 33** for the beginning point of our study this morning.

Life Groups . . .

...are under way! Some of them begin meeting this evening. These life groups are a wonderful tool for expanded fellowship and communal intimacy with other believers. If you are a "cooling ember" too distant from the heat and flame then these groups might be just the thing you need to get back into the warmth and fellowship of faith.

- If you are not in a group and want to be then you will find the lists outside Jimmie's office. Choose one that may be appropriate for your age and place in life and contact the group leaders for meeting times and places. Don't worry if you think the group is already too big, "**Group Birthing**" can occur if needed and will lead to more groups. See **Bill Wade** or **John Cooper** if you have questions.

"Love One Another!"

Homeless Meals

Due to the Homeless Shelter being renovated, we have not served the homeless meal there on the 1st Monday of the month for a while. However, it's time to start again. The lasagna trays will be distributed in the foyer right after morning assembly and servers should be at the shelter by 5:00 PM tomorrow evening.

Eastern European Missions

We will have a special contribution today that will go to EEM to purchase bibles to place in public schools in Ukraine. This contribution will be separate and apart from the regular contribution.

Housewarming

Everyone is invited to a housewarming for Jason and Jessica Evans on October 12th from 1-3. They recently moved to Grand Junction and joined our church family. Please come and encourage our new members and see their new home! Their address is 3091 Evanston Ave.

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will meet at 1 PM today in the fellowship hall. Kathy Deister will be doing a demonstration on "English Paper Piecing." Everyone is invited. Bring a small needle, thimble and small scissors. Other items needed will be provided.

Special Prayer Request

World Habitat Day is tomorrow and Habitat for Humanity would be honored if we include this in our prayers today.

Plans for Ladies Luncheon

"Maintenance for your Clay Jar"
Saturday October 18, 2014
10—2 PM

Food Provided

Please help us by signing up in foyer as soon as possible

Meals for Natasha Lemons

If you want to provide a meal for Natasha while she recovers from surgery, go to:

Carecalendar.com
Calendar ID—193433
Security Code—1532

Volunteers Needed for Nursery

We are in need of volunteers to oversee the nursery on Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway by the nursery door. For safety and the best of care of your child while in our care, we prefer 1 adult volunteer and 1 assistant. If you can help, sign up or see Sharon Riddle for more details.

Communion Preparation List Being Updated

We are in the process of updating the Communion Preparation chart and filling in blank spaces. If you want to keep the month you signed up for this year, remove your name or if you would like to prepare communion for a month, please stop by the office.

Breast Cancer Awareness Ministry

During October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness month, we would like to honor and acknowledge those who have battled and are still battling breast cancer. A display has been hung on the wall in the hallway near the fellowship hall. To have yourself or someone else recognized this way, there is a form on our church website you can complete or see Lesa Brassette for a paper version.

Pantry Needs

The pantry is in need of re-stocking. There is a list of items needed in the foyer and we are planning a food drive for October 19. See Melody Haight for questions.

MARY MENDENHALL...recently had several tests and they discovered a spot on her liver. Pray that it will not be malignant. They are going to wait a few weeks and redo the test before doing a biopsy. (this is of greater concern to her as her sister succumbed to liver cancer this past May) Pray for peace and comfort while she waits for more tests and diagnosis.

GREG CROWE... as he undergoes tests. He was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins' lymphoma recently. Pray for strength for him and his family.

DONNA TURNER...continue to pray for her healing and strength for her.

A prayer of Thanksgiving for God's care for BILL WADE...and for complete healing for him.

NATASHA LEMONS...continue to pray for her recovery from recent surgery.

LINDA LATNER (Elaine Roberts sister) continue to pray for healing for her...the iritis has gone into her other eye, and they are testing for something more that may be the cause of this. Pray that nothing serious will be found and she will heal without losing her vision.

A pray of thanksgiving for the outcome of DANIELLE STONE'S diagnosis and surgery. The brain tumor has been removed and was not malignant. Praise's to God for this outcome.

Continue to pray for ED FISKE, who is recovering at home, it will take a while, pray for a complete recovery for him.

Continue to pray for the Brenner family as they seek treatment for their adopted 7 yr old Alex who has been diagnosed with PTSD. Pray for them to find the right treatment for him.

Pray God will give RICHARD JONES peace and comfort and an awareness of God's presence.

Travel safety for DARLENE RETTIG'S FAMILY, who will be coming to celebrate her birthday soon.

Keep those who are expecting new babies in your prayers for healthy pregnancies, deliveries and babies, as well as moms and dads!

Continued prayers for the following...there are many things we need to pray about for these and its very important that we bring them before our merciful God, who is a very present help in trouble.

Our Military and their families The chaos in the middle east and the victims of the radical Islam groups.

Those who are trying to rescue the victims there.

The various diseases that are reaching crisis stages in several areas.

The missionaries and families, and the persecuted Christians around the world.

Our church family

Our nation and its leaders, and the world leaders.

and most important prayers of thanksgiving for God's help in our times of trouble, as well as our times of joy, and all the answered prayers!! Praise to His Holy Name!

Youth News

HUDDLE

Huddle at the Fleming's tonight, 2233 Village Ct. Kids bring drinks and desserts.



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For the Record

Sept. 28, 2014

Attendance	274
Average Attendance, 3rd qtr.	243
Contributions	\$5,439.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—October

Milton & Shirlene Caraway

Communion Table 10/5/14

Brian Peacock

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in September

Scott Ferguson
Curtis Fleming
Zack Fleming
Ryan Fleming
Ray Gehrett
Mark Gomez
Nolan Grigsby
Sandy Harris

Announcements

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

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.

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 Scheurerman
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
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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

Philippians 2: 3-5 NIV

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ.