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Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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God is Good!

God is good! He blessed our "Does God Exist?" seminar in so many ways. Over 350 were in attendance last Sunday to hear John Clayton courageously and energetically share his faith in God with us. His life's story is amazing and his ability to recall relative facts pertaining to evidence for God's reality is likewise amazing. Thank you for coming John and Cindy Clayton!

To all who attended I want to say "thank you" for coming as well. It was truly a spiritual blessing. Thanks to our elders for allowing me to bring this talented man and this timely discussion to the forefront. Thanks to all who helped with the set up and the clean up afterwards. Thanks to Eddie and Vickie Tinkle and Scott and Sherri Bradley for their great cooking and serving of the delicious meats. Thanks to all of you who brought so much food to share! My Dad was here and he said, "Wow! I can't believe all the food that is here!" Thanks to all of you who passed out brochures and invited your friends and neighbors. Many others helped in many other ways as well, sorry I did not get all of your names; but to you I also say a great big "thank you!"

Thanks also to our area sister congregations. We had a great turnout from Montrose and Rifle and several from Delta. As you may recall as a part of this congregation's outreach efforts I have been preaching in Montrose, Delta and Gunnison as the need arises. The previous two weeks I was in Montrose and Rifle respectively and was able to encourage them to attend and many did. They were all very appreciative and Montrose is interested in hosting John Clayton for a seminar there soon.

Please pray for me this week as I will be doing a similar apologetics seminar in Trumbull, CT this week beginning today. I believe many people want to believe in God but they feel that somehow it is not an intellectually viable option. To the contrary, the most recent scientific evidence demands the existence of a supernatural source for the origin of the physical universe. There are no known physical laws that show how something can come from nothing, order from chaos and life from nonlife. And "the problem of evil" actually demands the existence of an absolute source of morality or there is no such thing as real, objective evil.

John Clayton mentioned to me how impressed he was with the atmosphere and friendliness of our congregation. Thanks for reaching out to him and all of our visitors. Thanks also to Lane Cole for the wonderful song service and to Chuck Tourney for his words at the "Lord's Table". What a great congregation to be a part of. What a great Sunday it was! Keep the faith and keep up the great work and attitudes!

In love and gratitude, John Cooper

Youth News

Huddle tonight: Tonight we will be meeting at the Flemings' house at 2233 Village Ct in the Redlands. Join us at 6pm for food and fellowship. Bring your Bibles!

Pit on Wednesday: Join us as usual at 7pm in the pit for amazing food, amazing singing, and an amazing devotional talk from one of our amazing guest speakers! Bring your Bibles!

High school lunch next week: I'm thinking Cafe Rio.... get excited!

High schoolers, mark your calendars! We are planning our **high school retreat** for November 15-17. If you are interested, let me know! Bring a friend!

Memory Verse For September 1 John 5:4

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

Our Gathering Today

Sermon: This morning we will look at the topic: "**From Faith to Atheism.**" Last Sunday John Clayton blessed us with many credible reasons that can bring people to faith in God. Today we will look at **Acts 3** and learn how we can avoid causing people to move in the other direction...away from faith.

Guests: thank you for being here! We welcome you and invite you to fill out a visitors card attached to your gift bread. We hope you will choose to return and get to know us better over the next few weeks.

New to our Family class: All members new to our church family, please make plans to attend this class coming soon.

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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. Due to extenuating circumstances, the time for setting up the racks will be Sunday, October 13 right after morning assembly.

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.

Creative Christian Art Guild To Meet

The Guild will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM Sunday, October 6. Trisha Yeager will be doing a demo on denim crafts. Bring a project to work on.

Homeless Shelter Meal

Monday, October 7 will be our turn to prepare and serve the Homeless meal at the shelter on North Ave. Lasagna trays will be distributed on Sunday right after morning assembly for those who prepare the meal and servers should be at the shelter by 5:30 PM tomorrow evening.

Ladies Luncheon

Ladies, mark your calendars for November 9 from 10 am to 2 pm for a luncheon and fellowship time here at the building. It will be a fun time and a chance to strengthen friendship and create new ones. You won't have to cook! Sign up in the foyer by November 6. See Sara Tourney or Karen Wade if you have questions.

Baptism

We rejoice with Phyllis Haight, mother of Melody Haight, for obeying the gospel and accepting Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Phyllis was baptized by Hunt Zumwalt on 9/27/13. Welcome to our church family! Her phone number is 242-4242 and her address is 2894 Victoria Drive, GJ 81503.

Halloween Party

We have been approached by several parents concerning a Trunk or Treat party on October 30 if there is enough interest. If so, we need a volunteer to head it up and coordinate the event for the young children. See Doug.

Please remember the following in your daily prayers.

RICHARD SISCO – He will undergo knee replacement surgery tomorrow at 7:30 am at Community Hospital. Pray for a successful surgery and a quick recovery.

The family of Shannon Ritchey (Lila's nephew) at his sudden death last week.

VICKIE BIOCIC..Pray for hwer continued recovery

GARY WALLACE, friend of Jan Nelson....has extensive brain cancer.

GAVIN WHITROCK.... Late stage cancer,

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

VERNON CHESNUTT....recovery from stroke

MARGIE DAVIS... Her tumors are shrinking. Pray for continued improvement.

JOE WADDELL....(Smith/Briggs neighbor) pancreatic cancer , under hospice care

EARL DUBOSE...(Shelda 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 Bells Palsy.

ALLEN TURNER – He received good news from doctors in Denver. He is a candidate for a cochlea transplant on his bad ear and the tumor in the other is not cancer. Pray for continued improvement.

FAMILY OF EDNA LAWLESS – Edna passed away last week and her service will be here at the building on Saturday, October 12 at 11:00 AM.

Pray for our church family and our leadership

Pray for missionaries around the world...for safety, guidance and protection...that God's word may reach many. Pray for the victims of the flood in eastern Colorado

Continue to pray for the military and families

Prayers of thanksgiving to God for answered prayers

If you're reading this, it probably means you're here at church this morning. I want you to ask yourself, why are you here?

Maybe you come to church because it is what we've always done. Maybe you can't imagine waking up on a Sunday morning and doing anything else. Maybe you enjoy the fellowship, and you just can't pass up the opportunity to see our friends and family at least once a week. Maybe you love the singing, the four part harmony and the words of the old hymns. Maybe you came this morning because your mom or dad made you. Or maybe it was your spouse, or maybe even your son or daughter.

None of these reasons are bad in and of themselves. But are they enough? Without passing judgment on anyone, I want to argue that they aren't enough. We are called to go to church because it's here, among the community of the faithful, that there is hope and life and truth. Jesus says that wherever even a small handful gather in his name, he is there with them. Those words of Jesus aren't an excuse to skip church and hang out with a small group of friends - rather, it is an affirmation of the essential role in community in authentic Christianity.

You might think that ideas like truth are beyond you. You might think that seeking truth - working out one's salvation, in the words of the Apostle Paul - is the job of scholars, theologians, preachers, youth ministers, etc. But in fact every one of us is called to be a theologian. No Christian is exempt.

So I hope you are here not simply as a member of an audience or a reluctant tagalong. I hope that you will seek truth. And if you find it here, I hope you will continue to participate in our community out of the desire to experience truth and life and joy as Christ intended when he established his church.



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For the Record

Sept. 29 2013

Attendance	350
Average Attendance, 2nd qtr.	249
Contributions	\$5,286.00
Budget	\$6,208.96

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in October

Wes Yeager
Hunt Zumwalt
Robert Allen
Karl Antwine
Jeremy Antwine
Jerry Austin
Phillip Bagga
Steve Bagga

Communion Preparation—October

Carolyn DeBerry

Communion Table 10/6/13

Announcements: Vince Urbina

Bud Treu

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

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.”